

LOS ANGELES COUNTY
ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION

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

M I N U T E S

FULL COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: July 23, 1975
PLACE: Room 864, Hall of Administration

Maurice Rene Chez
Chairman

Muriel Pfaelzer Bodek
Catherine Graeffe Burke
John D. Byork
Rudolph A. Cervantes
Anne S. Collins
Dr. Robert J. Downey
Jerry Epstein
Theodore S. Flier
Milton G. Gordon
Mrs. Ray Kidd
Joseph A. Lederman
Leo A. Majich
William S. Mortensen
Robert Ruchti, II
Earl J. Sachs
Dr. Warren H. Schmidt
George Shellenberger
Larkin Teasley
Bryan Walker

Burke Roche
Executive Secretary

Members Present:

Maurice Chez, Chairman
Gustave Anaya
Catherine Burke
John Byork
Anne Collins
Dr. Robert Downey
Dr. Carolyn Ellner
Jerry Epstein
Milton Gordon
Mrs. Ray Kidd
Joseph Lederman
Leo Majich
Robert Ruchti
George Shellenberger
Bryan Walker

Members Absent:

Muriel Bodek
Theodore Flier
Dr. Warrren Schmidt
Larkin Teasley

Mr. Chez called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. He said he would delay the introduction of new members until the other members arrived. He asked Mr. Roche to report.

Mr. Roche reported on the following subjects:

Committee on Emergency Medical Care - The new procedure for appointments to all County commissions and committees was followed in the nomination of members for the committee. All but one of the nominations have been submitted. This committee comes under the supervision of Supervisor Ward. His staff is now reviewing the questionnaire for placement of the appointments on the agenda.

The Hospital Commission - This commission has requested that the Board of Supervisors increase the inspections of hospitals and increase their stipends to \$50 per member for each inspection. The Board referred this request to the E & E Commission for consideration when it studies the Hospital Commission.

The Manpower Advisory Council - This Council followed the E & E Commission's action in adopting operating procedures and a proposed ordinance for their Council. They were sent to the Board of Supervisors for approval. The Board referred them to the CAO, County Counsel, and the Director of Personnel for study and implementation.

Assembly Bill to Allow Consolidation of Sheriff's and Marshal's Offices -

This bill was introduced by Paul Priolo and would have allowed consolidation either way. The Sheriff's representatives and Mr. Roche agreed that they should not appear at the hearing, and they also advised the County representatives in Sacramento that they should adopt a neutral stance on this bill. There was no second on the bill, therefore no action taken. The Assembly Judiciary Committee, which conducted the hearing, stated that they would take no action until the Board of Supervisors took a position on which way they would recommend consolidation.

Mr. Chez read the letter from the retiring President of the Architectural Evaluation Board, Mr. Walter R. Hagedohm. Mr. Hagedohm thanked Mr. Chez and Mr. Roche for their support in persuading the Board of Supervisors to let the Architectural Evaluation Board continue to operate under the same procedures originally recommended by the E & E Commission. The Board of Supervisors agreed to maintain the present operating procedures but added two public members to the Board.

Mr. Chez reviewed the appointment procedure for commissions and committees which had been proposed by Supervisor Edelman. He said that it appears to be working well, and the two new members appointed to the E & E Commission were nominated and appointed under this procedure.

He introduced the new members - Dr. Carolyn Ellner appointed by Supervisor Hayes, and Gustave Anaya appointed by Supervisor Edelman. Dr. Ellner is Associate Dean of the Claremont Graduate School. Mr. Anaya is owner of Atlantic Datsun in East Los Angeles. The new members were welcomed to the commission.

Before calling for nominations for chairperson, Mr. Chez asked for clarification on whether the winner would have to receive a majority of the votes cast or if the winner would be the person receiving the most votes.

After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Shellenberger, seconded by Mrs. Kidd, and carried unanimously that the following procedure would be adopted.

1. If one of the three nominees declines the nomination, and the ballot lists only two names, then the one receiving the most votes will be declared the winner.
2. If there are three candidates and no one receives a majority of all votes cast, a run-off election between the two candidates with the highest number of votes will be required.
3. If a run-off election is required, the absentee ballots which were cast for the two top candidates would be counted in the run-off election. Those absentee ballots which were cast for the eliminated candidate would be disregarded in the run-off.

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Nomination forms were distributed to the 15 members present. The two new members said they would like to abstain; therefore, 13 members submitted nominating forms.

Mr. Chez reviewed the election procedure adopted by the commission. The staff will total the points for candidates - first place, 5 points; second place, 3 points; third place, 1 point. The three candidates receiving the highest number of points will be contacted and asked if they wished to run for the position. The point total will not be divulged; the candidates will be listed alphabetically.

At least two names must appear on the ballot. Therefore, if two of the three candidates decline, the fourth highest candidate will be contacted. Election will be on August 27, and anyone not able to attend that meeting may request and submit an absentee ballot.

Mr. Roche reported that he had polled the members to see which day of the week and which week of the month they would prefer to schedule for the regular monthly meeting. The preferences were almost evenly divided between Wednesday and Thursday mornings. It was the unanimous decision of the members present that the regularly scheduled monthly meeting be the fourth Wednesday of each month at 9:30 a.m., in Room 864, Hall of Administration.

Paramedic Committee Report - Dr. Downey, Chairman of the task force conducting this study, reported on the progress of the report.

The report is now being printed. It will be mailed to the members so that they will have approximately ten days to review it before the special meeting on August 6, when it will be presented to the full commission.

When the staff first started on this study there were many viewpoints and differences of opinion. Through the efforts of the staff, who conducted nearly 80 interviews, there is now support where there was once opposition. The staff did a thorough job of identifying the people involved and in meeting with them and listening to their ideas and opinions.

The report provides for conflict of interest control, which will affect County people and the private sector. They have agreed to the recommendations. The report will also recommend reconstruction of the committee and will give it new duties as an appeal and hearing board for people who feel they have a problem relative to training or certification.

Interest is very high, and the commission already has about 140 requests for copies.

Dr. Downey thanked the other task force members for their work and cooperation. They are: Anne Collins, Ted Flier, Mary Jane Kidd, Joe Lederman, Robert Ruchti, Warren Schmidt, and George Shellenberger.

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Mrs. Kidd said that she had worked in this field during the last year, and she knows many of the frustrations in the minds of the people who are trying to make this program effective. She offered a resolution of approval to the staff for the thorough job done on this study.

In answer to inquiries from the members, Mr. Roche reported that a farewell luncheon had been planned for Mr. Chez at the Music Center. The members had been advised previously of Mr. Chez's decision to retire from the commission.

There being no further business, Mr. Chez adjourned the meeting at 11:06 a.m.