

**ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
January 7, 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, Chairman Isaac Barcelona called the Commission meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

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

The following was the attendance for the meeting:

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

*Isaac Diaz Barcelona  
Fred P. Balderama  
Robert Cole  
Jeffrey C. Cox  
Jonathan S. Fuhrman  
Alan M. Glassman  
Ronald K. Ikejiri  
Arne Kalm  
Chun Y. Lee  
Brad H. Mindlin  
Adam Murray  
Robert H. Philibosian  
Freda Hinsche Otto  
William J. Petak  
Janice Kamenir-Reznik  
Solon C. Soteris*

**COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED**

*Royal F. Oakes  
Roman Padilla*

**COMMISSIONERS NOT REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED**

Hope J. Boonshaft

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

**III. APPROVAL OF November 5, 2009 and December 3, 2009 MINUTES**

Chairman Barcelona asked if there were any objections or changes to the minutes of the November 5, 2009 and December 3, 2009 Commission meetings. Hearing none, the motion was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted. The minutes of the November 5, 2009 and December 3, 2009 Commission meetings are approved.

#### **IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Barcelona thanked Commissioner Reznik, fellow Commissioner and President of the Jewish World Watch, for her speaking engagement on the plight of eastern Congo residents during the Antelope Valley Hispanic Chamber Commerce luncheon. Chairman Barcelona stated that Commissioner Reznik did a phenomenal job and distributed a full page article on her presentation.

Chairman Barcelona introduced new Commissioner Arne Kalm. He stated that Commissioner Kalm was appointed by Supervisor Michael Antonovich and proceeded to read Commissioner Kalm's biography.

Commissioner Kalm thanked Chairman Barcelona for his warm welcome and stated that he is honored to serve as a Commissioner with the E&E Commission. He stated that he looks forward to spending time and working with fellow Commissioners over the ensuing months. Commissioner Kalm stated that there are only three seminal things about him: one was alluded to in the biography that Chairman Barcelona read; another is that he is an immigrant from Eastern Europe. He also stated that English is his third language and during his years of growing up his heart was with the captive nations of Eastern Europe; and he has an engineering background and that all of his life he has enjoyed the application of technology and innovation.

Commissioner Kalm stated that he has been a businessman all of his life, and that he recently retired and his interest is in financial analysis, corporate planning, and some advisory work. He stated that he has limited experience in public policy other than the fact that he served a couple of years in Sacramento as a member of the State Employment Training Panel, which is a seven person board. Commissioner Kalm stated that he will enjoy working with all the Commissioners and thanked the Commission again for the warm welcome.

#### **V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

There was nothing new to report.

#### **TASK FORCE REPORT**

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

Chair- Emeritus Philibosian stated that the Executive Director is working on a meeting date for later this month and will have a report for the Commission by the next meeting.

##### **2. Civil Service Reform-- Commissioner Otto, Commissioner Cox**

Commissioner Otto reported that the Task Force has been very active meeting with a lot of key players. She stated that the Task Force is using the meetings as an exploratory opportunity to find out the opinions from senior management within the County about what works and what doesn't with the Civil Service System.

Commissioner Otto also noted that the Task Force's effort has been directed towards the development of the scope of work for the project. She stated that the Task Force has learned from all the meetings that the Civil Service System is a critical issue throughout the County. She informed the Commission that the Task Force is having a meeting immediately following the monthly meeting to further develop the scope of work from all the data gathered so far.

Commissioner Otto stated that sometime in late January the Task Force will comeback with a more defined scope of work that they believe will be beneficial to the County, make a difference in addressing some of the civil service issues, and help the Commission move forward with this particular study.

## **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 Lee**

Commissioner Lee reported that the first meeting for Quality & Productivity for 2010 is on January 25, 2010.

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

Chair-Emeritus Philibosian reported that there were routine reports discussed: one from the Information System Advisory Body, which is a consolidated criminal justice information system that can be accessed by all the criminal justice agencies; the second report was from the Co-Occurring Disorders Court.

## **VIII. PRESENTATION**

Director, Department of Public Works, Gail Farber, presented overview information on her organization.

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Eng reported that the Nominating Committee for Chairperson 2010 was Commissioner Padilla-1<sup>st</sup> District, Commissioner Lee-2<sup>nd</sup> District, Commissioner Reznik-3<sup>rd</sup> District, Commissioner Otto-4<sup>th</sup> District, and Commissioner Soteras-5<sup>th</sup> District. Mr. Eng stated that the Nominating Committee spokesperson, Commissioner Reznik, will be late to the meeting due to business conflict. Mr. Eng asked that the Nominating Committee's alternative spokesperson, Commissioner Soteras, provide the Commission with a report. . Commissioner

Soteras reported that the Nominating Committee, by unanimous vote, has nominated Commissioner Isaac Barcelona for Chairman 2010.

Commissioner Lee asked if there were any open floor nominations. Hearing none, Commissioner Lee asked for a motion to approve the nomination of Commissioner Isaac Barcelona as Chairperson 2010. It was Moved, Seconded, and Approved. By acclamation, Commissioner Lee declared Commissioner Barcelona as Chairperson 2010.

X. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

XI. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned in memory of Commissioner Clayton Anderson by Chair Barcelona at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Edward Eng,*  
Executive Director