

**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

September 24, 1975

Members Present:

Robert Downey, Chairman  
George E. Bodle  
John Byork  
Anne Collins  
Mario Di Giovanni  
Carolyn Ellner  
Jerry Epstein  
Milton Gordon  
Richard Gunther  
Mary Jane Kidd  
Leo Majich  
Robert Ruchti  
Warren Schmidt  
George Shellenberger  
Gloria Starr  
Larkin Teasley  
Bryan Walker

Members Absent:

Gus Anaya  
Catherine Burke  
Jesse Robinson

Dr. Robert J. Downey  
Chairman

Gustave R. Anaya  
George E. Bodle  
Catherine Graeffe Burke  
John D. Byork  
Anne S. Collins  
Mario Di Giovanni  
Dr. Carolyn L. Ellner  
Jerry Epstein  
Milton G. Gordon  
Richard S. Gunther  
Mrs. Mary Jane Kidd  
Leo A. Majich  
Jesse L. Robinson  
Robert Ruchti, II  
Dr. Warren H. Schmidt  
George Shellenberger  
Mrs. Gloria Starr  
Larkin Teasley  
Bryan Walker

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

Dr. Downey called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m. He introduced the four new members:

George E. Bodle - member of the law firm of Bodle, Fogel, Julber, Reinhardt and Rothschild - appointed by Supervisor Edelman.

Mario Di Giovanni - Vice President, Engineering, I.C.T. Instruments, Inc. - appointed by Supervisor Hayes.

Richard Gunther - construction and real estate - appointed by Supervisor Edelman.

Mrs. Gloria Starr - member of the Official Salaries Authority, City of Los Angeles - appointed by Supervisor Edelman.

Paramedic Committee Report - Dr. Downey, Chairman of the Task Force on Commissions and Committees, said that discussion and action on the report had been postponed until October 21 to give Supervisor Hahn time to study it after he has recovered from heart surgery.

Burke Roche and John Campbell had attended the last meeting of the Committee on Emergency Medical Care so they could answer any questions that committee would have on the Paramedic Committee report. He asked Mr. Roche to report.

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Mr. Roche reported that the Committee on Emergency Medical Care (CEMC) had been reorganized and established according to the recommendations made in the E & E Commission report on the CEMC. The committee's first meeting had been an organizational meeting. The meeting he and John Campbell attended was for the purpose of considering the Paramedic Committee report and to adopt by-laws for their committee.

Copies of the report had been sent to the members of CEMC on September 5. Their staff director had also sent a letter to the members in which he voiced concern that the Paramedic Commission recommended by the E & E Commission might impinge on the responsibilities of the CEMC.

Mr. Roche tried to emphasize that the Paramedic Committee was needed as an arbitration board, and its functions would differ completely from the CEMC. However, after listening to the staff director's statements, the members voted to continue discussion of the report until the next meeting.

Construction Projects Task Force (Monitor) - Jerry Epstein, Chairman of the Task Force, reported that three new members had been appointed to the task force to fill the vacancies. The members are: Gus Anaya, Carolyn Ellner, Milton Gordon, Mary Jane Kidd, Leo Majich, and Jesse Robinson. The members met with Stephen Koonce, Director of the Facilities Department, to review the problems mentioned in the Grand Jury report and to be briefed on the progress of the department. Mr. Koonce's report was a very favorable one. The task force instructed the staff to review the report before reporting to the full commission.

Filling Vacant Elective Offices - Robert Ruchti, Chairman of the Task Force, reported that the task force met for the first time last week. The members are: Anne Collins, Vice Chairman; Gus Anaya, John Byork, Carolyn Ellner, Jesse Robinson, and Gloria Starr. The task force is developing three or four alternatives which they will review with the elected officials in the County, the Election Commission, and affected department officials. The staff is preparing more information on the history of other counties and of Los Angeles City. He will be in a better position to answer questions at the next full commission meeting.

Public Administrator-Public Guardian Advisory Commission - Anne Collins, the E & E Commission's appointee, reported that the Advisory Commission had been established on recommendation of the E & E Commission after Baldo Kristovich had been removed from office and indicted. Bruce Altman was appointed as head of the department in May. The Commission had a meeting in May, but since then, most of the meetings have been cancelled at the last minute.

Mr. Altman has set up a blue ribbon committee to advise him. He is taking his problems to this committee and by-passing the commission. She would like to have a member of the Advisory Commission attend the meetings of the blue ribbon committee so they will be aware of the problems. She feels there is no need for the commission if it isn't useful.

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Dr. Downey asked why Mr. Altman felt that he needed the blue ribbon committee. John Campbell answered that when Mr. Altman took office, he needed some high degree of expert advice in the trust area. He found officials from various banks and institutions in the area who were willing to serve on a voluntary basis.

Mr. Campbell was asked about conflict of interest. He answered that they all recognize that there could be a conflict of interest, but there are internal controls. None of the committee members' banks are used for deposits.

It was suggested that Mrs. Collins talk to the supervisor in charge of the department to see if some coordination could be arranged. She said that it was her intention to do this.

Dr. Downey announced that the Executive Committee would meet right after this meeting, and he requested the members to stay.

Dr. Schmidt said he would like to apologize because he would have to miss the next two monthly meetings as his class at UCLA would be meeting on Wednesday mornings this quarter. He will be active on the Executive Committee and will be available for task force meetings.

Dr. Downey adjourned the meeting at 10:20 a.m.