

**ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
April 2, 2026**

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**

Lacking a quorum of commissioners, Chairman Haik called the Commission meeting to order at 10:32 am.

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

The following was the attendance for the meeting:

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

Benjamin Everard  
Jordan Greer  
Jacob Haik  
Steven Lei  
Dora Sandoval  
John Anthony Schmitz  
Connie Sullivan  
Joshua Yahr  
Vasken Yardemian  
Cesar Zaldivar-Motts

**COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED**

Aaron Greenberg  
Cathy Hood  
Teresa Dreyfuss  
Thomas Liu  
Peter Lyons  
Katherine McKeon  
Stephen Pritchard  
Irene Shandell-Taylor  
Craig Taubman  
Jennifer Williams

**3. APPROVAL OF MARCH 5, 2026, MINUTES**

Chair Haik stated that no corrections or amendments to the March 5, 2026, minutes could be made without a quorum of commissioners.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

## 5. Guest Speaker

There was no presentation.

### REPORTS

#### i. **CCJCC**

Commissioner Sandoval indicated that there was a presentation concerning the Public Safety Realignment Team (PSRT). She noted that Probation Chief Deputy Robert Arcos provided an overview of the semi-annual PSRT report, scheduled for the March 3rd Board of Supervisors meeting. Additionally, she mentioned that Acting Assistant Sheriff Hugo Macias delivered a presentation regarding the new Mental Health Processing Area at the Inmate Reception Center.

#### 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>), Thomas Liu (3<sup>rd</sup>), Ben Everard (5<sup>th</sup>), Connie Sullivan (4<sup>th</sup>), Aaron Greenberg (2<sup>nd</sup>), Irene Shandell-Taylor (CGJ).

Commissioner Hood announced that the task force had a meeting which she was unable to attend due to work-related issues. Commissioner Yahr stated that the task force attempted to meet but was unable to access the meeting link. He further mentioned that the task force agreed to convene every second Wednesday at 12:30.

Commissioner Liu stated that the task force is still attempting to identify a model to narrow the scope. He mentioned that the challenge lies in the rapid evolution of AI, such that any released model is likely to become outdated within a year at most.

Commissioner Hood expressed her desire to schedule a meeting with Commissioner Yahr to discuss artificial intelligence, as it is his area of expertise. She further indicated that she would like to utilize this meeting to invite knowledgeable presenters to enhance understanding of how they implement AI within their respective departments.

Commissioner Sullivan indicated that the Auditor Controller prepared a report on strengthening the workforce, which included a section on artificial intelligence (AI). She mentioned that a survey concerning AI was conducted within the county, and that a link to this report is provided within her documentation.

**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>), Dora Sandoval (4<sup>th</sup>), Katie McKeon (2<sup>nd</sup>), Aaron Greenberg (2<sup>nd</sup>).

Chair Haik stated that the Rental Assistance Task Force is currently on hold and is still awaiting a response from the Department of Consumer Affairs (DCBA).

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

Administrative Assistant Pittmon reported that the report has been disseminated to all Board Offices and Department Heads for review. She further indicated that, as of now, there have been no follow-up questions.

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

Commissioner Sullivan succinctly summarized the progress of the task force to date. There was a brief discussion regarding one of the recommendations between Commissioner Sullivan and Liu. Commissioner Liu stated that in the City of Oxnard, depending on one's role within departments such as the Police Department, Fire Department, and Public Works, employees are not able to telework. He suggested that it may be prudent to consider softening the language of the recommendation.

Commissioner Sullivan remarked that the Commission was the entity advocating for the County's advancement and continuation of the Telework/Hybrid program. She noted that the third report was released last September by the Department of the Auditor Controller's Office. She asserted that she does not believe it would be advisable to remove or dilute the language regarding telework.

## **6. PRESENTATION**

There was no presentation.

## **7. COMMISSIONERS' ANNOUNCEMENT**

There was nothing new to report.

## **8. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Administrative Assistant Pittmon stated that, since the Commission does not have a quorum, it cannot proceed with the nomination of a new Chair. She emphasized the importance of everyone's attendance at the next meeting to vote on the new 2026 Chair and the Return-to-Work Report.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Haik adjourned the meeting at 11:39 am.

Respectfully Submitted,



Executive Assistant, Aisha Pittmon