

**ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
May 3, 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 10:15 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER'S ABSENCES

The following was the attendance for the meeting:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Isaac Diaz Barcelona
Robert Cole
Ronald K. Ikejiri
Arne Kalm
Chun Y. Lee
Freda Hinsche Otto
Adam Murray
William Petak
Roman Padilla
Robert H. Philibosian
Joe Safier
Stefan Wolowicz

COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED

Jonathan S. Fuhrman
Alan Glassman
Janice Kamenir-Reznik
Bradley Mindlin
Royal F. Oakes
Solon Soteras

COMMISSIONERS NOT REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED

Fred P. Balderrama
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 April 5, 2012 MINUTES

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

IV. CHAIRMAN/ EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Chairman Barcelona reported that Commissioner Wolowicz and 2nd Vice-Chair Fuhrman have been appointed by their Supervisors to serve on the Dissolution Oversight Boards for the City of Rancho Palos Verdes and City of Vernon respectively.

Executive Director Eng stated that there the next Quality & Productivity Leadership Conference "Leadership Tomorrow" will be held on Wednesday, May 23, 2012 at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion starting at 8 am. The focus this year's conference will be on "the workplace in 2020"; the changing technology, and its impact on government employees and operations. Executive Director Eng stated that Commissioners planning on attending must RSVP to the office no later than Thursday, May 10, 2012.

V. TASK FORCE REPORTS

1. Civil Service Reform-- Commissioner Hinsche Otto

Commissioner Hinsche Otto reported that the task force is continuing to make great progress on the follow-up report and has completed most of the scheduled interviews. She stated that the task force also met with one of the Board Offices and has another appointment scheduled with a second Board Office. She stated that everyone is interested in knowing what the results have been since the report was published a little more than a year ago. Commissioner Hinsche Otto stated that the task force is waiting on critical data from the Civil Service Commission for analysis. She added that the task force would like to incorporate factual information into the report that will help fine tune the findings.

Commissioner Hinsche Otto stated that the task force is also scheduled to meet with the County CEO, Bill Fujioka, and his staff to brief them on our findings. She stated that the under the best scenario, the task force could complete the initial draft by the end of May, but that it looks more like the draft will be completed by the July meeting. She stated that the plan is to discuss the draft with the Commission and if approved, then the task force will file the report with the Board for approval. Commissioner Hinsche Otto stated that the Commission will receive the draft of the report approximately one to two weeks before the July meeting.

Commissioner Hinsche Otto stated that the County has made astounding progress in many ways since the original report was published and that the accomplishments will be reflected in the updated report.

Chairman Barcelona stated that he looked at a graph that showed a reduction of 50 percent on the average number of days between the granting of hearing and the first scheduled hearing.

Commissioner Hinsche-Otto shared that the fact the Commission was even looking at these issues started the ball rolling in the County. She stated that County stakeholders began to make major changes in anticipation on what the task force would come up with. She stated that the results are clearly there. She also stated that one of the Board Offices wants another presentation on the update of the report.

Commissioner Safier asked if the task force met any resistance in gathering the information for this new report. Commissioner Hinsche-Otto replied that the task force has had its share of resistance. She also stated that a few of the labor groups were unhappy with the findings of the original report and that the task force has had to push very hard to receive data.

Chair-Emeritus Philibosian stated that the task force met with labor representatives and as one may expect, they did not like the original report and they did not like the recommendations from that report. He stated that one of the Union representatives started off the meeting by reading a long statement and after the reading, he asked for a copy of the statement so it could be placed in the Commission file and was flatly refused.

Commissioner Hinsche-Otto stated the task force 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

Executive Director stated that there is nothing new to report.

3. Business License Application Automation Process -- Commissioner Kalm

Commissioner Kalm stated that this is still a task force in search of a defined mission, trying to expand what Supervisor Antonovich originally requested the task force to do as far as just automating the Business License process to a broader scope of applications that could be automated online. He stated that the task force had a meeting in early March with the Planning Deputy from the 5th District and he directed the task force to the Palms and Palms Bridge Project which are huge multi agency projects involving Planning and Land Management Systems.

Commissioner Kalm stated that this led to a further meeting in mid-March with Regional Planning where the task force heard in discussion that it is difficult to implement these electronic applications in a multi-agency situation because of different platforms and a lack of funding. He stated that there was positive feedback in regards to E&E Commission trying to push towards further implementation of these types of projects. He stated that the task force, composed of himself, Vice-Chair Lee and Commissioner Safier, has agreed to do more fact finding. Commissioner Kalm stated that the task force is trying to schedule a meeting with Gail Farber, the Director of Public Works and possibly some of the other departments that are involved with Palms, with the objective of evolving to a broader mission than just business license processing. He stated that he would like to read the Commission's Governance report as a model for the task force to define a scope of work.

VI. LIAISON REPORTS

1. Quality & Productivity Commission – Commissioner Otto

Commissioner Hinsche-Otto stated that she has only been able to make one meeting. She stated that having representation on the Quality & Productivity Commission is a really good idea. She stated that she would like to know if anyone else would like to take over her responsibility as the Liaison for Q&P. Commissioner Wolowicz stated that if he learns more about Q&P Commission and what they do, then he would consider being the Liaison in the future.

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

Chair-Emeritus Philibosian stated that the meeting was cancelled.

VIII. PRESENTATION

There was no presentation.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

The Commissioners asked the Executive Director, Edward Eng, to create a brochure that shows samples of studies the E&E Commission have undertaken, for handout at the next Q&P Leadership Conference.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Barcelona at 11:14 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edward Eng,

Executive Director