

**ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
February 1, 2018**

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 Chair Doten called the Commission meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER'S ABSENCES

The following was the attendance for the meeting:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Isaac Diaz Barcelona
Robert Cole
Becca Doten
Jonathan S. Fuhrman
Ronald K. Ikejiri
Jacob Haik
Jeffrey Monical
Ed Munoz
Wilma Pinder
Joanne Saliba
Connie Sullivan
Steven Ward

COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED

Benjamin Everard
T. Warren Jackson
Kyo Paul Jhin
Adam Murray
Benjamin Reznik
Lisa Watson

COMMISSIONERS NOT REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED

None

III. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 4, 2017 MINUTES

Chair Doten asked if there were any objections or changes to the minutes of the January 4, 2017 Commission meeting. Hearing no changes, the motion was then Moved, Seconded, and Adopted. The minutes of the January 4, 2017 Commission meeting were approved.

IV. REPORTS

A. COUNTYWIDE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COMMITTEE (CCJCC)

No Report.

B. VIDEO ARRAIGNMENT

Executive Director Eng reported that the task force had a meeting with Los Angeles County Sheriff and LAPD. He stated that after the meeting some members of the taskforce toured the LAPD Headquarters where they house the defendants. He stated that the facility has three rooms that would be a good fit for Video Arraignment. He stated that the rooms are currently being used for storage and housing of inmate personal property. He stated that LAPD is on board to move forward with using the rooms for Video arraignment. Administrative Assistant Pittmon stated that LAPD and Sheriff will host another tour for all the other agencies to solicit ideas for the design of the rooms. She stated that the next tour will be on February 22, 2018 at 12 at LAPD Metropolitan Detention Center.

C. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Commissioner Ward reported that the task force had a meeting with BizFed and received lots of information regarding the survey they implemented with their members. He stated that there is a lot of information to go through.

Executive Director Eng stated that he thinks that there are two pieces to the report (1) the micro-perspective, groups such as Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation, Chamber of Commerce, Department of Small Business, and the CEO's Report makes up one category of analysis, and (2) the macro-perspective, larger companies from companies in growth sectors and industries. He stated that the task force is struggling with getting data from the latter group. He stated that if the task force can get both it will be a robust report. Mr. Eng stated that following the EEC Meeting the taskforce is meeting with Treasurer and Tax Collectors Business License Division to talk about the process and the life cycle of what people go through when applying for business licenses. He stated that the task force will find out which departments are involved, and how they track their time because anecdotally, that is one of the complaints heard by different businesses.

Chair Doten asked about a rough timeline for when the report will be completed. Commissioner Ward stated that the task force will ask for an extension into July/August.

V. PRESENTATION

There was no presentation scheduled.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

None

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

IX. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Doten stated that she had asked the Executive Director if the Commission could look into what the reporting processes are for sexual harassment in the County of LA. She stated that we know that there are reporting processes but given what we have seen in the State Legislature and across the Country, although there are reporting processes people don't always feel comfortable especially women to come forward and report, or don't feel like reporting if they will not be heard. She stated that with that in mind, she wanted to a report on that and the Executive Director was kind enough to reach out to people that are experts in this field to give the Commission a report.

Executive Director. Eng stated that that the guest speaker for March 2018 will be Los Angeles County Oversight Panel (CEOP) Executive Director, Vicky Bane. He stated that she accepted the invitation to speak to the Commission. He stated that Ms. Bane put together an elaborate process on Sexual Harassment and the reporting process and given the current state in the country, it would be appropriate and interesting for the Commission.

Commissioner Fuhrman stated that for future months it might be interesting to invite the new Chief Information Officer Mr. William Kehoe. He stated that for the March 2018 meeting there might be former Commissioners who are particularly interested in the topic such as Mrs. Freda Hinsche-Otto, and Mrs. Janice Kamenir-Reznik, who might find the topic interesting and want to join us for that meeting.

