

**ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
February 2, 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 10:05 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
Jonathan S. Fuhrman
Arne Kalm
Janice Kamenir-Reznik
Chun Y. Lee
Adam Murray
Freda Hinsche Otto
William Petak
Roman Padilla
Robert H. Philibosian
Joe Safier

COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED

Alan Glassman
Ronald K. Ikejiri
Bradley Mindlin
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 excuses to be absent were excused.

III. APPROVAL OF January 5, 2012 MINUTES

Chairman Barcelona asked if there were any objections or changes to the minutes of the January 5, 2012 Commission meetings. The motion was then Moved, Seconded, and Adopted. The minutes of the January 2012 Commission meeting were approved.

IV. CHAIRMAN/ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Chairman Barcelona stated that he would like to congratulate Commissioner Arne Kalm for his reappointment to the E&E Commission by Supervisor Antonovich.

Chairman Barcelona stated that the speaker for the March Commission meeting will be the Chair of the Board of Supervisors, Supervisor Yaroslavsky. He stated that the speaker for the April Commission meeting will be the newly appointed Chief of Probation Officer, Jerry Powers.

Executive Director Edward Eng stated that the DCEO in the Public Safety Cluster has been replaced with a Senior Assistant CEO position in the CEO's office, Ms. Georgia Mattera, an administrator from the LA City's Fire Department.

V. TASK FORCE REPORTS

1. Civil Service Reform-- Commissioner Hinsche-Otto

Commissioner Hinsche-Otto stated that it has been about a year since the Commission completed its report.

Executive Director Eng stated that the original approval of the report by the Board of Supervisors had a built-in request to do a follow-up report after a year. The Commission also received a notification from the Board of Supervisors' Executive Office in January 2012 to do a follow up.

Chairman Barcelona stated that in the Antelope Valley Press, Supervisor Antonovich was quoted speaking about the Civil Service System reforms that the County is going through and that the Supervisor is very proud of the outcome.

2. Video Arraignment-- Commissioner Fuhrman

Commissioner Fuhrman stated that the taskforce had another visit to the Glendale court to view the Video Arraignment Process. He stated that the taskforce met with staff from the LA County Sheriff's Office, Glendale Police Department, Public Defender's office, and Judge Rotenberg. He stated that the Sheriff and the Glendale Police were very enthusiastic about the program. He stated that the Public Defender expressed some reservations because they felt at the core that not being in front of the Judge weakened their ability in some cases to argue on behalf of their clients. Another concern was that they argue that they have to take copy of a certain waiver form for the defendant to sign. Commissioner Fuhrman stated that from all the other perspectives it seems to work tremendously well.

3. Business License Application Automation Process -- Commissioner Kalm

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

4. Operational Excellence Award -- Commissioner Glassman

Executive Director Eng stated that the Brown Act requirement and bylaw compliance raised last month had been resolved. He stated that he and Commissioner Glassman met with County Counsel and were advised that as long as the application process is developed within a year and does not change after that. The Ad Hoc committee, which can be made of different Commissioners, will then meet once a year only to evaluate the criteria for selection and then recommend the award to the entire Commission for approval.

Chair-Emeritus Philibosian stated that the approval of the award has to come from the entire Commission which may constitute a Brown Act issue. He asked the Executive Director Eng if that was addressed at the County Counsel Meeting. Chair-Emeritus Philibosian further asked if the County Counsel is aware that the award is not decided just by a committee that may change on a year to year basis. He stated that the committee would only recommend to the Commission for approval but it will be the responsibility of the Commission to approve and present the award and this may also constitute a Brown Act issue.

Executive Director Eng stated that he understood that the committee would only be recommending the award but that the approval of the award has to come from the entire Commission. He stated that the issue would be if the committee is a standing committee then it would violate provisions of the Brown Act.

Commissioner Hinsche-Otto stated that the Commission asked to be made aware if there were any bylaw issues for the organization. Executive Director Eng stated that there are no bylaw issues for this project. Executive Director Eng stated that this would operate as any other taskforce; that the taskforce would meet and then bringing their recommendation to the Commission for approval. Commissioner Hinsche-Otto stated that it cannot be done confidentially. Executive Director Eng stated that the report's status would be discussed on a monthly basis at the Commission meeting, similar to other taskforce reports, which is an open meeting with a public notice.

Chair-Emeritus Philibosian stated that the Commission cannot consider their recommendation confidentially. He stated that by not considering the recommendation confidentially will create the problem because if the Commission disapproved the taskforce's recommendation then it will be very embarrassing for all parties involved. He stated that this is not an ideal process and that he is not in favor of the project. Both Commissioners Philibosian and Hinsche-Otto voiced concerns that this is not the Commission's mission, nor is it the charge under the County Charter. Commissioner Philibosian stated that this Commission was put in place to look at economy and efficiencies throughout Los Angeles County and not give out awards.

Commissioner Fuhrman stated that to re-evaluate all County operations and then pick someone to receive an award is a very labor intensive job.

Commissioner Murray and Executive Director Eng asked for this project to be tabled until the March 1, 2012 meeting.

VI. LIAISON REPORTS

1. Quality & Productivity Commission – Commissioner Otto

Executive Director Edward Eng stated that there was a presentation on the impact of AB109 on the County by the Chief Deputy Probation Officer. He stated that there was a quick debriefing on last year's Leadership Conference. He stated that there were other miscellaneous taskforce reports. He also stated that there will be no meeting for the month of February and that the next Quality and Productivity Meeting will be Monday, March 5 at 10:00 am Room 743.

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

Executive Director Eng stated that there was a report from the information System Advisory Board (ISAB) highlighting their semi-annual report. He stated that among the highlights was a discussion on a system that they are developing to facilitate AB109, which is an interface that allows local enforcement personnel to have access on conditions of probationers. Executive Director Eng stated that there was also a report from Chief Probation Officer Jerry Powers on the Governor's juvenile justice realignment proposal as part of his budget.

VIII. PRESENTATION

Los Angeles County Assessor, Mr. John R. Noguez

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Mindlin was not in attendance, so there was no discussion on the County's real estate portfolio.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Barcelona at 11:48 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edward Eng,
Executive Director