

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY**  
**ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION**

ROOM 163, HALL OF ADMINISTRATION / 500 WEST TEMPLE / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012 / 974-1491

M I N U T E S

FULL COMMISSION MEETING

March 1, 1978

Dr. Warren H. Schmidt, Chairperson  
Gloria Starr, Vice Chairperson

George E. Bodle  
Dr. Catherine G. Burke  
John D. Byork  
Anne S. Collins  
Dr. Mario Di Giovanni  
Dr. Carolyn L. Ellner  
Jerry Epstein  
Milton G. Gordon  
Richard S. Gunther  
Hugh L. Henshaw  
Mary Jane Kidd  
Leo A. Majich  
Robert Ruchti, II  
Luis A. Ruiz  
George Shellenberger  
Larkin Teasley  
Bryan Walker  
Burke Roche  
Executive Secretary  
John Campbell  
Staff Specialist  
Maxlynn Larsen  
Commission Secretary

Members Present:

Warren Schmidt, Chairperson  
Gloria Starr, Vice Chairperson  
George E. Bodle  
Catherine Burke  
Margaret Carr  
Anne Collins  
Mario Di Giovanni  
Carolyn Ellner  
Hugh Henshaw  
Mary Jane Kidd  
Luis Ruiz  
George Shellenberger  
Bryan Walker

Members Absent:

John Byork  
Jerry Epstein  
Milton Gordon  
Richard Gunther  
Leo Majich  
Robert Ruchti  
Larkin Teasley

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m. Dr. Schmidt announced that Michael Gotthainer, Assistant Administrative Officer, had been invited to make a presentation at today's meeting. However, the Board of Supervisors had called a special meeting for today, which Mr. Gotthainer would be attending. He asked to be notified when the commission was ready to hear him, and he will leave the meeting.

Task Force on New County Formation - The task force chairperson, Mary Jane Kidd, reported. The task force chairperson and vice chairperson, she and Dick Gunther, have received copies of the first draft of the report. The amazing and stupendous amount of material will be released in two volumes. The first volume will be as hard-hitting and terse and they can make it. It will contain the input obtained from the various interviews and the reasons given for secession; it will deal with the alternative types of government structure; and one section will be devoted to research on regional interdependence. The second volume will contain all the backup data. The task force is hoping to meet the middle or final week in March to review the final draft so that it can be submitted to the full commission in April. She asked John Campbell if the timing was feasible.

Mr. Campbell answered that Mr. Roche and he would be starting on the first volume the first part of next week. He added that in addition to taking positions on the proposed changes - secession movements, tax reform, consolidation, etc., the task force will want to describe practical alternatives. If the Board of

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Supervisors, the State Legislature, and other institutions can take constructive action to remedy the situation, they will want to know how to go about it.

The members discussed the schedule and the date for release of the report. Dr. Schmidt summed up the discussion: 1) the deadline for public release will be the latter part of April; 2) the draft of Volume I will be sent to all members the same time it is sent to the task force, which should be well in advance of the task force meeting; 3) the members can call the chairperson if they have any suggestions or changes; and 4) the final document will be in the mail the following week so members can have a chance to review it before the meeting.

Mrs. Kidd asked if they would be calling for some stenographic help for this report. The possibilities were discussed, and Mr. Roche is to pursue the matter further.

Task Force on Civil Service and Personnel Administration - Catie Burke, Chairperson, reported. Warren Schmidt and she have been talking about doing something a little bit different in the case of this study. One of the things that became very clear early on was that different groups within the County have very different perceptions of each other and their roles. Sometimes their perceptions are compatible, but they don't even know it. Rather than issue a regular E & E report, they have discussed doing a larger survey of employees and managers and calling a work shop of key people - bring them together and bring their differences out in the open to be discussed. Also, they would have smaller groups with different backgrounds get together and see how they can solve their problems. She was bringing this idea to the members for their comments. The task force will be meeting on March 15.

Carolyn Ellner agreed that the idea of a work shop for the people involved was a good one. Mr. Roche said that the E & E could act as a catalyst, with some assistance from others concerned with a particular problem. He advised Catie Burke that the March 15 meeting would have to be postponed as the Community Relations Task Force would be meeting on that day to review the position papers on the prevailing wage clause and the Jarvis-Gann Initiative. Also, he said he had not had a chance to develop further information for Catie's task force.

George Shellenberger asked if the County had taken a position on veterans' credit points as the City has done. Mr. Roche answered that he thought the Commission on the Status of Women was proposing the recommendation to the County.

Catie Burke reported that veterans are very strong in California. The preference points are being dropped everywhere in the country except in California. The task force may take a look at the impact of this issue in their study. Her guess is that it won't be put on the ballot very soon.

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Task Force on Community Relations - Carolyn Ellner, Chairperson, reported. The task force met to decide what position and what level of participation should be recommended to the commission on the deletion of the prevailing wage clause and the Jarvis-Gann Initiative. Supervisor Schabarum came to the meeting to present his views on the prevailing wage clause. The task force concluded that Mr. Roche should write position papers on both issues, which would be released simultaneously. Carolyn Ellner requested that the position papers be mailed to all commission members before the task force meets to review them. This way they can have the input of the full commission.

Public Administrator-Public Guardian Commission - Dr. Schmidt asked Anne Collins, as the E & E Commission representative on the Public Administrator-Public Guardian Commission, to report. Mrs. Collins said that she hadn't prepared a report but could discuss a few things. She reported that the Commission was a five-member advisory Commission which meets once a month to hear reports on the operation and the problems of the department. At the last meeting they were advised that things are not being changed in the hospitals, in spite of all the publicity about Metropolitan Hospital. The Public Administrator, Bruce Altman, sent representatives every day to monitor the operation of Camarillo. The State is now telling them they have no authority there. Mr. Altman feels, that with 400 patients there, they do have the authority. The State sent auditors to the Public Administrator's office, but Mr. Altman told them there was no way they could audit without proper notification. A lot of County patients have been removed from Metropolitan Hospital.

At this point, Dr. Schmidt asked the members if they wished to postpone Mike Gotthainer's presentation for a future meeting, rather than inconvenience him by having him leave the Board meeting. It was agreed to postpone the presentation.

Correction of Minutes, February 1, 1978 - In reviewing the summary of Doug Ayres' presentation at the February meeting, it was noted that some of the points made were reported in a highly condensed statement of what he said. So members of the commission are encouraged to review the material he handed out for a fuller appreciation of the spirit and major message that he conveyed.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.