

**ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
January 5, 2012**

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 Barcelona called the Commission meeting to order at 10:33 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
Jonathan S. Fuhrman
Alan Glassman
Ronald K. Ikejiri
Chun Y. Lee
Bradley Mindlin
Adam Murray
Freda Hinsche Otto
Robert H. Philibosian
Joe Safier

COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED

Arne Kalm
Royal F. Oakes
Roman Padilla
William Petak
Janice Kamenir-Reznik
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 excuses to be absent were excused.

III. APPROVAL OF November 3, 2011 & December 1, 2011 MINUTES

Chairman Barcelona asked if there were any objections or changes to the minutes of the November and December 2011 Commission meetings. The motion was then Moved, Seconded, and Adopted. The minutes of the November and December 2011 Commission meetings were approved.

IV. CHAIRMAN/ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Chairman Barcelona stated that he would like to introduce his guest to the Commission. He stated that Mr. Steve Ward has attended many meetings and is one of the Executives from the Paper & Recycling Company in Palmdale. He also introduced the President of the Antelope Valley Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Ms. Rocio Galaviz-Montagner.

V. TASK FORCE REPORTS

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

Chair-Emeritus Philibosian stated that the taskforce has been placed on hold due to other new projects. He added that there isn't really a whole lot of follow up to do at this point.

2. Civil Service Reform-- Commissioner Hinsche-Otto

Commissioner Hinsche-Otto stated that it has been about a year since the Commission completed the report. She stated that she would like to do a more formal follow-up report to find out the status of the report's recommendations.

3. Video Arraignment-- Commissioner Fuhrman

Commissioner Fuhrman reported that the taskforce had a very interesting meeting with the Glendale Police Department at the Glendale lock up facility. He stated that Mr. Bill Torley, Video Arraignment/Court Transportation Officer from the Glendale Police Department, demonstrated their video system and contrary to Los Angeles County's procedures, Glendale handles all cases of felonies and misdemeanors. He stated that Glendale has been doing this for three years and has handled about 5,000 of these cases over a three year period. He stated that there were two uses of force in that 3 year period compared to 5 or 6 uses of force in a 6 week period when the systems were down. He stated that the Glendale Police Department is enormously enthusiastic about using the Video System. He also stated that they have a video system that can connect to either one or two court rooms in Glendale, and that they have reported good acceptance from the Public Defender, Alternate Public Defender, and the District Attorney's Office. He stated that Glendale is looking to expand the current video model into Burbank as Burbank has been using the Glendale facility while their Jail has been under remodeling. Commissioner Fuhrman stated that the task force is going to have a further meeting with Glendale PD to actually see the system in operation.

Commissioner Mindlin asked if Glendale has had any issues with follow ups or appeals where someone had challenged the video arraignment. Commissioner Fuhrman stated that they haven't mentioned any issues regarding those problems. Commissioner Fuhrman stated that they have used it for arraignment and continuances without any problems.

Chair-Emeritus Philibosian stated that the issues are not legal but more operational in nature. With regards to Downtown Courts, the courts CIO doesn't want to do it. He stated that the taskforce is looking at other ways of resurrecting this project.

4. Business License Application Automation Process -- Commissioner Kalm

Executive Director Edward Eng stated that there is nothing new to report.

5. Operational Excellence Award -- Commissioner Glassman

Commissioner Glassman handed out a brief overview of this project. He stated that this award would break down into three categories (1) Strategic Planning: it will examine how a department develops, implements/manages, and updates its strategic plan. He stated that the focus is on tackling long-term challenges and moving towards an envisioned future (2) Public Engagement: this category will examine how a department/program provides information to and receives feedback from both clients/customers and the general public. He stated that the focus is on an on-going commitment to outreach, constituency interaction, and the use of "public vote" to improve processes and outcomes (3) Work Process Improvements & Innovation: this category will examine how a department/program designs, manages, and improves its work processes and systems. He stated that the focus is on streamlining core processes and systems, thereby making government "work better and cost less." He stated that if the Commission decides to go forward with the idea of this project the committee would adopt a timeline. He stated that he would like to obtain a sponsorship form the Board of Supervisors and discuss the project with the CEO as well. He stated that in past years, once the procedures are developed, and then the E&E Commission time commitment would occur over a four month period.

