

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION**

Thursday, February 7, 2008  
ROOM 525, KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION  
500 West Temple St., Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Editorial Note:** Agenda sections may be taken out of order at the discretion of the chair. Any reordering of sections is reflected in the presentation of these minutes.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

With the presence of a quorum of commissioners, *Chairman Ronald Ikejiri* called the Commission meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

**II. APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER'S ABSENCES**

The following was the attendance for the meeting:

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

*Clayton R. Anderson*  
*Fred P. Balderrama*  
*Hope J. Boonshaft*  
*Robert Cole*  
*Jonathan S. Fuhrman*  
*Ronald K. Ikejiri*  
*Freda Hinsche Otto*  
*Roman Padilla*  
*Robert H. Philibosian*  
*Solon C. Soteris*  
*Tony Tortorice*

**COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED**

*Isaac Diaz Barcelona*  
*Chun Y. Lee*  
*Royal F. Oakes*  
*William J. Petak*  
*Robert E. Sax*

**COMMISSIONERS NOT REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED**

*None*

A call for a motion from *Chairman Ikejiri* to approve absences was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted.

**III. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 10, 2007 MINUTES**

*Chairman Ikejiri* asked if there were any objections to the minutes of the January 10, 2008 Commission meeting. Hearing none, the following motion was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: The minutes of the January 10, 2008 Commission meeting be approved.

**IV. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Chairman Ikejiri* announced the resignation of *Commissioner Baltierrez* and introduced J. Tyler McCauley, Auditor-Controller for Los Angeles County who is the designated presenter.

**V. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

*Chairman Ikejiri* called for discussion of the Executive Director Recruitment Committee. *Chair-Emeritus Philibosian* reported that *Commissioners Anderson* and *Fuhrman* met with County staff during the selection process and thanked Ginger Vadurro for assisting in the coordination. Upon

reviewing a number of resumes, the top 5-finalist was interviewed and Edward Eng was selected primarily because he had County experience as well as extensive outside experience from the private industry. Final interviews were conducted by *Chairman Ikejiri* and Executive Officer Sachi Hamai and Mr. Eng accepted the offer for the position. An extensive background check reflected that for the past five years he has worked for the Treasurer/Tax Collector, had extensive experience with DWP, and worked for the private sector at the Los Angeles Times as the Vice President. He has a graduate degree in engineering and a Master's in business management.

*Chairman Ikejiri* thanked the Recruitment Committee and Ginger Vadurro, Interim Executive Director for their efforts in this matter.

*Chairman Ikejiri* requested that Ginger Vadurro arrange with the Board of Supervisors to have an appropriate certificate made for Bruce Staniforth and once received, invite Bruce Staniforth to a Commission meeting for the scroll presentation.

*Chairman Ikejiri* introduced former Commissioner Max and presented him with a Scroll of Appreciation for his faithful and continued service, professionalism and contributions as a Member of the Citizens' Economy and Efficiency Commission from November 21, 2006 – November 21, 2007. Commissioner Max expressed his gratitude for the acknowledgment provided by the Commission.

## VI. LIAISON REPORTS

### **Local Government Service Commission (LGSC)**

*Commissioner Fuhrman* reported that the Commission is proceeding forward with its study on taxi cab and transportation for hire, and that they are organizing a Task Force. The most recent meeting was held on 2/05/08 (Election Day), which Commissioner Fuhrman could not attend due to working on one of the Polls, but hopeful that a report can be provided by the end of the year.

*Chairman Ikejiri* commented that commissions are created to allow greater participation by different citizens within the supervisorial districts. However the taxi cab matter has been a work in progress for the last 2-years. *Commissioner Fuhrman* responded by noting that an E&E Commission report some years ago dealt with county commissions that led to a sunset commission review process. The LGSC was tagged, underwent a review process due to its consistently low attendance and questionable overall productivity; that commission is required to go back and justify its existence. Since then there has been improvement, albeit small, which shows that the Sunset Commission review process is working.

### **Quality and Productivity Commission (Q&P)**

*Commissioner Anderson* stated that primary activity has been with the Productivity Investment Fund, which handles requests for grants from county departments; there are currently 3-pending, which fall within the 50-60 thousand dollar range.

