

**ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
January 8, 2009**

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, Vice-Chair Isaac Barcelona 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
Isaac Diaz Barcelona
Robert Cole
Jonathan S. Fuhrman
Ronald K. Ikejiri
Chun Y. Lee
Bradley H. Mindlin
Adam Murray
Freda Hinsche Otto
William J. Petak
Robert H. Philibosian
Robert E. Sax
Solon C. Soteras*

COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED

*Alan M. Glassman
Royal F. Oakes
Roman Padilla
Janice Kamenir-Reznik*

COMMISSIONERS NOT REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED

*Hope J. Boonshaft
Fred P. Balderrama
Tony Tortorice*

Chairman Ikejiri asked for a motion to approve absences. It was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: Commissioners requesting an excuse are excused.

III. APPROVAL OF December 4, 2008 MINUTES

Chairman Ikejiri asked if there were any objections to the minutes of the **December 4, 2008** Commission meeting. Hearing none, the motion was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted. The minutes of the **December 4, 2008** Commission meeting are approved. Commissioner Mindlin expressed concern that some of the commissioners have dismal attendance records and asked the Chair what is being done to encourage higher attendance rates. Executive Director responded that based on the Commission's Bylaws, if a commissioner has missed 3 consecutive meetings, he or she will get a letter from the Chair with copies going to the appointing Supervisor.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Ikejiri stated that Assembly Member Steve Knight, 36th District, has appointed Vice-Chair Barcelona to his staff.

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Eng reported that Commissioner Sax has been appointed to the Quality & Productivity Commission.

VI. TASK FORCE REPORT

1. Child Care Fraud – Chair-Emeritus Philibosian, Chair

Chair-Emeritus Philibosian reported that there is nothing new to report.

2. Strategic Planning Project: Commissioner Glassman

Mr. Eng reported that the Task Force will start collecting data by sending out online surveys to over 10,000 Employees on January 20, 2009. Mr. Eng stated that the Task Force is requesting the employee surveys to be completed by the second week of February 2009. Mr. Eng also shared that a Preliminary Survey has gone out to 38 Department Heads and 20% of the surveys have been returned. He stated that during the next several weeks, Administrative Assistant Aisha Pittmon will setup interviews with the Department Heads.

VII. LIAISON REPORTS

1. Local Government Service Commission – Commissioner Fuhrman

Commissioner Fuhrman stated that there is nothing new to report.

2. Quality & Productivity Commission – Commissioner Anderson

Commissioner Anderson stated that under the Quality & Productivity Commission's Strategic Plan, a special Task Force is scheduled to visit all relevant County

Departments with the intent to understand departmental operations and priorities, and to assist the department toward realizing enhanced productivity and quality services.

3. Countywide Criminal Justice Coordinating Committee – Chair-Emeritus Philibosian

Chair-Emeritus stated that the December 2008 meeting was cancelled and therefore there is nothing new to report.

VIII. PRESENTATION

Mark Saladino, County Treasurer and Tax Collector presented information regarding the Economy's Impact on the County of Los Angeles (see attached).

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Executive Director Eng reported that the Nominating Committee for Chairperson 2009 consists of Commissioner Padilla-1st District, Commissioner Lee-2nd District, Commissioner Reznik-3rd District, Commissioner Otto-4th District, and Commissioner Soteras-5th District. Mr. Eng stated that he spoke with Commissioner Padilla before the meeting and due to business conflict, Commissioner Padilla asked that Commissioner Soteras represent him as spokesperson for the Nominating Committee. Commissioner Soteras stated the Nominating Committee by unanimous vote, has nominated Commissioner Isaac Barcelona for Chairman 2009. Chairman Ikejiri asked if there were any open floor nominations. Hearing none, Commissioner Soteras asked for a motion to approve the nomination of Commissioner Isaac Barcelona as Chairperson 2009. It was Moved, Seconded, and Approved.

Commissioner Barcelona stated that he is very honored and humbled for this nomination. He shared that he has been with the Commission for 7 years and that he loves the Commission. He thinks the world of all the E&E Commissioners and feels that each Commissioner brings so much to the table. He has always learned something new when attending the meetings. Commissioner Barcelona stated that the Commission is moving forward with projects for the new fiscal year that are just phenomenal. He thanked and showed appreciation to Chair-Emeritus Philibosian and Chair Ikejiri for being good friends and supporters. Commissioner Barcelona also stated that he would like to recognize someone who has been a part of the Commission for a long time and has been a good friend and loyal to the Commission. New Chair Barcelona appointed Commissioner Chun Lee as the Vice-Chair for 2009. Commissioner Lee stated that his term may be up in September due to the new Supervisor of the 2nd District but that he will serve until then.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Ikejiri at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edward Eng,
Executive Director