

**ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
June 5, 2014**

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 10:11 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
Arne Kalm
Chun Y. Lee
Freda Hinsche Otto
Adam Nathanson
Robert H. Philibosian
Steve Wolowicz

COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED

Ronald K. Ikejiri
Bradley Mindlin
Adam Murray
Royal F. Oakes
Roman Padilla
William Petak
Fred Piltz
Janice Kamenir-Reznik
Steven Ward

COMMISSIONERS NOT REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED

None

III. APPROVAL OF MAY 8, 2014 MINUTES

Chairman Barcelona asked if there were any objections or changes to the minutes of the May 8, 2014 Commission meeting. Hearing no changes, the motion was then Moved, Seconded, and Adopted. The minutes of the May 8, 2014 Commission meeting were approved.

IV. REPORTS

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Executive Director, Edward Eng stated that Quality & Productivity Commission had their Annual Leadership Conference last week and that the core topics were e-Government and use of social media. He stated that different departments use social media as a marketing tool to inform and involve their constituents.

Co-Chair Barcelona requested a motion to move the originally scheduled July 3rd meeting to July 10th to accommodate the Holiday schedule. The Motion was Seconded, and Adopted.

B. DISCIPLINARY PROCESS: INVESTIGATIVE AND HEARING PHASES

Commissioner Fuhrman reported that the Task Force is in the process of writing up the report. He stated that the Task Force has some of the preliminary parts of the draft report circulating. He stated that the group is a little behind partially because he has been out of town but hopes to produce a preliminary draft by the July meeting.

C. VIDEO ARRAIGNMENT

Chair-Emeritus reported that there is nothing new to report.

D. COUNTYWIDE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Chair Emeritus Philibosian reported that the last meeting was very active with the focal point on the County's Jail System. He stated that the Board of Supervisors have setup ,with a 5-0 vote, a Task Force that consists of the D.A, Public Defender, LAPD, Sheriff's Department, and Long Beach Police Department to do mental health diversions from the County Jails. He stated that there are a lot of people in County jails with mental health problems; some who have non-violent offenses, and those that don't have the propensity for violent offenses. The Task Force will be exploring the option of providing treatments in the jails, in the community, or upgrading Mira-Loma facility to house people with mental health problems. He stated that the Task Force will try and get these people some help and divert them from the criminal justice system and keep them out of the LA County Jails.

Chair Emeritus Philibosian also added that there is a system called the Justice Automated Information & Management System that is supposed to gather information from multiple sources and would be available to Law Enforcement agencies. He stated that the system is still in the developmental stage and added that the program is a great idea but we will have to wait and see on its implementation.

In addition, Chair-Emeritus Philibosian reported that public safety realignment is still not working well. He stated that between 35% of the people that have been released on realignment have been rearrested. He stated this is just another example of State legislature and the Governor's office dumping their problems on Counties.

V PRESENTATION

Supervising Agent in Charge, California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, Mr. Bradley Beach

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Co-Chairman Fuhrman appointed Freda Hinsche-Otto as 2nd Vice-Chair on the Commission. Commissioner Hinsche-Otto accepted the appointment and thanked Co-Chairman Fuhrman for the appointment and the E&E Commission for its continued support.

Commissioner Kalm stated that he had an informal discussion with Commissioner Nathanson before the meeting and would like to support his view that the Commission needs to have a pipeline of projects for the Commissioners to consider.

Commissioner Hinsche-Otto recalled that there is a list of potential projects that the Commission has been considering working on for a while.

Co-Chair Barcelona stated that Commissioners also have the option of bring their ideas to the table at the monthly Commission meetings.

Commissioner Nathanson stated that he did bring forth an idea on improving the online property tax system and called the Executive Director, Edward Eng to agendize the item. The idea was discussed at the last meeting but had been placed on hold pending the outcome of the e-Gov report. He stated that it simply makes dollars and sense to take a real review of the online property tax system and how efficient it is for people to pay property taxes online. He stated that he hasn't heard any follow up and it doesn't seems like there are any projects on the pipeline that he is aware of.

Executive Director, Edward Eng stated that he has a list of projects but that they are all just ideas that were just thrown out without any analysis or depth. He stated that he did review Commissioner Nathanson's idea regarding online property tax system but that the commissioner's idea for this project is too broad the way he laid it out. He stated that he is not sure what the problem is and would like Commissioner Nathanson to narrow his thoughts down into something more tangible. Executive Director Eng stated it is not that easy to go to a department and say that the E&E Commission wants to audit you without an identification of a real problem. He stated that Departments do not have unlimited resources to support the Commission and the Commissioners need to be cognizant of that.

Chair-Emeritus stated that any Commissioner who has an idea for a project needs to write it up in less than a page and email it to the Executive Director, who will then send it out to the rest of the Commissioners in advance. He stated that instead of just having a free-for-all discussion the Commission needs to have an organized discussion with thought behind it. He stated that it is very easy to toss ideas around but it becomes a more orderly process

when you have to sit down and put pen to paper and really think about the idea and then the Commission will have something they could review.

Commissioner Hinsche Otto stated that she would like to follow up on the Chair Emeritus' proposal by suggesting that each of the Commissioners contact their appointing Supervisor and let them know that the E&E Commission is going to agendize this discussion and if they happen to have some interest in pursuing a project, the Commissioners could also address it at that time.

Chair-Emeritus Philibosian stated that he would like the Commission to make sure that they prioritize what the Commission is doing and limit what the Commission can accomplish and do a very good job, i.e., quality over quantity. He added that the Commission does not want to spend time working on so many projects and end up do a slap-jab job because it would lower the E&E Commission's credibility.

Co-Chair Fuhrman stated that depending upon the interest in individual Commissioners, the Commission could handle or discuss handling additional projects. He stated that most of it depends on how many Commissioners are interested enough to participate on a Task Force. He stated that if a Commissioner can find a group then the group can move forward.

Commissioner Hinsche-Otto stated that the discussion on new projects needs to be well thought out and suggested that the discussion be agendized for the September Commission meeting. Co-Chair Fuhrman concurred and asked that any Commissioners with ideas that they want to pursue to write up their ideas on a 1 page summary and send it to the Executive Director for email dissemination before the September meeting.

Commissioner Wolowicz asked if there are any planned presentations to the new incoming Supervisors and their respective staff to introduce the E&E Commission and what it has done? Chair-Emeritus Philibosian stated that since Co-Chair Fuhrman has a good association with new Supervisor-Elect Solice,, he would like the Commission to think about inviting her before she takes office and tell the Commission what her thoughts are. He stated that he knows she has a lot of thoughts about what she wants to do as Supervisor and get acquainted with the E&E Commission. Co-Chair Fuhrman replied that he will see if he can invite the new incoming Supervisor to come talk to the Commission.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Barcelona at 11:18 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward Eng". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "E" and a long, sweeping underline.

Executive Director
Edward Eng