### **Countywide Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee**

*Chair-Emeritus Philibosian* stated that the primary report from the last meeting was on the Governor's statement that he may be releasing state inmates, although this seems to have died away. However, it served as an attention getter by the Governor to get the Legislature to pay attention to the budget problem. Those meetings generally consist of reports from departments on various programs that they are conducting.

## VII. OLD BUSINESS – TASK FORCE REPORTS

### **Grand Jury**

In *Commissioner Sax'* absence, *Chairman Ikejiri* called upon *Former Commissioner Max* to provide any information on the Grand Jury. *Former Commissioner Max* noted that Interim Executive Director Ginger Vadurro was preparing an RFP for the Civil Grand Jury Video Project. *Interim Executive Director, Ginger Vadurro* shared that a meeting was held with the Task Force on January 18 which included Gloria Gomez, Director of Jury Services, *Commissioner Sax*, *Commissioner Anderson* and

Mark Boyer from Jury Services. The meeting was to review the concept of the Grant and status of direction to be taken for the project. Gloria Gomez committed the Court's support and participation in the project. The Request for Proposal is being finalized for Taskforce review and will be subject to the required competitive bid process. The next Taskforce meeting is scheduled for February 13<sup>th</sup> following *Commissioner Sax's* return from vacation.

*Commissioner Anderson* concurred with *Mrs. Vadurro's* report.

*Chairman Ikejiri* reported that Sachi Hamai, Executive Officer believes this project is a major contender for a NACO Award as it could be very useful for other Counties to enhance their Grand Jury recruitment efforts.

*Former Commissioner Max* asked if an RFP was written. *Interim Executive Director, Ginger Vadurro* reported that it was under development and includes the scope of work and the elements that were the basis for the grant request. Because this does not qualify as a sole source contract, the County will post notice of the RFP and notify interested individuals, all of who are eligible to compete in the established County competitive bid process. The RFP will also require that the vendor develop strategic partnerships aimed at extending the dollar reach and distribution exposure of the project.

*Chair-Emeritus Philibosian* indicated that if we are successful in obtaining the Governor's consent to contribute a segment to the video, that portion would be filmed by his own production company for inclusion in the video.

Concern was expressed regarding the adequacy of the allocated dollar amount, however, the Commission was reminded that this amount, which was requested in the grant proposal, was established based on discussions with USC's school of film. Short of returning to the Productivity Commission, the RFP will proceed with the grant funded amount. *Chairman Ikejiri* requested that anyone with input should direct this to the Executive Director.

#### **Organization & Accountability**

*Commissioner Oakes* - absent – no update

#### **Succession Planning**

*Commissioner Petak* – absent – no update

#### **Child Care Fraud**

*Chair-Emeritus Philibosian* stated that when the new Executive Director comes aboard, and with the concurrence of the Taskforce and the Chair, it is recommended that he do a follow up study. According to the DA's office, the new director of DPSS, Philip Browning, has been addressing the issues very seriously, and has a lot of ground to make up due to the deficiencies of his department. The District Attorney's office has been undertaking some major investigative steps and an update will be provided at the next Commission Meeting. One issue still at the forefront is visits to the providers and/or supposed employers of the parents. We have 9 people in Los Angeles County that do the site visits in contrast to Riverside, which is considerably smaller with 25 people and where incidents of fraud is considerably less. So far we haven't seen the commitment in Los Angeles, which is spending very little for the size of the problem and that's an area he would like to see addressed with the Department.

*Commissioner Fuhrman* suggested that Philip Browning be invited to a Commission Meeting to discuss the status of implementation. DPSS currently has an RFP out to replace all of the information systems that determine eligibility for Medi-Cal, General Relief, Food Stamps and Welfare projects. Responses to the RFP are due on March 31, with final award subject to Board approval for what is projected to be a multi-hundred million dollar contract to replace all those systems over a 14 year period. This may be something else for the Commission to hear about as well.

