

# **ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION** MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING October 2, 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 am.

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

The following was the attendance for the meeting:

#### **COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

Jacob Haik

Cathy Hood

Steven Lei

Peter Lyons

Katherine McKeon

Dora Sandoval

John Anthony Schmitz

Irene Shandell-Taylor

Connie Sullivan

Jennifer Williams

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# COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED

Teresa Dreyfuss

Benjamin Everard

Aaron Greenberg

Jordan Greer

Thomas Liu

Stephen Pritchard

Craig Taubman

Vince Wong

### 3. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2025, MINUTES

Chair Haik asked if there were any objections or changes to the minutes of the September 4, 2025, Commission meeting. Hearing no changes, the motion was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted. The minutes of the September 4, 2025, Commission meetings were approved.

# 4. 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.

Commissioner Sandoval also agreed to share the liaison role with Commissioner Hood.

#### 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.

**Al 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 the task force hasn't met this month, but is ready to move forward with steps to begin writing. She stated that she will reach out to the task force to find a mutually convenient time to meet. She also stated that she still believes AI is the future and will be important throughout the County.

Administrative Pittmon stated that she is currently waiting for the previous Executive Director, Eng, to return to town to set up a meeting with Commissioner Hood.

**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>).

There was nothing new to report. Commissioner Williams stated that the task force provided DCBA with a list of questions, but they have not heard back from them. She stated that they asked why we needed the questions answered and who the Commission would be sharing the information with. She stated that she would try to reach out to the department again. She also stated that she will get in touch with the department and see what additional information they need to move forward, or if the Commission will need a board motion to get the questions answered.

**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, primarily 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, October 20, 2025, on MS Teams.

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

Commissioner Sullivan reported that she returned to the Supervisor's Office and learned that a new liaison for the Commission has been appointed. She stated that he introduced her to the Director of Aging & Disabilities Executive Director via email. She stated that she hasn't heard back from the department but is hopeful to hear back soon.

Commissioner Sullivan stated that she was waiting to speak with Commissioner Wong regarding helping her connect with someone from Metro. She stated she will talk to him at the next Commission meeting. She also stated that she would like to see if she can obtain a copy of the County Directory so she can start reaching out to the different departments for her report. Administrative Assistant Pittmon stated that she would get her a copy after the meeting.

She stated that the next task force meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 29, 2025.

#### 5. PRESENTATION

There was no presentation.

# 6. <u>COMMISSIONERS' ANNOUNCEMENT</u>

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 in person. He stated that once he is settled, he will start coming in person. He stated that he will remain active on any task forces he is involved in. The Commissioners congratulated him on his new role as CFO with the city of Oxnard.

# 7. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

There was nothing to report.

#### 8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Haik adjourned the meeting at 11:52 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Executive Assistant, Aisha Pittmon

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