

**ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
December 3, 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, Chair Munoz 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
Benjamin Everard
Jacob Haik
Michael Hastings
T. Warren Jackson
Larry Kaplan
Ed Munoz
Robert Philibosian
Wilma Pinder
Joanne Saliba
John Anthony Schmitz
Velveth Schmitz
Connie Sullivan

COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED

Becca Doten
Ronald K. Ikejiri
Jeffrey Monical
Natalie Samarjian
Yolanda Rodriguez-Pena
Steven Ward
Cesar Zaldivar-Motts

III. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 5, 2020 MINUTES

Chair Munoz asked if there were any objections or changes to the minutes of the November 5, 2020 Commission meeting. Hearing no changes, the motion was then Moved, Seconded, and Adopted. The minutes of the November 5, 2020 Commission meeting were approved.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

V. REPORTS

A. CCJCC

Vice Chair Jackson reported that the meeting he attended on November 19, 2020 was the last CCJCC meeting for 2020. He reported that there was a status update on the Criminal Justice Data Sharing Initiative that was made by Information Systems Advisory Board (ISAB) Assistant Director, Mr. Fernando Angell. He reported that there was an establishment of an Ad Hoc work group to develop strategies and plans for capturing requested victim impact-related data.

Vice Chair Jackson also reported that there was a presentation on Opioid Epidemic trends and responses. He reported that the presentation was on recent drug overdose death data in Los Angeles County. He also reported that there was also an establishment of an Ad Hoc work group to develop strategies and plans for expanding the availability of Medications for addiction treatment within the criminal justice setting.

Commissioner Coleman stated that she had heard months ago that the courts were doing video conferencing preliminary hearings in the criminal courts. She asked how it is going given that the courts are closed due to Covid-19 and the shutdown. Vice Chair Jackson responded that there was no discussion at the last meeting on Video Conferencing. Vice Chair Jackson stated that he will ask about it at the next CCJCC meeting.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Environmental Transit Stop Solution

Commissioner Saliba reported that the task force met on November 17th. She reported that the 1st District was interested in starting a pilot for underserved communities in Supervisor Solis' district. She reported that this was the 2nd meeting for the task force and there were 6 people from public works also included at the last meeting. She also reported that a landscape architect has already been working on some transit stop designs and presented some of the designs at the meeting. She reported that although Executive Director Eng has done research on green bus stop solutions, the ones shown by public works were not environmentally ready. She reported that she will have more to report back on at the next EEC meeting in January 2021.

Commissioner Saliba stated that she would like to thank Executive Director Eng Commissioner Rodriguez-Pena, Commissioner Schmitz who also attended the meeting.

Executive Director Eng stated that it could potentially be costly to the County to retrofit all the bus stops. Commissioner Everard asked how cost prohibitive the project is. Executive Director Eng responded that there are approximately 2,000 bus stops in the entire LA

County and each one costs \$1K for design and installation. The new environmentally designed bus stop costs approximately \$27K each.

Telework best practices in Los Angeles County

Vice Chair Jackson reported that the task force has had 2 meetings (on November 17th and December 2nd) since the last EEC Meeting. He stated that the task force has had great attendance at all its meetings. He reported that at the November 17 meeting, Executive Director Eng went through a telework best practices presentation that he developed and there was also a presentation from Maggie Martinez and Kesha McCullough from Department of Human Resources (DHR). He reported that at the December 2nd meeting there was a presentation from Bizfed presented by Tracey Hernandez and Mark Wilbur. He reported that there was only one chart that related to teleworking in LA County but overall, it was an interesting presentation in terms of what the top concerns were of businesses in LA County. He also reported that Bizfed will provide the Charts and data that was shared in the presentation to the task force. He reported remote working will not stop when the pandemic ends. In a survey done by Bizfed: 82% of business leaders expect to have some or all of their employers to continue to work remotely; 30% expect to have at least half working remotely, over 18% expect that it could be at 100%, and 28% of the respondents expect to be at zero remote workers. He reported that there were some implications of continuing the telework with respect to zoning and traffic relief. Vice Chair Jackson reported that the top 5 issues were homelessness, taxes and fees, crime, legislative gridlock, and education. He reported that telework rose to number 18 on the list from not even in the top 50 a year ago.

Commissioner Haik stated that although there were only a couple of slides on telework, the other slides were still related. He stated that it was interesting to see how they are all connected. He stated that it was a great presentation and gave a great picture on how businesses and employers are thinking moving forward. He reported that if these numbers hold and traffic being reduced by 6 or 7 percent would have significantly impact to gridlock traffic.

Commissioner Schmitz asked if there was any discussing on the affects it would have on transit planning. She asked if Bizfed looked at mass transit and what is being done? is it a sustained number or short number? Commissioner Haik replied that they talked about the impact to ridership now and the financial strains, but the presentation didn't go into future assumptions. He stated that he would assume that there will be some correlation if there is a 6 to 7 percent in deduction of traffic since many people depend on transit. He stated that the survey represented about 220 major businesses and about 4 million employees.

B. Evaluate LA County DCFS Foster Youth Program

Executive Director Eng reported that he spoke to Commissioner Ward who is still trying to get a meeting with the Chief Deputy from the 5th District. However, Monica Banken, a deputy in the 5th District, has been assigned to the Foster Youth project. He reported that there will mostly likely be a report back from Commissioner Ward on this project after the Holidays.

VII. PRESENTATION

There was no presentation at the December Microsoft Teams Meeting.

VIII. COMMISSIONERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Munoz stated that he has been looking at the attendance numbers and is encouraged with the high participation on projects. He stated that he would really like to thank everyone on the Commission and its staff for all the hard work that each person has put forth. He also stated that the incoming Chair Supervisor Solis is excited about how the Commission is collaborating with the Board on upcoming projects. He wished the Commission and staff a safe and happy holiday.

IX. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Executive Director Eng stated that based on the bylaws, the E&E will be electing a new Chair for 2021 in the first meeting of the New Year. He stated that part of the selection process is to form a Nominating Committee consisting of one representative from each Board District. Mr. Eng discussed some of the rules of being a part of the Nominating Committee which included that members of the Nominating Committee will not be eligible to run for Chair.

The Nominating Committee for Chairperson 2021 consists of:

1. Commissioner Saliba-1st District
2. Commissioner Cole-2nd District
3. Commissioner Monical-3rd District (changed from Commissioner Kaplan)
4. Commissioner Sullivan-4th District
5. Commissioner Everard-5th District

Administrative Assistant Pittmon stated that she will send out an email to each District representative for the Chair Nominating Committee with contact information on each of the appointed Commissioners in that district. She stated that she will also send out an email setting up a conference call between the Nominating Committee and Executive Director Eng to discuss the 2021 Chair Nominations.

Executive Director Eng stated that for the February 4, 2021 Commission Meeting the E&E Commissions guest speaker will be the incoming Board of Supervisors Chair 1st District Supervisor Hilda L. Solis on Microsoft Teams Virtual meeting.

Executive Director Eng stated that he and Admin Assistant Pittmon will try to work on having more guest speakers at future meetings now that everyone is acclimated to Microsoft Teams.

Executive Director Eng stated that he would like to thank Administrative Assistant Pittmon for helping with Commissioners that requested individual training on using Microsoft Teams.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Vice-Chair Jackson at 11:42 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward Eng". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Executive Director, Edward Eng