### **Governance**

*Commissioner Fuhrman* reported that he conducted a teleconference with *Commissioner's Padilla* and *Anderson* that was supported by *Ginger Vadurro*, Interim Executive Director and Commission Secretary, *Angie Muneton*. An approach was decided upon which included who we wanted to interview including CEO *Bill Fujioka*, some of the Department Heads, Board Deputies and CEO deputy directors. It was agreed that respondents would be offered confidentiality to foster candor. First interview was conducted with *Don Wolfe*, Public Works. We will have an active calendar to meet the requirements for filing the Board response in April.

### **Commission Staff**

*Chairman Ikejiri* asked *Ginger Vadurro*, Interim Executive Director for clarification of the status of hiring the Executive Assistant position to alleviate the past practice of a perpetual 3-month rotation. *Ginger Vadurro* replied that two new County positions were being put in the budget creating a permanent Executive Director (which is being filled by *Edward Eng*) and an Executive Assistant which he will have an opportunity to recruit.

*Chairman Ikejiri* suggested that the Commission maintain its independence even though the staff are employees of the county. Discussion centered around establishing an MOU or other such formal agreement with the Executive Office to include how the Executive Director's goals are set, how they are appraised and salaries actions are determined to reflect the respective roles of the Commission and that of the Executive Office. *Chair-Emeritus Philibosian* pointed out that the Executive Director is an at-will employee and as such serves at the pleasure of the Board. Any performance issues would be addressed by the Commission such as via a resolution to the Executive Office for appropriate action, with firing being the ultimate sanction which is similar to the provisions covered under a contract relationship. *Commissioner Fuhrman* suggested that it would be helpful to have an agreement with the Executive Office as to how the Commission Chair and the Commission as a whole contribute and add to the employee's performance appraisal which should be a part of the internal County function, and how we recommend or have input into salary actions.

*Chairman Ikejiri* stated that the selection process for the Executive Officer illustrated the recognized independent nature of the Commission by the Executive Office in that once the Commission sub-committee made their decision; the Executive Office merely interviewed the candidate and concurred in their recommendation.

## **VIII. PRESENTATION**

*Tyler McCauley*, Auditor-Controller presented information regarding his department's responsibility and activities relative to audits, investigations and contract monitoring (see attached).

*Chairman Ikejiri* thanked *J. Tyler McCauley* for his presentation. On behalf of the Commission, *Mr. McCauley* was presented a certificate of appreciation for his exemplary and dedicated service to Los Angeles County and congratulated him on his upcoming retirement.

*Chairman Ikejiri* congratulated *Chair-Emeritus Philibosian* and presented him with a certificate recognizing his recent honor of being named "Person of the Year" by the Metropolitan News-Enterprise for his extraordinary service to Los Angeles County. *Chair-Emeritus Philibosian* expressed that it was an honor to receive the recognition and that he was pleased that in the article the paper published credits included the Citizens' Economy and Efficiency Commission.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

**Mandatory Cultural Diversity and Sexual Harassment Training**

*Chairman Ikejiri* announced that the March 6<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting will begin one hour earlier, at 9:00 a.m., to accommodate this training which will begin immediately upon adjournment of that meeting.

**Report of Nominating Committee**

*Commissioner Padilla* reported that the Nominating Committee comprised of Commissioners Baltierrez, Barcelona, Lee, Petak and himself and met via teleconference. It was unanimous to put forth *Ron Ikejiri* as the nominee for 2008 Chairman.

**Election of Chairman for 2008**

*Chair-Emeritus Philibosian* conducted the election by first summarizing the election process which provides that the Nominating Committee report be accepted and that nominations be opened from the floor for any other nominations. Nominations were then called for, hearing no further nomination it was moved that nominations be closed. Motion carried.

A motion was made to elect Commissioner Ikejiri as the 2008 chairman by acclamation. Motion was Moved, Seconded, and unanimously Adopted.

**Strategic Survey Report**

*Ginger Vadurro, Interim Executive Director* provided the Commissioners with a copy of the Report with information as to how to access this information.

**X. PUBLIC COMMENT**

No comment or attendance by the Public.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

*Chairman* adjourned the meeting at 11:34 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Ginger Vadurro*

Ginger Vadurro, Interim Executive Director