

**ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
September 2, 2010**

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**

Fred P. Balderrama  
Isaac Diaz Barcelona  
Robert Cole  
Jeffrey C. Cox  
Jonathan S. Fuhrman  
Alan Glassman  
Ronald K. Ikejiri  
Janice Kamenir-Reznik  
Arne Kalm  
Chun Y. Lee  
Edward T. McIntyre  
Adam Murray  
Freda Hinsche Otto  
William Petak  
Robert H. Philibosian

**COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED**

Bradley Mindlin  
Roman Padilla  
Royal F. Oakes  
Solon Soteras

**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 April 1, 2010 and May 6, 2010 MINUTES**

Chairman Barcelona asked if there were any objections or changes to the minutes of the April and May 2010 Commission meetings. Hearing none, the motion was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted. The minutes of the April and May 2010 Commission meetings were approved.

**IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chairman Barcelona stated that in lieu of the July meeting the Commission attended a VIP Tour & Field Trip to the Antelope Valley's Northrop Grumman Company and NASA facilities. He stated that as part the tour, the Commission was able to see Sophia-the first Flying Observatory in history. Chairman Barcelona commented that he was very happy to see some of his fellow Commissioners there. He also noted that Assemblyman Steve Knight was also very pleased and to express his appreciation, Chairman Barcelona handed out scrolls for each person that attended the tour on his behalf.

**V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Eng commented that the last two tours-the Coroner's office in June and Northrop Grumman and NASA in July-were very educational and thanked all the Commissioners that attended.

**VI. TASK FORCE REPORTS**

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

Chair- Emeritus Philibosian stated that the report will be on hold until the Civil Service Study is completed.

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

Commissioner Otto stated that it has been a very busy year for the task force. She commended all of the members of the task force for their participation and effort on this project. Commissioner Otto stated that the task force will be wrapping up the report in about 30 days.

Commissioner Otto stated that the task force has organized the report into two separate parts: Part I of the report is related to Human Resource processes of the County and Part II is related to the Civil Service Commission processes. She also stated that there were a number of findings and recommendations in both areas.

Commissioner Otto asked every Commissioner to read the report carefully once they receive it because of the sensitive nature of the topic and the impact that it will have on employees throughout the County of Los Angeles. She also stated that the task force will be asking the Commission for approval of the report in the October meeting so that it can be submitted to the Board of Supervisors.

Chairman Barcelona stated that this task force has taken on a huge undertaking and would like to commend the task force on this project and all the efforts that have been put forward by each member.

Commissioner Reznik stated that there have been many prior studies, recommendations, and proposals from different committees and Departments about Civil service Reform over the last 30 years. She stated that none of those have amounted to any transformation and doesn't want the same thing to happen with this report. Commissioner Reznik stated that if all this work will not be implemented then it will have been a waste of time. She stated that the goal is to try and create an impact on a system that the task force found issues with.

## **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 stated that the former Commission Chairman Jackie Hill is helping the County's Quality and Productivity Commission launch a "*Plain Language Initiative*" campaign to promote the use of Plain Language. Commissioner Lee stated that the Plain Language is communicating to your audience in a way that an audience can understand easily the first time they read or hear it. He stated that the purpose is to improve customer service and reduce costs. Commissioner Lee stated that Jackie Hill would like the Economy and Efficiency Commission to support the "*Plain Language Initiative*" campaign by putting "We support the Plain Language Initiative" at the bottom of our minutes.

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

Chair- Emeritus Philibosian stated that about eight years ago the Economy & Efficiency Commission recommended that the County institute a pilot program for Video Arraignment so that inmates would not have to be transported back and forth while awaiting a trial. He stated that the County is trying this program at the Glendale court house and so far Glendale Police Department and the Glendale Court house have been successful.

## **VIII. PRESENTATION**

Richard Bruckner, Director of Los Angeles County Regional Planning

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Kalm pointed to a recent article from Newsweek on the "advent of e-government" in various countries that he recently circulated to all of the Commissioners. Commissioner Kalm stated that his motive was to energize the Commissioners to look at the application of technology as a possible future project in 2011. He stated that this project would be very appropriate to work on because it has a lot to do with some of the issues Richard Bruckner discussed in his presentation today regarding the County being in the dark ages and the need to move it closer to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Commissioner Kalm stated that the

Commission has a fantastic resource in our own Executive Director, Edward Eng who has had technology transfer history and experience. He stated that he would like to recommend for 2011 the Commission ask Mr. Eng to come up with some suggestions as to what kind of project in the technology realm might be appropriate for the Commission to work on.

Commissioner Fuhrman stated that the County has an Information Systems Commission which supports the Chief Information Office (CIO). He stated he is currently the Chair of that Commission and would support a joint effort between the two Commissions.

**X. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by Vice-Chair Lee at 11:38 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Edward Eng,*

Executive Director