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## **Economy & Efficiency Commission**

# **Meeting Minutes**

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### **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION**

9:30 A.M. WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 1997  
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

In absence of a quorum, Chairman Abel began a meeting as the committee of the whole at 9:55 a.m.

#### **V. OLD BUSINESS**

##### 5. Natural History Museum

Task Force Chair Hill reported that the task force will be meeting with Dr. Powell within the next two weeks on the museum review. Mr. Staniforth stated that he met with Dr. Powell last week. At this meeting they discussed their views of the situation at hand and Dr. Powell agreed to meet with the task force to seek a conclusion to this project.

Commissioner Stoke stated he will ask Dr. Powell to give the task force a copy of their tax report, which is a public document. This will provide factual information regarding the foundation as a public, not for profit corporation. Mr. Staniforth stated that he would request a copy of tax report for the task force meeting.

Task Force Chairperson Hill stated that the task force wants to consider whether the Museum is in compliance with the requirements of a 501C3 organization. Chairperson Abel asked if the study was due to a Commission or Board initiative. Task Force Chairperson Hill replied that the original study was initiated at the request of Supervisor Molina.

Task Force Chairperson Hill stated that Dr. Powell has attempted to work things out and he has a very difficult job in attempting to facilitate change within a Foundation that has operated in a certain fashion for a number of years. She believes that the situation will soon be fully worked out.

Commissioner Crowley asked how the members of the Museum's board are appointed. Commissioner Stoke replied that, to the best of his knowledge, the Foundation is a 501C3, which is a self-perpetuating organization, and the Museum Board is selected by the Board of Supervisors.

Commissioner Buerk stated that the key issue is that the Museum has a Foundation, with a big fund of stock that can increase annually. The stock does not issue dividends. The County can reduce or stop payment to the Museum if it encounters financial difficulties. The County has had financial difficulties over the past few years which would have justified a reduction or stop of funds to the Museum.

Commissioner Stoke added that in the contract the Board of Supervisors had a deadline of June 30, 1996 to invoke this privilege and revise the contract. This was the year of the economic crisis. In any contract, the Board has the right to

raise a question.

Vice-Chair Farrar suggested that a core issue has been identified, which is a legitimate issue for the EEC to pursue.

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

A quorum was achieved at 10:20 a.m. and Chairman Abel called the meeting to order

## **II. ATTENDANCE**

### **COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

David A. Abel  
Richards D. Barger  
Gunther Buerk  
John Crowley  
David Farrar  
Jonathan Fuhrman  
Jaclyn Tilley Hill  
Michael A. Jimenez  
Chun Lee  
Roman Padilla  
Marc A. Seidner  
H. Randall Stoke  
Julia E. Sylva

### **COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED**

Louise Frankel  
Robert L. Glushon  
Carole Ojeda-Kimbrough  
William Petak  
Robert Philobosian  
Tony Tortorice

### **COMMISSIONERS ABSENT**

Fred Balderrama  
Christopher W. Hammond

Moved, Seconded and Approved: The Commission members noted above be excused

## **III. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

Moved, Seconded and Approved: The minutes of the February 5, 1997 Commission Meeting be approved.

## **IV. INTRODUCTION & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chairperson Abel presented a certificate of appreciation to Commissioner Buerk from Mayor Riordan's office. Commissioner Buerk thanked the Commissioners for their support and for the Commission Party in February.

## **V. OLD BUSINESS (continued)**

### 1. Constitution Revision Commission

Chairperson Abel thanked Mr. Staniforth and the consultants for a fantastic job on the Review of the Relationship Between Los Angeles County and State Government. He stated that any suggestions on promoting this report should go through Mr. Staniforth.

### 7. Strategic Planning

Task Force Co-Chair Jimenez reported that he and Task Force Co-Chair Tortorice are defining a scope for the task force including: the relationship the EEC has to the Board of Supervisors, historically and prospectively; the roles of the EEC task forces in the day to day affairs of the County; what is the EEC's strategic mission and how are we accomplishing the goals associated with that mission.

### 3. Real Asset Management

Task Force Chairperson Farrar reported that he has a meeting scheduled with Thornton Ibbetson, Chairman of Real Estate Asset Management, on Tuesday afternoon. He will meet with the task force sometime after that meeting to discuss their concerns. Commissioner Hill will be scheduling a meeting with the real asset representative of the Quality and Productivity Commission.

Chairperson Abel stated that there is a Civic Center Authority which has County, City, and Federal members who are devising a plan related to public buildings in the Civic area. He suggested that someone from the Civic Center Authority make a presentation to the Commission on their plan.

## VI. NEW BUSINESS

### 1. Civil Service - Commissioner Fuhrman

Commissioner Fuhrman stated that he has written a two page proposal for a task force on Civil Service for the Commission's consideration. He suggested that this proposal be distributed to the Commissioners and discussed at the next meeting. His plan proposes a task force that operates on an exploratory basis for three to five months, without outside assistance, reviewing aspects of the Civil Service system and how it operates. This task force will then report back to the Commission with recommendations on how to proceed, i.e. a full fledge task force with outside funding, table the study, or proceed in a different manner.

## VI. PRESENTATION -

Mr. Staniforth introduced the Deputies and Chairperson Abel welcomed them to the Commission and asked each of to give an overview of their respective Supervisor's priorities for 1997.

[Fred Guido.](#)

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[Tom Silver.](#)

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[Herb Wesson.](#)

[Chief of Staff, Supervisor Burke](#)

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## VII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion from the floor, Chairman Abel adjourned the meeting at 11:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.



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