

**ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
July 12, 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 10:10 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER'S ABSENCES

The following was the attendance for the meeting:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Robert Cole
Becca Doten
Jonathan S. Fuhrman
Ronald K. Ikejiri
Kyo Paul Jhin
T. Warren Jackson
Larry Kaplan
Jeffrey Monical
Ed Munoz
Wilma Pinder
Joanne Saliba
Connie Sullivan

COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED

Isaac Diaz Barcelona
Benjamin Everard
Jacob Haik
Adam Murray
Benjamin Reznik
Velveth Schmitz
Steven Ward
Lisa Watson

COMMISSIONERS NOT REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED

None

III. APPROVAL OF May 23, 2018 MINUTES

Chair Doten asked if there were any objections or changes to the minutes of the May 23, 2018 Commission meeting. Hearing no changes, the motion was then Moved, Seconded, and Adopted. The minutes of the May 23, 2018 Commission meeting were approved.

IV. REPORTS

A. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Commissioner Saliba stated that the report is finished thanks to the efforts of the taskforce and Executive Director Eng who pulled it all together. She stated that there were quite a few interesting interviews that were really informative. She stated that Executive Director Eng made sure each Commissioner's input was heard and essentially put the entire report together. She stated that the report is ready to move forward.

Executive Director Eng reported that he spoke with Chris Perry from the 5th District and that Supervisor Barger wants the Commission to make a presentation to the Board on Tuesday, August 14, 2018. Executive Director Eng stated that he submitted a draft report to all the Board offices

B. VIDEO ARRAIGNMENT

Commissioner Fuhrman reported that draft recommendations were given to each Commissioner. He stated that the task force will be presenting a 5 to 6 page report framing the draft recommendations. He stated that he hopes to have more progress by now but he has been out of town. He stated that the recommendations are primarily focused on the risk to the County more than on the budget savings. He also stated that the taskforce has talked to the Sherriff's department and they pointed out that last year there were 77 uses of force in the Criminal Courts building of people they were bringing to arraignments. A number of those came from folks that the LAPD had detained were in the Metropolitan Detention Center for misdemeanor arraignments which is the focus of the first step that the Sherriff department is providing. He stated that the recommendations are focused on helping to avoid transporting from the Metropolitan Detention Center and handling the arraignment from there. Commissioner Fuhrman stated that it would be a huge interest and benefit to the Sheriff Department and the Court service bureau. He stated that the Sherriff has also asked the Commission to help them take the lead in coordinating the next step in terms of organizing the small working groups to work through the logistical challenges that the Public Defender's Office receives in the paperwork flow. He also stated that he would like to setup a morning tracking process of the Public Defender and the Court and shadow them for a morning and watch the paper flow to figure out how the task force can design a system that will work for the Public Defender. He stated that the Video Arraignment process had been in process for years at Parker Center and that the group then had figured out ways to live with what they perceived to be logistical challenges in terms of timely access to the work flow.

Commissioner Fuhrman stated that part of the recommendations is that the Board provides additional budget support to the Public Defender and the Alternate Public Defender assuming they would want to have a Public Defender and a support staff stationed at the Metropolitan Detention Center (MDC). He stated that MDC currently has facilities for private

interview rooms, and a setup for the Public Defender and their clients can jointly appear on the television and see the court and the court can see them.

Commissioner Monical stated that he thinks this is a great idea because the transport cost especially for inmates coming from North County is tremendously expensive so this would be a cost savings all the way and this should be highlighted in the report.

Commissioner Fuhrman stated that the initial phase will be restricted to MDC misdemeanor arraignments but certainly the Sheriff's desire is to expand the system to avoid transportation cost.

C. COUNTYWIDE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COMMITTEE (CCJCC)

Vice-Chair Jackson stated that the CCJCC's new Chair is Supervisor Kuehl. He stated that there were discussions around what's going on in the marijuana industry and legislature in terms of all the shops that sell cannabis. He also stated that there were dialogues on the various legislative efforts in Sacramento.

V. PRESENTATION

There was no presentation scheduled.

VII. NEW BUISNESS

Executive Director Eng stated that there was a handout on proposed 2018-2020 studies. He stated that all proposed projects will be superseded by any Board directives.

Chair Doten stated that the Executive Director will go through the list and then open it up to everyone for ideas. She stated that there is no need to vote on anything and the process is more for the Commission coming together as a group to see what everyone is willing to work on. She also stated that what makes the greatest impact is to have people that are going to be willing to be part of the process.

Video Arraignment Process

Executive Director. Eng stated that the draft report will be phase one which should be completed by the end of 2018. He stated that phase two will be the implementation phase and the Commission will continue to work with the Sherriff to put a timeline together.

Review Countywide Contracting Process

Executive Director Eng stated that this study was delayed the project due to the Economic Development study. He stated that this particular project came from Supervisor Kuehl's office when she spoke to the Commission last year. Supervisor heard through anecdotal feedback that some department heads and their senior managers were frustrated dealing with Internal Service Department's (ISD) contracting process.

Executive Director. Eng stated that the the Senior Procurement Manger from ISD gave the Commission a presentation last year on their procurement process.

Chair Doten stated that this project has the ability to have a big impact but also has a very broad request that will require certain expertise and time to understand the process. She

stated that if the Commission was to take on this project the task force would need to recognize that this is a big project and the task force would be dedicating a lot of time on this project.

