

**ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
April 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 10:05 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
Alan Glassman
Ronald K. Ikejiri
Janice Kamenir-Reznik
Chun Y. Lee
Bradley Mindlin
Freda Hinsche Otto
William Petak
Roman Padilla
Robert H. Philibosian
Joe Safier
Stefan Wolowicz

COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED

Arne Kalm
Adam Murray
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 February 2, 2012 MINUTES

Chairman Barcelona asked if there were any objections or changes to the minutes of the February 2, 2012 Commission meetings. The motion was then Moved, Seconded, and Adopted. The minutes of the February 2012 Commission meeting were approved. Commissioner Wolowicz abstained.

IV. CHAIRMAN/ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Chairman Barcelona stated that he would like to welcome the Economy & Efficiency Commission's new Commissioner Stefan Wolowicz. He stated that Commissioner Wolowicz was appointed by Supervisor Knabe, 4th District. Chairman Barcelona stated that Mr. Wolowicz was the former Mayor and Council Member of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes.

Commissioner Wolowicz stated that it was an honor being appointed to the Commission and he appreciates the time the Commission's administration staff spent giving him information about the E&E Commission. Commissioner Wolowicz stated that he hopes to get a chance to meet everyone on the Commission. He stated that he has two retirements during the last year: (1) from an elected office which was most welcomed by his constituents and family (2) from his accounting practice, where he was a lifelong CPA. Commissioner Wolowicz stated that he is looking to spend more time with his family in retirement and fulfill all his obligations and promises that he made to them over 20 years ago. He also stated that he is looking forward to participating with the Commission on taskforces and upcoming projects.

Commissioner Ikejiri stated that he has known Commissioner Wolowicz for over 12 years and has always been impressed with Commissioner Wolowicz's work ethic and integrity as an elected official. He stated that it is an honor to have Commissioner Wolowicz on the E&E Commission.

Chairman Barcelona handed out a new edition of the Bridge, a publication that he put together for the Antelope Valley Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. He stated that this publication features what the Chamber has accomplished throughout the year and referenced the Commission on pages 18, 19, 24, and 35.

Executive Director Eng stated that the Budget Hearings start on Wednesday May 16, 2012; and the Deliberations will begin on Monday, June 18, 2012.

V. TASK FORCE REPORTS

1. Civil Service Reform-- Commissioner Hinsche Otto

Commissioner Hinsche Otto stated that there has been a lot of activity with the Civil Service Task force. She stated that the initial report with 18 recommendations was filed and accepted by the Board of Supervisors in January 2011. Commissioner Hinsche Otto that for this follow-up report, the taskforce has had had interviews with over 9 departments, 2 labor groups, a couple of hearing officers, and 1 Board Office. She stated that the taskforce has a couple more interviews to go and will be summing up their findings and have an update by the June Meeting.

Commissioner Fuhrman stated that the cycle time for appeals to the Civil Service Commission has been dramatically cut. He stated that when the taskforce looked at the

process originally, it was averaging 1 year from the time the Commission granted a hearing until the hearing first happened; then it was averaging another year until you had a final resolution of the process. Commissioner Fuhrman stated that the taskforce had a series of recommendations to change the Civil Service Rules but that none of those changes had been implemented yet. He stated that nonetheless, the changes to the Civil service Commission procedures coupled with the changes in the conduct of the hearing officers have dramatically reduced this cycle time. He stated that the hearings are now being scheduled a month to two months after they are granted a hearing instead of a year. He stated also that in many cases, the whole cycle time including resolution is down to five or six months.

Commissioner Padilla stated that the Alternate Public Defender's Office has not had any issues in front of the Civil Service Commission and that they seemed to resolve all personnel issues through their internal procedures, policies and diligence of the department's managers. Chair- Emeritus Philibosian stated that it is a very small department compared to other County departments and the staff is handpicked. He stated that it is a different kind of operation than most County operations.

Commissioner Hinsche-Otto stated the taskforce is looking forward to coming back to the Commission with the final follow-up report within the next couple of months.

2. Video Arraignment-- Commissioner Fuhrman

Commissioner Fuhrman stated that there is nothing new to report.

3. Business License Application Automation Process -- Commissioner Kalm

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

VI. LIAISON REPORTS

1. Quality & Productivity Commission – Commissioner Otto

Commissioner Hinsche-Otto stated that one of the main functions of the Quality & Productivity Commission is to disburse funds to County Departments though the productivity investment funds. She reported that just provided funding for two programs.

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

Chair-Emeritus Philibosian stated that the court funding is being cut more and more. He stated that the good news is that the judicial counsel got rid of the California case management system that started with a projected cost of \$100 million dollars, with the most recent projection of \$2 billion dollars. He stated this is a net benefit because it would save a tremendous amount of money for other things and it would no longer put the drain on the courts for funding. Chair-Emeritus Philibosian stated that the consequence of eliminating the system is that there will not be a good case management system for the courts.

VIII. PRESENTATION

Chairman, Board of Supervisors, 3rd District Supervisor Zev Yaroslvsy

IX. NEW BUSINESS

None

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Barcelona at 11:58 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edward Eng,

Executive Director