

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION

ROOM 163, HALL OF ADMINISTRATION / 500 WEST TEMPLE / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012 / 974-1491

Dr. Warren H. Schmidt, Chairperson  
Gloria Starr, Vice Chairperson

George E. Bodle  
Dr. Catherine G. Burke  
John D. Byork  
Margaret Paterson Carr  
Anne S. Collins  
Dorothy Avila Courtney  
Dr. Mario Di Giovanni  
Dr. Carolyn L. Ellner  
Jerry Epstein  
Milton G. Gordon  
Richard S. Gunther  
Mary Jane Kidd  
Leo A. Majich  
Lauro J. Neri  
Robert Ruchti, II  
Luis A. Ruiz, CLU  
George Shellenberger  
Bryan Walker

MINUTES  
FULL COMMISSION MEETING  
February 7, 1979

Members Present

Warren H. Schmidt, Chairperson  
Gloria Starr, Vice-Chairperson  
Catherine G. Burke  
John Byork  
Dorothy Courtney  
Mario Di Giovanni  
Carolyn Ellner  
Jerry Epstein  
Milton Gordon  
Richard Gunther  
Mary Jane Kidd  
Lauro Neri  
George Shellenberger  
Bryan Walker

Members Excused

George Bodle  
Margaret Carr  
Anne Collins

Members Absent

Leo Majich  
Robert Ruchti  
Luis Ruiz

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

Warren Schmidt called the meeting to order at 9:38 A. M.

Approval of Minutes. On motion by Mary Jane Kidd, seconded by John Byork, and carried, the Commission approved the minutes of the January meeting without change.

Members' Attendance. On motion by Carolyn Ellner, seconded by Lauro Neri, and carried, the Commission excused the absence of George Bodle and Milton Gordon at the January meeting and the absence of George Bodle, Margaret Carr, and Anne Collins at the February meeting.

Election of Chairperson. Burke Roche summarized the election procedures. Catherine Burke, Warren Schmidt, and Gloria Starr had been nominated for chairperson. Ballots were distributed by the staff and returned by the Commissioners. During a brief recess, the staff counted the ballots. The commission reconvened at 9:50 A. M. Burke Roche announced that Warren Schmidt had been elected chairperson of the commission.

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Warren Schmidt thanked the commissioners, stating that it is a real privilege just to be a member of the commission. There were often wide differences of opinion, but the members work together to reach conclusions. He said that there are many critics of government. The problem is how to criticize in a constructive manner. This is the goal of the E & E Commission.

Report by the Task Force on Government Structure. Catherine Burke reported that the presentation to the Board of Supervisors had been postponed because of an extremely heavy and controversial agenda regarding the undocumented aliens question, funding for Flood Control and Libraries, and the like. The Board of Supervisors authorized distribution of the report. Consequently, the task force is pursuing distribution to the media, key governmental officials, and governmental, civic and academic organizations.

Foundation for Effective Government. Jerry Epstein, Chairperson of the Funding Committee, reported that the Foundation had received IRS tax exempt status. He emphasized that the funding should be specifically devoted to providing adequate staff for the commission. He outlined the basic program for soliciting contributions.

Milton Gordon raised several questions about the feasibility of the program. A general discussion followed in which it was agreed that the advantages of outside funding to support the commission's operations in part had the principal advantage of strengthening the commission's staff resources.

Developments Regarding Proposition A. On motion by George Shellenberger, seconded by Mary Jane Kidd, and carried, the Commission nominated Richard Gunther, Chairperson of the Task Force on Private Contracting, to serve as its representative on the Contract Services Advisory Committee, a committee formed by the Board of Supervisors to help determine areas of potential contracting and methods of comparing costs. Warren Schmidt reported that Supervisor Schabarum would attend the first meeting of the task force, to be held jointly with the task force on FIRM in Room 163 of the Hall of Administration at 9:30 A. M. on February 21, 1979.

Health Systems Agency. Warren Schmidt introduced Anne Murphy, a member of the Grand Juror's Association. Ms. Murphy has acted as observer for the Association of the efforts to establish a new Health Systems Agency, to replace the Agency discontinued by the Federal Government. Ms. Murphy addressed the commission on the problems of the former Agency, the two organizations competing to form a new Agency, and the functions of Health Systems Agencies. The commission took no action on the report.

Adjournment. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:35 A. M.