Chair-Emeritus asked how the evaluation committee is going to be selected once the applications are accepted. Commissioner Glassman stated that he hasn't gotten that far in the process yet. He stated that the committee will be made up of representatives of the Commission.

Commissioner Hinsche-Otto stated that it appears that once the Commission gets this project off the ground it will become an ongoing activity for the Commission. She asked if this becomes a standing committee, will there be any legal issues related to the Brown Act. Executive Director stated that based on the Brown Act requirements, any Ad Hoc committees are supposed to convene on a short-term basis. For this particular project, he will analyze the project details and consult with County Counsel to ensure that it complies with all Brown Act requirements.

VI. LIAISON REPORTS

1. Local Government Service Commission – Commissioner Fuhrman

Executive Director Edward Eng stated that at the November 2011 meeting, Commissioner Fuhrman reported that he was going to resign from the Local Government Services Commission. He added that at the December 2011 meeting, the Commission discussed either getting rid of the liaison for this Commission all together or finding a replacement for Commissioner Fuhrman.

Chair-Emeritus asked if it is worth having a liaison to report back to our Commission on the Local Government Services Commission's activities. Commissioner Fuhrman stated affirmatively "no." Chair-Emeritus made a motion that the E&E Commission no longer have a liaison to Local Government Service Commission. It was Moved, Second, and Adopted.

2. Quality & Productivity Commission – Commissioner Otto

Commissioner Hinsche-Otto stated that she has nothing new to report.

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

Chair-Emeritus Philibosian stated that there was nothing new to report since the meeting was cancelled.

VIII. PRESENTATION

Los Angeles County Chief Executive Officer, William T. Fujioka CEO

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Election of Chairperson 2012

Mr. Eng reported that the Nominating Committee for Chairperson 2012 consisted of: Commissioner Padilla-1st District, Commissioner Lee-2nd District, Commissioner Glassman-3rd District, Commissioner Petak-4th District, and Commissioner Oakes-5th District.

As the Nominating Committee's Spokesperson, Commissioner Glassman reported that the Nominating Committee, by unanimous vote, has nominated Commissioner Isaac Barcelona for Chairman 2012.

Chair-Emeritus Philibosian asked if there were any open floor nominations. Hearing none, Chair-Emeritus Philibosian asked for a motion to approve the nomination of Commissioner Isaac Barcelona as Chairperson 2012. It was Moved, Seconded, and Approved. By acclamation, Chair-Emeritus Philibosian declared Commissioner Barcelona Chairperson 2012.

Chairman Barcelona stated that it is his duty to appoint the Vice Chair and he would like to reappoint Commissioner Lee as Vice-Chair. Commissioner Lee accepted his appointment as Vice Chair. Chairman Barcelona declared Commissioner Lee as Vice-Chair of the Commission for 2012.

Chairman Barcelona stated that he would like to appoint Commissioner Jon Fuhrman as a 2nd Vice Chair to the Commission. He stated that Commissioner Fuhrman has been a very active Commissioner and has participated in many of the Commission's projects. He also stated that he is very impressed with Commissioner Fuhrman's knowledge of the County's operations and his dedication to the Commission. Commissioner Fuhrman accepted the appointment as 2nd Vice-Chair.

Chairman Barcelona stated that he has really enjoyed his 11 years on the Commission and is very honored to continue to serve as the Chair of the Commission for 2012. He stated that he is proud of the Commission.

2. Other

Commissioner Mindlin stated that one of the biggest aspects of the County is Real Estate. He stated that currently LA County is the largest land owner in the County and at the same time it's also the largest tenant in the County. He stated that he used to be the President of the County Real Estate Management Commission. He stated that currently many of the different municipalities are re-analyzing their holdings and leases with respect to Real Estate. He stated that the E&E Commission is not doing anything on this. He stated that he doesn't know if the Commission should, or if it's in the Commission's Charter, but it is something that interest him. He stated that he would like to have an open conversation about it at some point.

Chair-Emeritus stated that the E&E Commission did it once before and the Board of Supervisors ignored it. He added that the Commission will keep it as an agenda item at the next Monthly Meeting.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Barcelona at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edward Eng,

Executive Director