

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

January 5, 1977

Dr. Robert J. Downey
Chairman

Members Present:

Anne Collins, Vice Chairperson
Catherine Burke
John Byork
Mario Di Giovanni
Carolyn Ellner
Douglas Ferguson
Milton Gordon
Mary Jane Kidd
Leo Majich
Robert Ruchti
Warren Schmidt
Larkin Teasley

Members Absent:

George E. Bodle
Margaret Carr
Robert Downey
Jerry Epstein
Richard Gunther
Luis Ruiz
George Shellenberger
Gloria Starr
Bryan Walker

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Catherine Graeffe Burke
John D. Byork
Margaret Paterson Carr
Anne S. Collins
Mario Di Giovanni
Dr. Carolyn L. Ellner
Jerry Epstein
Douglas W. Ferguson
Milton G. Gordon
Richard S. Gunther
Mary Jane Kidd
Leo A. Majich
Robert Ruchti, II
Luis A. Ruiz
Dr. Warren H. Schmidt
George Shellenberger
Gloria Starr
Larkin Teasley
Bryan Walker

Burke Roche
Executive Secretary
John Campbell
Staff Specialist
Maxlynn Larsen
Commission Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m. by Vice Chairperson Anne Collins. Mrs. Downey called just before the meeting to say that Dr. Downey had car trouble and could not make the meeting.

Task Force on the County Budget - Mario Di Giovanni, Chairperson, reported that the staff had been gathering material and examining documents and would soon have a package prepared for the first task force meeting. He had read the preliminary material, and it was obvious that the members had a very big job ahead of them. The other members of the task force are: George E. Bodle, Vice Chairperson; Anne Collins, Carolyn Ellner, Jerry Epstein, Douglas Ferguson, Milton Gordon, Luis Ruiz, Warren Schmidt, and Bryan Walker.

Mr. Roche added that John Campbell was on vacation this week, but he had been developing information, and they hoped to have it ready so that a task force meeting could be called by the end of the month.

Mr. Roche reported that Jerry Epstein could not be at the meeting today because of a family emergency. He asked Mr. Roche to convey to the commission his concern that a staff limited to two analysts was inadequate to cover all the areas necessary to conduct a comprehensive study of the County budget.

Members discussed the concerns of Mr. Epstein. They concluded that the staff should continue on the study as previously discussed. If the staff concluded in the course of the study that assistance was needed to complete the work on schedule, then the staff was to convey that message to the task force.

CAO Report on Legislation Affecting New County Formation - Burke Roche reported. The Board of Supervisors approved the CAO report which recommended a number of

changes in legislation on the formation of new counties. Under the present law the State appoints a County Formation Review Commission to review the formation of the proposed county, and the existing county must reimburse the State for the expenses incurred by the review commission. Los Angeles County can not afford to pay the expenses incurred by every group wishing to secede, so there is a very pertinent need to change the legislation.

Establishment of the Citizens' Advisory Committee on Salaries and Compensation - Burke Roche reported. The Task Force on Management and Finances recommended in its May report that such a committee be formed. Harry Hufford made a similar recommendation to the Board of Supervisors, and at his request, the EEC searched for candidates to serve on the committee. At the last meeting the members voted to submit the names of Willard Z. Carr, Chairman of the State and Local Government Committee of the Chamber of Commerce; Keith Jones, staff consultant in the research division, Merchants & Manufacturers Association; and Frank H. St. Denis, Director of Personnel Services, Hospital Council of Southern California.

Mr. Roche has prepared a letter to the Board of Supervisors submitting these three names. The commission instructed Mr. Roche to send the letter to the Board of Supervisors.

Carolyn Ellner requested that in the future when the commission has an opportunity to make nominations, it should be advised in advance so it could search for new people who have never served before. She said that she has no complaint about the three candidates, but she thinks the commission should seek out new people.

Nominations for Chairperson of the EEC - Nomination forms were distributed according to the commission operating procedures. Members listed their choices and returned the forms to the staff to be tabulated after the meeting.

Mr. Roche reviewed the operating procedures for election of the chairperson as adopted by the commission: (1) Members will list their choice or choices for chairperson - first choice receives five points; second choice receives three points; and third choice receives one point. (2) Staff will determine the three members receiving the highest number of points and contact them by phone to ask if they are willing to serve. (3) Election will be held at the regular meeting in February.

Staff Contracts - Members discussed the new contracts drawn up by the lawyer retained by the staff. Carolyn Ellner moved that the Executive Committee act for the commission in determining the appropriateness of the contracts. The motion was seconded by Leo Majich and passed unanimously.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

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