Support Women and Girls Initiative

Executive Director Eng stated that in December of 2016 the County adopted a motion establishing the Los Angeles County Initiative on Women and Girls (WGI) and the County had just hire a new Executive Director last year to manage the process.

Chair Doten stated that Abbe Land is the new Executive Director of WGI. She stated that she would like to work with WGI to support WGI's objective to ensure gender equity representation on commissions and advisory boards in Los Angeles County. She stated that the Mayor of Long Beach stated that they were trying to get parity for women on Commissions. She stated that a last year the Mayor of Los Angeles announced that they have over 50% of women on the Commissions and with some checking she found it not be to be true. She stated that with 4 out of 5 Supervisors being women this is something that will be important to the Supervisors and that would also matter to the County of Los Angeles. She stated that the hope is to get a report done that will outline the total number of Commissions in the County of Los Angeles and then the gender break down of each. She stated that the recommendation from this report would be to make the Board aware of the gender breakdown when filling an opening within any of the Commissions. She proposed to have 3 people from the E&E Commission, 3 people from the Women's Commission, and 3 people from WGI to be a part of the project. Both Commissioners Sullivan and Schmitz have agreed to be a part of the task force.

Commissioner Fuhrman stated that perhaps a county agency or a county resource is a great idea.

Review decision-making process to support non-profit organizations

Executive Director Eng stated that Vice-Chair Munoz was interested in finding out how the County chooses non-profit organizations to support their process.

Vice-Chair Munoz stated that he thought that a lot of it was done through the individual Supervisor's office.

Commissioner Fuhrman stated that it is a combination (1) the Supervisors have a budget that they can use to support activities in their own districts and often it is done through non-profit; and (2) separately all sorts of departments and agencies in the county have tasks that they contract with through non-profits and it could be in a particular supervisorial district.

Commissioner Fuhrman stated we have to take a slice because we can't look at the County as a whole.

Vice-Chair Munoz stated that part of the problem is we should find out how it's done in the County and what is the rationale of the disbursements. Vice-Chair Munoz stated that the whole point is we need to figure out what would be the scope and that the main concern is that the funds are being distributed equitably.

Chair Doten stated that question here is what is the contracting process and how are the RFP's done, how do we advertise them and how are they monitored.

Reform pretrial detainee process

Executive Director Eng stated that the Commission has been talking about this for a couple of years and it has been on hold because of various projects the Commission has been working on that took precedence over this project.

Commissioner Fuhrman stated that he brought this up with the Commission back in 2010 and some members weren't very receptive and over time it has now come to the forefront in many criminal jurisdictions wanting to implement bail reform. He stated that the California Chief Justice has stated that our cash bail system is currently unconstitutional and essentially results in imprisonment because people are poor. He stated that SB10 is evaluating this from the State level and various committees in the county are also looking at it locally. He stated that no one has made a breakthrough because it can be a very complicated process. He stated that he believes the Commission as a group would be well positioned particularly after the video arraignment report to having developed some creditability in the criminal justice community and working with all the relevant agencies to push this project through in the County.

An oral report back to Supervisor Kuehl on ISD internal pricing practices

Executive Director Eng stated that Supervisor Kuehl also said that anecdotally many Departments were frustrated dealing with ISD's high cost structure for internal services. He stated that rather than doing a written report we could just circle back with the Supervisor's Office and provide an oral report because there is a mechanism attached to how ISD charges departments.

Evaluate the opportunities and challenges of membership in the Joint Power Authority (JPA)

Executive Director Eng stated that the County is involved in several agreements through the JPA and turned it over to Vice Chair Munoz to elaborate on his proposal.

Vice Chair Munoz stated that he would like to see how the County is benefiting from these join agreements.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Doten stated that there was a member of the public that wanted to address the Commission. She called upon Mr. Yigal Adir to speak and informed him that he was allowed 3 minutes for his public comment.

Mr. Adir stated that he has 4 new devices for jet aircraft that will have the capability to launch from anywhere. He stated that with using his device, you will not need to build a new freeway, you won't need to travel to the airport, and you can transfer people from anywhere within minutes. He also stated that it will also save gas and provide employment to people in the County. He stated that the reason he came to the E&E Commission is because we have a loan program for people in the community who have new ideas and who can produce jobs within the County.

Chair Doten stated that the E&E Commission is not a loan giving body. She stated that we are an advisory Commission. Ms. Pittmon escorted the guest to the Executive Office Customer Service Center to direct Mr. Adir to the correct department for assistance.

IX. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Doten stated that the September 6 meeting should be changed to September 13, 2018 due to the Holiday and Commissioners being out of town. She asked for a motion to move the meeting date, the motion was then Moved, Seconded, and Adopted. The September 6, 2018 Commission meeting was approved and changed to September 13, 2018.

Administrative Assistant Pittmon stated that in addition to the meeting date, the meeting location will also be changed to the 3rd Floor Executive Office Department Head Conference, Room 383.

COMMISSIONERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

X. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Pittmon reminded Commissioners that there will be no meeting next month in August and reiterated that the next E&E Commission Meeting will be held on September 13, 2018 in the Executive Office Department Head Conference Room on the 3rd floor of the Hall of Administration in Room 383.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Doten at 12 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Executive Director, Edward Eng