Commissioner Cole stated that the EEC had Supervisors Ridgley-Thomas on the agenda but it was cancelled so have we extended the invitation again. Mr. Eng stated that Supervisor Ridgley-Thomas cancelled the meeting but we will reach out to him to see if we can get him to speak on another date and that he would also invite Supervisor Hahn as well.

Chair Doten stated that she would like to spend some time on a conversation on ideas that Commissioners would like to pursue. She stated that some of the Commissioners have spoken with their Supervisors and some may not, but this is an opportunity for each Commissioner to go back and reach out to their respective Supervisors and Deputies and say what kind of issues they would be interested for the E&E Commission to look at. She also stated that it is important for Commissioners to let the Supervisors know what he or she is working on. She stated that she would like to have a short discussion and talk about some of the ideas that the Commissioners may have, more of a brain storming top-level conversation so we can get the ideas out there and move forward.

Commissioner Sullivan stated that she would like to bring back the report on Countywide Contracting Process. Mr. Eng stated that the Commission was on track to take on the project and even had a guest speaker to talk to the Commission about the process but the Economic Development project took precedence over this so it is currently on hold.

Commissioner Munoz stated that he would like to look into Joint Power Authority (JPA).

Commissioner Monical stated that when he first started Supervisor Shelia Kuehl was interested in Bail Reform and ISD Pricing & Services. He stated that he would like to see both of those topics added to the list. He stated Supervisor Kuehl was very frustrated with the ISD Process that it took so long and it cost so much on the internal side with ISD.

Commissioner Fuhrman stated that he would like to take on a project on Pretrial Detainees. He stated he has been interested in this for a number of years and that in the last two or three years, there has been a wrath of interest, motion, and change of the jurisdiction discussion in Sacramento. He stated that he thinks that the Commission has the ability to do something while we are waiting for legislative changes to work their way down the pipe. He stated that we can do something here in the County of Los Angeles and we can find a particular role for our Commission. He also stated that the Supervisors have either a study or they are trying to look at the issue as well. He stated that we would have the ability to reach across the jurisdictional boundaries and particularly using the relationships developing from the Video Arraignment task force work with the Courts, District Attorney, Public Defender, and Alternate Public Defender and see if there's something the Commission could do. He stated that there is a huge burden to the Sheriff's Department to incarcerate these people for 30 to 60 days.

Chair Doten stated that there are a lot of conversations right now about gender equity and gender parity. She stated that the Mayor of Los Angeles takes the opportunity when he goes out and speaks to say that he has appointed more than 50% of women to Commissions, and that for the first time ever there is no Commission that does not have a woman on it. She stated that this is excellent news for the City of Los Angeles but is wondering why the County is not quite there yet. She stated that part of it might be an issue with people just not knowing, and the Supervisors not knowing the gender break down on the Commissions. She stated that she and the Executive Director, Mr. Eng were talking about checking with the Women's Commission and the new Executive Director for the Women and Girls initiative to talk to them about doing a joint report on all of the Commissions and start with the gender break down of each of the Commissions and provide a report to the Supervisors. She stated that this is something she would like to work on but it would be a great opportunity to work with a different Commission an also to shed some light on the situation the County may not be aware of.

Commissioner Ward stated that he will try and get Chair Doten some information. He stated that Supervisor Barger and his wife formed a group that is working on trying to recruit more qualified women candidates for Commissions.

Executive Director stated that additionally, he would like to encourage all Commissioners to talk with their appointing Supervisors and find out what their passions are and see what projects they would like the E&E Commission to take on.

COMMISSIONERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

X. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Ward stated that the Commission previously discussed at a meeting that the Commission had to do Sexual Harassment training and that there would be an option to do this electronically or in a classroom setting.


Administrative Assistant Pittmon stated that this information will be available and send to all Commissioners in their personal emails. She also stated that the County has an online training setup and it is available to all Commissioners. She stated that if anyone needs help

logging on, he or she should contact Human Recourses for more information as they are trained to help with the online process.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Doten at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward Eng", written in a cursive style.

Executive Director, Edward Eng