

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

Thursday, March 6, 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 9:10 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONERS' ABSENCES

The following was the attendance for the meeting:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Clayton R. Anderson
Isaac Diaz Barcelona
Jonathan S. Fuhrman
Ronald K. Ikejiri
Chun Y. Lee
Freda Hinsche Otto
Roman Padilla
William Petak
Robert H. Philibosian
Robert Sax
Solon C. Soteras

COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED

Hope J. Boonshaft
Robert Cole
Royal F. Oakes
Tony Tortorice
Fred P. Balderrama

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 February 7, 2008 MINUTES

Chairman Ikejiri asked if there were any objections to the minutes of the February 7, 2008, Commission meeting. *Commissioner Lee* noted that on Page 5 of the minutes under, "Report of Nominating Committee," he was not listed as a committee member. *Chairman Ikejiri* requested that the correction/addition be made. The following motion was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted. The minutes of the February 7, 2008, Commission meeting were approved.

IV. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 7, 2008 PRESENTATION

Chairman Ikejiri asked for approval of the presentation by the Auditor-Controller. The following motion was Moved, Seconded and Adopted. The presentation of the February 7, 2008, Commission meeting was approved.

V. INTRODUCTION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. *Chairman Ikejiri* thanked Ms. Ginger Vadurro, Interim Executive Director, for her "kind and dutiful service to the Commission." *Chair Ikejiri* welcomed the new Executive Director, Edward Eng, who was selected after a thorough search and interview process. Mr. Eng will start Monday, March 10, 2008.
2. Mr. Eng introduced himself to the Commission and provided a brief summary of his background and experience. Mr. Eng stated that he has a background in engineering and business, and is an alumnus of UCLA, Cal State L.A, and Pepperdine. As a result of his past experience with organizational change and integration, Mr. Eng stated that he sees enormous efficiency and economy opportunities for Los Angeles County. He looks forward to serving the Commission.
3. *Chair Ikejiri* enthusiastically looks forward to an upcoming memo which will be distributed before the next Commission meeting from Mr. Eng on some ideas for the Commission. *Chair Ikejiri* went on to say that because of the new County structure, he would like to see each Commissioner select a cluster branch or branches that he or she is most passionate about and focus on areas of interest for his or her respective Supervisorial District. *Chair Ikejiri* stated that this process will ensure that all Commissioners' time spent on the Commission will be more valuable. *Chair Ikejiri* added that he would like to obtain feedback at the end of the process.
4. *Chair Ikejiri* announced the departure from the Commission of Ms. Angie Muneton, Administrative Assistant, effective Friday, March 7, 2008, and thanked her for her diligent work with the Commission.
5. *Commissioner Hope J. Boonshaft* was reappointed as a member of the Commission.

VI. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

1. Updated issues for 2008 – Mr. Eng will be sending out a memo within the next two weeks regarding potential projects for input and also areas the Commissioners might want to pursue.
2. With respect to Task Force and Assignments, *Chair Ikejiri* stated that at next month's meeting, the Commission would consider making new assignments and projects as they come about.
3. *Vice-Chair Isaac Barcelona* graciously accepted to serve another year as Vice-Chair of the Commission at *Chair Ikejiri's* request.

VII. LIAISON REPORTS

1. **Local Government Service Commission Liaison** - *Commissioner Fuhrman* reported that the Commission elected Tyler Kelly, President of the Los Angeles City Council as the new chair; and Angela Reddick, who was appointed by Supervisor Burke, as the co-chair. They are proceeding with a significant study on taxicabs and regulated transit which will hopefully be underway this year.
2. **Quality and Productivity** – *Commissioner Anderson* reported that the productivity fund received a \$3 million endorsement which will be helpful for their venture on capital projects. *Commissioners Padilla, Fuhrman*, and Ms. Vadurro discussed possible funding resources for studies.
3. **County-wide Criminal Justice Coordinating** – *Chair-Emeritus Philibosian* reported no significant activity other than receiving routine reports including one from the Probation Department on their work with at-risk youth. *Chair Ikejiri* asked if *Chair-Emeritus Philibosian* would serve again this year, which he accepted.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Grand Jury - Commissioner Sax

Commissioner Sax reported that he had received a draft copy of a Request for Proposal (RFP) on the Grand Jury video project from Ms. Vadurro. Ms. Vadurro stated that the final draft of the RFP is subject to final review and once approved will be processed through ISD. *Chair Ikejiri* hopes to have this processed as quickly as possible. *Commissioner Sax* was able to get hold of 2 members of the Civil Grand Jury to speak to a group at UCLA to promote the Civil Grand Jury. There were 2 participants who were interested in pursuing it further. This presentation was done in conjunction with the Superior Court. Furthermore, *Commissioner Sax* would like to put together a presentation packet for the Commissioners. *Chair Ikejiri* suggested doing so using the internet and/or other paperless means.

2. Organization and Accountability- Commissioner Oaks

No report, as *Commissioner Oaks* was unavailable.

3. Succession Planning- Commissioner Petak

Commissioner Petak reported that a study was conducted at the request of Supervisor Knabe. A copy of the report was provided to Supervisor Knabe for his review. *Commissioner Petak* also provided a copy of the report to Mike Henry, the Director of Human Resources, who is also the Chair of the Visitor's Advisory Committee of the School of Public Administration at USC. The Human Resources Department is currently focused on training and development programs to prepare individuals for greater responsibility. It was decided to resend the report to Mike Henry. *Commissioner Petak* suggested that the report should be revisited since some of the information is likely outdated due to the current reorganization. *Commissioner Padilla* suggested some follow up to past studies and revisit issues that are still relevant to the Commission.

4. Child Care Fraud – Chair Emeritus Philibosian

Chair-Emeritus Philibosian plans to wait for Executive Director Eng to get situated before following up with Philip Brown and the District Attorney Representatives to follow up on recommendations made from the Childcare Welfare Fraud report. *Chair- Emeritus Philibosian* pointed out the necessity for reforms that were listed in the reports and information from the District Attorneys Office. *Chair- Emeritus Philibosian* indicated that the Department of Public Social Services was making progress but still needed further improvement

5. Governance (Non-interference) – Commissioner Fuhrman

Commissioner Fuhrman interviewed Don Wolfe, the retiring Director of Public Works and Tyler McCauley, retiring Auditor-Controller. In addition, interviews with each of the Deputy CEOs have been scheduled and 2 department heads from each of the 5 clusters. Also, interviews are planned with Board Chief Deputies. *Chair Ikejiri* invited the Commissioners to join in any one of these meetings. *Commissioner Fuhrman* provided names of those interviewers participating in the meetings conducted. *Commissioner Fuhrman* will provide summaries to members of the task force, as meetings are not being tape recorded. *Commissioner Padilla* requested that a standard format be developed to best capture responses from the interviews.

6. Commission Staff

No report.

IX. PRESENTATION

None

X. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Sax inquired if the new structure of the newly created CEO's office and re-organization will affect the current reporting structure for the Commission which currently reports to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. *Commissioner Sax* also asked if there was a possibility of reporting directly to the CEO on administrative issues to improve efficiency. *Chairman Ikejiri* responded that his preference is to continue with the current reporting relationship to ensure the Commission's independence

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

No comment or attendance by the Public.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Ikejiri adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edward Eng

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Executive Director