

**ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
September 4, 2025**

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.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

With the presence of a quorum of commissioners, Chair Haik called the Commission meeting to order at 10:39 a.m.

**2. APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER'S ABSENCES**

The following was the attendance for the meeting:

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

Teresa Dreyfuss  
Aaron Greenberg  
Jordan Greer  
Jacob Haik  
Cathy Hood  
Peter Lyons  
Katherine McKeon  
Stephen Pritchard  
John Anthony Schmitz  
Connie Sullivan  
Vince Wong  
Cesar Zaldivar-Motts  
Vasken Yardemian

**COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED**

Benjamin Everard  
Steven Lei  
Thomas Liu  
Dora Sandoval  
Irene Shandell-Taylor  
Craig Taubman  
Jennifer Williams

**3. INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Yardemian is a retired Senior Environmental Engineer with over 32 years of distinguished service at the South Coast Air Quality Management District. He stated that a longstanding commitment to public service complements his technical expertise. He has served in both appointed and elected roles, including on the City of Pasadena Planning Commission, the Crescenta Valley Town Council, and the Crescenta Valley Water District Board of Directors, where he completed two terms as Board President. He stated that he also represents the La

Crescenta community on the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District Board, appointed by the LA County Board of Supervisors. On the international stage, he has provided technical and policy advisory services to the Ministries of Environment in both the Republic of Armenia and the Republic of Lebanon under the auspices of the United Nations Development Program. He stated that being appointed to the E&E Commission is an honor and looks forward to working with everyone. He also stated that he looks forward to contributing to the work before the Commission.

Commissioner Dreyfuss previously served on the Quality & Productivity Commission for 5 years. She stated that she is currently the superintendent of a college, having retired in 2019. However, a year later, the college asked her to return until they filled the position. She stated that being appointed to the E&E Commission is an honor and looks forward to working with everyone.

#### **4. APPROVAL OF June 5, 2025, MINUTES**

Chair Haik asked if there were any objections or changes to the minutes of the June 5, 2025, Commission meeting. Hearing no changes, the motion was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted. The minutes of the June 5, 2025, Commission meetings were approved.

#### **5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

#### **REPORTS**

##### **i. CCJCC**

Nothing to report.

Commissioner Hood stated that she is willing to act as the E&E Liaison at the CCJCC meetings. Administrative Assistant Pittmon stated that the meetings take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month from 12 noon to 1:00 pm. She stated that the meetings are held in the Hall of Administration on the 7<sup>th</sup> floor in Room 739.

##### **ii. E&E COMMISSION PROJECTS**

Administrative Assistant Pittmon will send out a date and time for upcoming task force meetings with each task force. Administrative Assistant Pittmon stated that the task force meetings would be on MS Teams. She also noted that each task force will rotate in-person meetings after the Commission meetings.

**AI Task Force:** Cathy Hood (3<sup>rd</sup>), John Schmitz (2<sup>nd</sup>), Steven Lei (3<sup>rd</sup>), Jennifer Williams (2<sup>nd</sup>), Ben Everard (5<sup>th</sup>), Connie Sullivan (4<sup>th</sup>), (2<sup>nd</sup>) Aaron Greenberg

Commissioner Hood stated that she had sent an email regarding a meeting with the group, but had not been able to secure a perfect date or receive a response from the task force. She stated that she believes AI is the future and will be important throughout the County.

She stated that the task force shares a shared drive with various documents and questions regarding who to meet with next and how to proceed with the report.

Chair Haik stated that, as a Commission, the task force undertook this body of work with promises to the Board to examine this subject matter. He stated that he will have to see if he and Administrative Pittmon can reach out to the prior Executive Director to see if he can go over the scope he laid out before he left. Administrative Assistant Pittmon will reach out to Mr. Eng to determine when he is available to meet.

**Rental Assistance Task Force:** Jennifer Williams (2<sup>nd</sup>), Craig Taubman (1<sup>st</sup>), Cathy Hood (3<sup>rd</sup>), John Schmitz (1<sup>st</sup>), Vince Wong (3<sup>rd</sup>), Dora Sandoval (4<sup>th</sup>), Katie McKeon (2<sup>nd</sup>), Aaron Greenberg (2<sup>nd</sup>).

There was nothing new to report. Commissioner Wong stated that without a response from CBA, the task force can't move forward. He stated that they need the data to continue the report.

Chair Haik stated he would reach out to Commissioner Williams for an update and report back at the October meeting.

**Hiring & Onboarding Task Force:** Katie McKeon (2<sup>nd</sup>), Connie Sullivan (4<sup>th</sup>), Dora Sandoval (3<sup>rd</sup>), Cathy Hood (3<sup>rd</sup>), Jordan Greer ()

Commissioner McKeon stated that the task force received a fantastic presentation from DHR last year. She stated that the task force has had three meetings with DHR and two with the Mental Health Department. She stated that the task force is ready to begin compiling a report. She stated that, thanks to Commissioner Sullivan, the task force already has one recommendation. She stated that the task force is considering a review of the 2017 report because, as you can imagine, there have been numerous changes since 2017, largely due to advances in technology and the pandemic. And just like the fundamental shift that we've seen in how the county hires and onboards.

Commissioner McKeon stated that the task force will be meeting on Monday, September 22, 2025.

Commissioner McKeon also stated that the task force will have its next in-person meeting on October 2, 2025.

**Return to Work Task Force:** Connie Sullivan (4<sup>th</sup>), Peter Lyons (5<sup>th</sup>)

Commissioner Sullivan reported that the task force has been examining light-duty programs at peer organizations to determine if the county program is robust enough. She stated that the task force had interviewed the Los Angeles City Department of Public Works about three years ago. She stated that their program is very robust and their staff understands that if they are injured on the job, they will be brought back under the light-duty program. She also stated that in their department, if they create a light year assignment, they enter into an interactive process with the individual.

If the person doesn't accept the light-duty assignment, they are considered AWOL. If they're AWOL for seven days, they are severed from the city of Los Angeles. She stated, however, that she could not find a directory for Metro. She stated that within the county, there is a light-duty program, but it doesn't appear to be mandatory. She stated that DHR is supposed to help the task force get more meetings with various departments.

**6. PRESENTATION**

There was no presentation.

**7. COMMISSIONERS' ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Commission asked if Administrative Assistant Pittmon could see if the Executive Officer would be the E&E Commission's next guest speaker.

Commissioner Lui stated that he had started a new job, which is why he hadn't been attending the meetings. However, once he is settled, he will start coming in person. He stated that he will still be active on any task forces he is involved with. The Commissioners congratulated him on his new role as CFO with the city of Oxnard.

**8. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Administrative Pittmon announced the birthdays of Vice-Chair Everard and Commissioner Schmitz. She also stated that the E&E Commission needs an additional liaison for the CCJCC meetings moving forward.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Haik adjourned the meeting at 11:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Executive Assistant, Aisha Pittmon