

**ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
November 5, 2020**

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, Vice-Chair Jackson called the Commission meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. via Microsoft Teams.

II. APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER'S ABSENCES

The following was the attendance for the meeting:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Robert Cole
Nancy Coleman
Becca Doten
Benjamin Everard
Jacob Haik
Ronald K. Ikejiri
T. Warren Jackson
Larry Kaplan
Robert Philibosian
Wilma Pinder
Yolanda Rodriguez-Pena
Joanne Saliba
John Anthony Schmitz
Velveth Schmitz
Connie Sullivan
Steven Ward
Cesar Zaldivar-Motts

COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED

Michael Hastings
Jeffrey Monical
Ed Munoz
Natalie Samarjian

III. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 1, 2020 MINUTES

Vice-Chair Jackson asked if there were any objections or changes to the minutes of the October 1, 2020 Commission meeting. Hearing no changes, the motion was then Moved,

Seconded, and Adopted. The minutes of the October 1, 2020 Commission meeting were approved.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

V. REPORTS

A. CCJCC

Vice Chair Jackson reported that there was no CCJCC October meeting. He reported the next meeting will be held on November 19, 2020.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Commission Brochure

Admin Asst. Pittmon reported that she emailed the Commission a copy of the EEC Trifold Brochure and Fact Sheet for review. She reported that it will be available to print as soon as the Commission gives its approval on content and design.

Commissioner Saliba stated that she would like to suggest the following changes:

1. Under the Terms of Service to read "2 years or at the discretion of the Board," and
2. Under Members, change to "Four nominated by each Supervisor plus foreperson of the prior year."

Vice-Chair Jackson stated that under Members on the fact sheet it should state that the Commission is authorized to have up to 21 members. Admin Assistant Pittmon stated that she will make the corrections and send out a new copy to the Commission.

Commissioner Doten stated that the Fact Sheet and the Trifold are easy to read the layout and infographics help things flow on both forms. She stated that both Exec Director and Admin Assistant Pittmon did an outstanding job.

Commissioner Pinder asked who will receive a copy of the brochure and fact sheet. Executive Director Eng stated that both will be available in the E&E office and if any Commissioner would like copies, staff can print them and arrange a pick time and date.

B. Environmental Transit Stop Solution

Commissioner Saliba reported that the taskforce had its first meeting on November 4, 2020. She reported that Supervisor Solis would like to see environmentally friendly bus tops throughout her district. She reported that some of the pilot sites that are best suited for this program are East Los Angeles, La Puente, and Walnut Park. She reported that Board District Deputy Martin Reyes will be reaching out to Public Works, Metro and Foothill Transit

to discuss the possibility of a pilot program. She also reported that she wanted to thank Commissioner Velveth Schmitz and Commissioner Rodriguez-Pena for being at the meeting yesterday and for all their input and participation.

Commissioner Schmitz reported that it was a very productive meeting due to the PowerPoint presentation that Executive Director Eng created. She reported that the materials were so well prepared, and the presence of Deputy Reyes really advanced the discussion.

C. Telework best practices in Los Angeles County

Vic-Chair Jackson reported that the taskforce met on October 22, 2020. He reported that the next meeting is scheduled for November 19th. He reported that the meeting was productive because of all the pre-work that Executive Director Eng has done. He stated that he agreed to look at some private sector practices and has reached out to a colleague who runs a private employer association to find out whether they have done any analysis on teleworking. He also reported that the employer's association has just completed a survey and he has inquired whether they could share the results with the task force.

Executive Director Eng reported that Maggie Martinez, the assistant Director from Department of Human Resources will provide highlights on what they have done at the next task force meeting.

D. Evaluate LA County DCFS Foster Youth Program

Commissioner Ward reported that Executive Director Eng has reached out to the 5th District to let them know that the E&E Commission is ready to embark on a new study on foster care based on Supervisor Barger's request. He has informed Chief Deputy Mouradian that the Commission had previously completed a report on Foster Youth back in 2002. He said he also provided a copy of the report to Ms. Mouradian.

Executive Director Eng reported that he has been in contact with Deputy Mouradian and provide her with two options to proceed: (1) update the report the Commission had submitted in 2002, or (2) narrow the focus to a handful of recommendations that are relevant and aligns with what the Supervisor wants. He reported that Chief Mouradian had assigned Deputy Monica Banken to provide more direction.

Chair-Emeritus Philibosian recommended sending the previous report and recommendations to the 5th District and to DCFS so they can direct the Commission in that regard. He stated that the task force should ask DCFS if any of the recommendations have been implemented.

Commissioner Sullivan stated that conditions might have changed since the report was completed nearly 20 years ago.

VII. PRESENTATION

There was no presentation at the November Microsoft Teams Meeting.

VIII. COMMISSIONERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Doten stated that for those that have been following her foster mother journey, she has had Olivia since she was 4 weeks old. She stated that Olivia is now 17 months and has a court date on November 18, 2020 and all indications show that she will be returning to her biological parents. She stated that her and Olivia's parents have created a relationship so she will be able to visit and have shared custody on the weekends and holidays. She also stated that she is proud to be a part of the Foster Youth Project because there are many success stories out there and she is proud to be one of them.

Commissioner Ward stated that he was elected to be the President of Southern California Contract Association.

IX. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Executive Director Eng congratulated Commissioner Velveth Schmitz on winning her re-election for the city of Rolling Hills Estate. Commissioner Schmitz thanked Executive Director Eng for the acknowledgment.

Executive Director Eng also congratulated Commissioner Yolanda Rodriguez-Pena on her re-election to the Azusa Unified School Board. Commissioner Pena thanked Executive Director Eng and the Commission for all their support.

Administrative Assistant Pittmon reported that Human Resources (HR) is still waiting on the remaining E&E Commissioners to take their new ID Badge photos. She stated that if there are any Commissioners that want to take the photo at later date to please email her so that she can arrange the photo shoot with HR. She also stated that if commissioners need parking they need to call and make an appointment at (213) 974-1421. She also stated that the available walk-in times are Monday Thursday, and Friday from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon and 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm in room 374.

Commissioner Schmitz stated that she hasn't been able to drive downtown due to work and whether the old photo will still work until she is able to take a new one or does the photo need to be replaced immediately.

Assistant Executive Officer Lingat stated that HR has recognized that not a lot of people have been able to get out and get the photos done due to the pandemic. She stated that HR will work with all commissioners if they are not able to do it.

Executive Director Eng stated that he would like to thank Admin Assistant Pittmon for all her hard work on the Commission Brochure. He stated that he would also like to thank all the Commissioners for their feedback on the brochure and for Commissioners on each task force for their dedication and hard work.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Vice-Chair Jackson at 11:49 am.

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 "E".

Executive Director, Edward Eng