

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
CITIZENS ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION**

ROOM 139, HALL OF ADMINISTRATION / 500 WEST TEMPLE / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012 / 974-1491

M I N U T E S

FULL COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, February 19, 1975  
PLACE: Hall of Administration, Room 864

Members Present:

Maurice Chez, Chairman  
Muriel Bodek  
Catherine Burke  
John Byork  
Anne Collins  
Dr. Robert Downey  
Jerry Epstein  
Theodore Flier  
Milton Gordon  
Mrs. Ray Kidd  
Joe Lederman  
Robert Ruchti  
Earl Sachs  
Dr. Warren Schmidt  
Larkin Teasley

Members Absent:

Rudolph Cervantes  
Leo Majich  
George Shellenberger  
Bryan Walker

Maurice Rene Chez  
Chairman

George E. Bodle  
John D. Byork  
James J. Cunningham  
Roc Cutri  
Dr. Robert J. Downey  
Jerry Epstein  
Milton G. Gordon  
Catherine C. Graeffe  
Mrs. Ray Kidd  
Joseph A. Lederman  
Leo A. Majich  
Ferdinand Mendenhall  
W. J. Moreland  
William S. Mortensen  
Robert Ruchti  
George Shellenberger  
Carl Terzian

Burke Roche  
Executive Secretary

Mr. Chez called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. He introduced new members Muriel Pfaelzer Bodek, Theodore Flier and Larkin Teasley.

Mrs. Bodek was appointed by Supervisor Hayes to replace Carl Terzian. She is Vice President of the Board of Library Commissioners of Los Angeles City and has been active in such organizations as the League of Women Voters, the Women's Equity Action League, and the American Association of University Women.

Mr. Flier was appointed by Supervisor Debs to replace George Bodle. He is senior partner in the law firm of Flier, Ross and Barens.

Mr. Teasley was appointed by Supervisor Hahn to replace Dixon Harwin. He is Senior Vice President of Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Company.

Two other members - Rudolph Cervantes and Bryan Walker - were unable to attend the meeting. Mr. Cervantes is owner of Cervantes Neckwear, Inc., and was appointed by Supervisor Debs to replace Ferdinand Mendenhall. Mr. Walker is President of Betsy Ross Ice Cream and Coffee Shoppes. He was appointed by Supervisor Schabarum to replace Bill Moreland.

Mr. Chez asked Mrs. Kidd, as Chairman of the Task Force on Department Head Commissions, to report on the task force meeting with the members of the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors of the Arboreta and Botanic Gardens.

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Mrs. Kidd reported that several members of the Board of Governors of the Arboreta had met with Supervisor Schabarum to discuss the problems which they felt had been created by the new ordinance. As a result, the Board of Supervisors asked the E & E Commission to take another look at the task force recommendations which had been incorporated in the new ordinance.

Mrs. Kidd and Mr. Roche met first with the Director of the Arboreta. He felt that the ordinance had not been given a chance to work. He thought it should be given this chance before being evaluated.

The Task Force then met with members of the Executive Committee and discussed the problems. Suggestions were made to the Executive Committee on ways to resolve the difficulties, and the President was asked to let Mrs. Kidd know how these suggestions were viewed by the members of the Board of Governors. Mrs. Kidd said that she was sorry to report that the task force recommendations did not meet with enthusiasm. The Governors were happy that the task force was going to recommend that the vacancies on their Board be filled immediately and that directors of foundations be allowed to serve also on the Board of Governors. However, they did not want to change their evening dinner meetings to daytime business meetings, and they preferred to have their stipend restored instead of being reimbursed for mileage.

Mrs. Kidd concluded by saying that she felt the task force should meet with the dissidents on the Board of Governors. It is important to listen to them before recommendations are made to the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Chez read the letter of resignation from Bill Mortensen. Mr. Mortensen said that he regretted leaving the commission, but the conflict between the commission meetings and his business schedule prevented him from spending as much time as he thought he should spend on commission business. Mrs. Kidd asked the Chairman to send a letter to Mr. Mortensen expressing the members regret that he is leaving the commission. Mr. Chez said that he would, and he appointed Robert Ruchti to replace Mr. Mortensen on the Commissions and Committees Task Force.

Mr. Chez read the letter from Supervisor Edelman in which he stated that he had enjoyed meeting with him and was looking forward to having a good relationship with the commission.

Mr. Chez asked Dr. Downey, Chairman of the Task Force on Commissions and Committees, to present the task force report on the Committee on Emergency Medical Care, which had been mailed to all members for review.

