

**ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 12, 2016**

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 Vice-Chair Doten called the Commission meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER'S ABSENCES

The following was the attendance for the meeting:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Isaac Diaz Barcelona
Bart Benjamins
Robert Cole
Thomas De Simone
Becca Doten
Jonathan S. Fuhrman
Ronald K. Ikejiri
Matthew L. Kinley
Jeffrey Monical
Ed Munoz
Robert H. Philibosian
Wilma Pinder
Steven Ward
Lisa Watson

COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED

Benjamin Everard
Kyo Paul Jhin
Adam Murray
William Petak
Benjamin Reznik

COMMISSIONERS NOT REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED

None

III. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 1, 2016 MINUTES

Chair Barcelona asked if there were any objections or changes to the minutes of the December 1, 2016 Commission meeting. Hearing no changes, the motion was then Moved,

Seconded, and Adopted. The minutes of the December 1, 2016 Commission meeting was approved.

IV. REPORTS

A. DHR EXAM AND HIRING PROCESS

Co-Chair De Simone stated that several Commissioners asked a series of questions over the holidays and most of the questions will be addressed at today's Commission Meeting since DHR is our presenter. He also stated that the task force will have a meeting following today's Commission meeting to discuss the report moving forward.

B. COUNTYWIDE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COMMITTEE (CCJCC)

Chair-Emeritus Philibosian stated that the meeting date has been rescheduled back to the 3rd Wednesday of every month per the request of the Chair.

C. ISD PURCHASING PROCESS

No Report

D. VIDEO ARRAIGNMENT

Executive Director Eng stated that the task force had a meeting with the Alternate Public Defender (APD) who was very supportive in how the Commission wanted to move forward with Video Arraignment. He also stated that the next step is trying to setup a meeting with the Sheriff's office, followed by the District Attorney, and Public Defender. He stated that previously, the Assistant Sheriff was also very supporter of the project but will be retiring in a couple of months. The task force will set up a meeting with his successor to discuss the project and gain his support. Mr. Eng stated that recently the task force was contacted by the Civil Grand Jury (CGJ), who stated that they are also currently working on the same project. He stated that they reached out to the task force on what to do and see if the task force would like to collaborate on the project.

Commissioner Fuhrman stated that he met with three of the CGJ jurors this morning and they were interested in the progression of the task force's study from 2004 to 2011. He stated that they were in particular interested in and intrigued by Orange County's system. He stated that Orange County introduced a system whereby one of the judges is currently performing arraignments in the jails. He stated that the judge reports to the prison physically rather than moving the prisoners to the judge and it seems to be working very well.

V. PRESENTATION

Los Angeles County Department of Human Resources, Director, Ms. Lisa Garrett, and Sr. HR Mgr., Ms. Ann Havens

VII. NEW BUISNESS

As the Nominating Committee's Chairperson, Commissioner Ward stated that on January 11, 2017 Executive Director Edward Eng coordinated a telephone conference call with each

Supervisory District's representative. He stated that the representatives spoke about all the possible candidates for the Chair position and three names were put forward as possibilities. He stated from the 1st District Commissioner Jonathan Fuhrman, 3rd District Commissioner Becca Doten, and from the 5th District Commissioner Isaac Barcelona was nominated. Commissioner Doten stated that she would like to decline the nomination. There were no floor nominations.

Commissioner Fuhrman stated that he was running because he'd like to see two specific changes within the E&E Commission (1) that the Commission formally or informally institutes a two year term limit on Chairmanship so there can be more rotation among various Districts and among the various members of the Commission. He stated that Commissioner Barcelona has done a great job but 8 years is even more than the Chair-Emeritus' length of tenure, (2) that he would like to bring forward a project to look at pre-trial detainees within the County jail system because reducing the census within the jail even by a modest amount would be a considerable savings and because it would be a fundamental Civil Rights issue.

Commissioner Barcelona stated that if the only objection is that he has been Chair for too long he can live with that. He stated that he hopes everyone can remember the magazine that he put together displaying the history of the E&E Commission showing how proud he is of the Commission. He stated that he would like to continue the Commission's top tier level of professionalism and the important work that the Commission does.

After a show of hands for each of the candidates, Commissioner Barcelona won the nomination by a vote of 8-5. Chair-Emeritus Philibosian then asked for a motion to approve the nomination of Commissioner Isaac Barcelona as Chairperson 2017. It was Moved, Seconded, and Approved. By acclamation, Chair-Emeritus Philibosian was declared Commissioner Barcelona Chairperson 2017.

Chairman Barcelona stated that he would like to thank the E&E Commission for all the support over the years. He stated that he is extremely proud of his previous Vice-Chair Commissioners Becca Doten and Steven Ward for their service. He stated that he would like to reappoint Commissioner Doten as 1st Vice-Chair and Commissioner Steven Ward as 2nd Vice Chair to the Commission. Both Commissioners accepted their appointments. He stated that when his term is over he would feel really great about handing the gavel over to the Commissioner who will continue the wonderful work that the Commission does. He also stated that if there is anything he can do as Chair to make a Commissioner's tenure with the E&E Commission better he is always available and happy to help.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IX. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Executive Director Eng stated that he would like to congratulate Commissioner Matt Kinley for launching his own Law Firm. He stated the firm is called Kinley Law Practice.

X. COMMISSIONERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice-Chair Doten stated that she would like to agendized Commissioner Fuhrman's idea of instituting a two year term limit for future Chairs of the Commission. Executive Director Eng stated that it will be placed on next month's agenda.

XI. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

There was nothing new to report.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Barcelona at 11:46 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Executive Director, Edward Eng