
Economy & Efficiency Commission Meeting Minutes

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1999
ROOM 830, KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION

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I. CALL TO ORDER AS A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Lacking the presence of a quorum of commissioners, Chairman Abel called the Commission to order as a Committee of the Whole at 10:28 a.m.

IV. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Staniforth introduced Mr. Jay Lucatch the new Assistant to the Executive Director. Mr. Lucatch commented on his background for the Commission.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Chairman Abel noted the reply from the Sheriffs Department to a letter concerning the Commission's efforts to follow-up on the 1996-97 Grand Jury recommendation that the Sheriff increase the number of custodial assistants. Chairman Abel requested Former Vice Chairman Breslauer to provide the Commission with the background and follow-up information regarding this issue. Before Mr. Breslauer could begin, a quorum of the Commission was achieved.

I. CALL TO ORDER

At 10:45 the Chairman called the regular meeting of the Commission to order.

V. OLD BUSINESS (Cont.)

Mr. Breslauer reported that the Sheriff's response confirmed the Department's agreement with the intent of the Grand Jury's recommendation. The Sheriff agrees that the number of custody assistants in men's central jail should be increased by 100 and that there be comparable increases in other lock-up facilities. Work is proceeding on this issue within the Department. After considering such factors as recruitment, losses of custody assistants due to promotions, specific facility demands, etc., the Sheriff has made significant progress toward the achievement of this goal. Additional effort by the Commission on this matter may be considered in the future.

Chairman Abel, commenting on the excellent work of the Task Force, of which Vice Chairman Breslauer was the Chair, and his dedication to the Commission. Chairman Abel then presented Mr. Breslauer with a scroll signed by all five Supervisors in recognition of his service to the Commission and the County. After this presentation Chairman

Abel welcomed Commissioner Jeanne L. Kennedy, who is replacing Mr. Breslauer on the Commission as the previous years Grand Jury Chair, and appointed her as a member of the Grand Jury Task Force.

Commissioner Farrar commented that about 2 years ago, during informal conversation between Commissioner Breslauer, Quality & Productivity Co-Chair Hill and himself, they had discussed the fact that no one was doing any follow-up on Grand Jury recommendations. He pointed out that it was Commissioner Breslauer that undertook the efforts that have resulted in the work of the Task Force.

II. APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER'S ABSENCES

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

David A. Abel
Fred Balderrama
Hope J. Boonshaft
David W. Farrar
Michael Jimenez
Jeanne L. Kennedy
Chun Lee
Tony Lucente
Carol Ojeda-Kimbrough
Marc A. Seidner
H. Randall Stoke
Julia E. Sylva

COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED

John Crowley
Jonathan Fuhrman
Roman Padilla
William J. Petak
Robert Philibosian
Tony Tortorice

COMMISSIONERS NOT REQUESTING AN EXCUSE

Richard D. Barger
Chris Hammond

QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION LIAISON

Jaclyn Tilley Hill

It was Moved, Seconded and Adopted: **The Commission members noted above be excused.**

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Abel asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. Hearing none, the following motion was Moved, Seconded and Adopted: The minutes of the July 8, 1999 Commission meeting be approved.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Abel appointed Commissioner Lucente as Vice Chair of the Commission. Chairman Abel, went on to state, that since Vice Chairman Lucente will subsequently become the Chair of the Grand Jury Task Force, that the Task Force may want to entertain recommendations for the Commission on further Grand Jury follow-up efforts.

IV. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Cont.)

Quality and Production Commissioner Jaclyn Tilly Hill introduced Mr. Greg Cherep the new Executive Director of the Quality and Productivity Commission. Commissioner Hill asked Mr. Cherep to introduce himself to the Commission.

Mr. Cherep stated that he joined the County as a member of the staff of the Consumer Affairs Commission, He said that he was hired because of his extensive business experience, particularly on the contractual side of business. In addition to having done budgeting and fiscal analysis, he has worked in intergovernmental relations in Sacramento and Washington, DC. Prior to his appointment to the Quality and Productivity Commission as the Executive Director, he

had been involved in preparing Chief Administrative Office special reports for the Board of Supervisors.

Chairman Abel asked Mr. Cherep to share his opinion on the overlapping interests of the Economy and Efficiency Commission and the Quality and Productivity Commission.

Mr. Cherep stated that the Quality and Productivity Commission has just appointed two new Co-Chairs, Jaclyn Tilly Hill and Stephen Wesson. These individuals will energize the Commission to be forward looking and to expand opportunities for collaboration within the County. Mr. Cherep also thought that moving forward to identify best practices for the government would provide a significant contribution within the County, the County area, and the various jurisdictions. The County has 88 cities, in addition to the State and Federal Government jurisdictions, that can be involved in any collaboration efforts. Other organizations, such as the League of Cities and the California State Association of Counties, can be considered in the development of these efforts.

Chairman Abel said that we have a built in mechanism to expand the cooperation between our Commissions. The Economy and Efficiency Commission would strongly endorse such an undertaking.

VI. PRESENTATION (b)

Chairman Abel suggested, that since neither Supervisor Yaroslavsky, nor his representative were present, that Commissioner Jeanne L. Kennedy, Former Chair, 1998-99 Grand Jury and incoming Economy and Efficiency Commission Commissioner, and Dr. Herbert Harder, MD, Chair of the Grand Jury Health and Human Services Committee, make their presentation.

[Jeanne L. Kennedy, Commissioner, Economy and Efficiency Commission and 1998-99 Los Angeles County Grand Jury Chairperson and Dr. Herbert Harder, MD, Former Chair of the Grand Jury Health and Human Services Committee Topic: Summary of the 1998-99 Grand Jury Report](#)

Commissioner Kennedy summarized for the Commission the efforts of the 1998-99 Los Angeles County Grand Jury. Due to the media coverage and the interest of the Board of Supervisors on the issue of welfare fraud, she asked Dr. Harder to present this issue in more detail. Dr. Harder discussed, to the extent allowed by law, how the issue of welfare fraud had been addressed by the Grand Jury.

VI. PRESENTATION (a)

[Mr. Richard Popper, Deputy to Supervisor Yaroslavsky, Third Supervisorial District, Los Angeles County Topic: The NFL/Coliseum and Public Funding](#)

Mr. Popper made a presentation to the Commission concerning the ongoing negotiations between the NFL, Coliseum Commission, the State, the County and the City of Los Angeles to bring an expansion NFL team to Los Angeles. During his presentation Mr. Popper discussed issues involving parking which were proving to be a stumbling block to the negotiations.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Popper announced that on Tuesday (September 14, 1999) the Board is planning to finalize the County budget. The County closed Fiscal Year 1998-99 with a \$363M fund balance. This amount is approximately \$40M better than last year. About \$150M of these funds have already been committed to the 1999-2000 budget. The Board is currently prepared to commit the remaining funds to onetime capital and deferred maintenance projects within the County. The Board is not going to increase spending on ongoing projects and thereby increase the expenditure base for subsequent years. As part of this effort, a number of Sheriff's stations are either going to be replaced or new stations are going to be constructed.

In the Third District, the County will be constructing a health clinic and providing improvements to existing health clinics. Additionally, there will be moneys put into improving art facilities, the Art Museum, and the Museum of Natural History. Funds will also be committed to improving the Hollywood Bowl and to the improvement of County's parks, as well as, additional funds for the Grand Jury. The Board will continue its prudent fiscal posture by committing one time money to onetime capital projects.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion from the floor, Chairman Abel adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted.



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