Dr. Downey highlighted some of the points in the report and then read the recommendations. On the recommendation regarding the composition and method of appointment of committee members, he said there had been some concern expressed regarding the nominating organizations submission of only one name to the Board of Supervisors. This was the reason for the wording in the report

which would allow the Board to reject a nomination and request that another one be submitted or it may also request any of the nominating groups to submit more than one nominee.

Mr. Roche explained that Recommendation 1 requested the the Administrative Code be amended to enable the Committee on Emergency Medical Care to advise the Board of Supervisors and the Department of Health Services. He said that the County Counsel had interpreted the State law to mean that the Committee on Emergency Medical Care could not advise the Board of Supervisors or the Department of Health Services - it could only advise the State. He said the opinion of the Legislative Counsel for the State Legislature does not support the County Counsel's opinion.

The motion was made by Dr. Schmidt, seconded by Mr. Sachs, that the recommendations be submitted to the Board of Supervisors.

At this point Mr. Gitlin, a representative of Supervisor Edelman's office, asked if he could address the commission. Mr. Chez granted his request.

Mr. Gitlin said that he had met with the E & E Commission staff, and they had indicated what the recommendations would be. He said that he was concerned because he did not see anyone representing the consumer on the proposed medical care committee. He suggested that the 11-member committee be changed to a 15-member body by eliminating the League of California Cities as one of the nominating groups and substituting five consumer members nominated by the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Chez explained that the nominees of the League of California Cities and the AFL-CIO would be representing a great number of consumers. He added that if each Supervisor appointed a member to the committee it could easily become a political body, which is the very thing the task force is trying to avoid.

Mr. Roche said that the task force had spent considerable time discussing the composition of the committee. If it were changed now, it could disrupt the very careful balance the task force had worked out. He said they had moved from a very divided situation to one of agreement among all people they worked with, with the exception of one and possibly two people. If the composition is amended now, he said he would strongly advise that the report be sent back to the task force for more work. This could result in the immediate loss of the support of the Medical Association, the Heart Association, and the members of the Committee on Emergency Medical Care.

Dr. Downey pointed out that besides the nominees of the League of California Cities and the AFL-CIO, the two systems specialists could also be considered consumer members. He asked the task force members to express their opinions.

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The task force agreed that a decision should be made today, and the report should not be delayed.

(Milton Gordon and Theodore Flier left the meeting at this point to keep other appointments.)

The members debated the question of the composition of the committee, and after considerable discussion,

Dr. Schmidt moved that the report be accepted as written with the exception that it should specify that the nominees of the AFL-CIO and the League of California Cities should be persons who are not affiliated with the medical profession. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sachs and passed with 11 members voting yes and one member abstaining.

Mr. Chez reported that in this study the task force was primarily concerned with the issues which would enable the Committee on Emergency Medical Care to function as a useful resource for the County. Therefore, the decision had been made that the task force would examine the composition and functions of the Paramedic Committee in a separate report.

Mr. Chez discussed the other Board Orders which were still pending. He said that he had decided that the study on a separate Auditor Department should be completed first, and the next priority would be the study of the Paramedic Committee.

Dr. Schmidt said that he had been giving a lot of thought to the operation of the E & E Commission. He believed that the most important decisions were (1) what the commission studied, and (2) who was on the task force where the work would be done. For this reason, he would like to propose a volunteer task force be formed to consider bylaws for operation of the commission, effective use of staff and resources, order of priorities, and the appointment of task forces.

(Mr. Epstein was called out of the meeting for a telephone call, and Mr. Byork and Mr. Sachs had to leave for another meeting.)

Mrs. Bodek asked if Dr. Schmidt would consider rewording his motion to make it more open-ended so that the task force could move in any way it wanted to go. She suggested it examine the processes, priorities, resources and structure of the commission.

Dr. Schmidt moved that a volunteer task force be formed to consider the processes, priorities, resources and structure of the commission. The motion was seconded by Mr. Teasley and passed by a vote of 8-1.

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Mr. Roche suggested that the task force be limited to nine members or less.

Four members present volunteered to serve: Catie Burke, Anne Collins, Mary Jane Kidd, Warren Schmidt, and Larkin Teasley. Mrs. Kidd asked Mr. Roche to poll the absent members by phone to see who else would be interested in serving.

Mr. Roche expressed the staff's appreciation of working with the task force on the report on the Committee on Emergency Medical Care.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:17 p.m.