

**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, September 25, 1974
PLACE: Hall of Administration, Room 864

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

Members Present:

Maurice Chez, Chairman
John Byork
Dr. Robert Downey
Jerry Epstein
Milton Gordon
Mrs. Ray Kidd
Joseph Lederman
Earl Sachs
Dr. Warren Schmidt
George Shellenberger

Members Absent:

George Bodle
Catherine Burke
Leo Majich
William Mortensen
Robert Ruchti
Carl Terzian

Mr. Chez called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. He introduced Mrs. Anne Collins and welcomed her to the commission. Mrs. Collins was appointed by Supervisor Ward to replace James Cunningham. She served on the 1973-74 Grand Jury.

Mr. Chez reported that Mr. Moreland had moved out of the County, Mr. Cutri and Mr. Mendenhall had resigned, and the supervisors had not appointed anyone to replace them yet.

Mrs. Kidd, Chairman of the Task Force on Department Head Commissions, presented the task force report on the Museum of Natural History, which had been mailed to all commission members. She thanked the task force members - Catherine Burke, Dr. Downey, Joe Lederman, and Earl Sachs - for their work on the report. She read the recommendations and summarized the contents of the report. Since there were no questions regarding the report, she moved it be adopted. The motion was seconded by John Byork and passed unanimously.

Mr. Roche reported that the Director of the Museum and the Board of Governors were in agreement on the report, and they intended to be at the Board of Supervisors meeting when the report is formally presented to the Board.

Mr. Chez introduced John Campbell, staff specialist to the commission. He said that Mr. Campbell was experienced in conducting systems studies in private industry and in government, and the commission was very fortunate that he was joining the staff. Mr. Roche said that he had worked with Mr. Campbell on the construction projects study and the fire study, and he had a great deal of confidence in him.

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At the request of Mr. Chez, Mrs. Kidd gave a brief progress report of the studies on the Business License Commission and the Human Relations Commission. She said that the report on the Business License Commission should be ready for review by the full commission in two or three weeks; then the report on the Human Relations Commission will complete the assignment of the Task Force on Department Head Commissions.

Mr. Chez reported that on motion of Supervisor Schabarum the Board had requested the E & E Commission to conduct a study of all the committees and commissions in the County. The Board feels there is a lot of duplication, inefficiency and waste of money in the many committees and commissions. Mr. Chez appointed Dr. Downey Chairman of the task force to conduct this study. He said he would appoint the other members of the task force at a later date, since it would be some time before the staff could get started on gathering material.

Mr. Chez reported on the Board meeting when the supervisors considered the commission's recommendation for a combined commission to replace the Civil Service and Employee Relations Commissions. He said that instead of adopting the recommendation, the Board requested County Counsel to review the Aaron committee recommendations and to prepare appropriate amendments to the Employee Relations Ordinance which would resolve the conflicts between the two commissions without changing the County Charter.

Mr. Roche said that Mr. Chez' presentation had been extremely effective in covering the significant issues, but the Board had been very strongly lobbied by County management. If the recommendation had been adopted, he said, it would have eliminated the Civil Service Commission and the political influence which is apparent in the present debacle of the Treasurer-Tax Collector examination.

Mr. Epstein moved that the Chairman write a letter to the Board to remind it of the recommendations made by this commission which have not been acted upon. He said that it would be a good time to review the recommendations made regarding the civil service system, the special investigative agency, the chief executive, and the consolidation of the Sheriff-Marshal functions.

Mrs. Kidd seconded the motion and said she thought the letter should refer in particular to the civil service report.

Mr. Shellenberger agreed that a letter should be written, but only one subject should be dealt with in each letter.

The motion passed unanimously.

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Mr. Shellenberger asked Mr. Chez, as Chairman of the Commission, to write letters to Mr. Cutri and Mr. Mendenhall to express the commission's appreciation for their service on the commission. Mr. Chez said he would be happy to do so.

Mr. Roche reported that the City of Lynwood had joined with South Gate and Downey to consider a joint powers agreement to consolidate their fire departments. The E & E Commission had made this recommendation in its fire study, and he commended Mr. Byork who was a councilman in Lynwood.

Mr. Byork said that when he had served on the fire study task force, he had been very much in favor of maintaining independent service for his city. However, he finds that small cities like Lynwood cannot afford such luxuries any longer, so the three cities are requesting a study regarding this.

Mr. Roche reported as follows on the 1973-74 report of the Architectural Evaluation Board. The Board was formed on the recommendation of the E & E Commission. Currently 227 architectural firms have requested County work, have been evaluated and listed. Of these, 82 were evaluated or re-evaluated during 1973-74. Under the rules of the AEB requiring new data after three years, 112 firms will be required to resubmit new material and staff changes for re-evaluation during 1974-75 fiscal year. In addition, 42 non-architectural firms, including 11 landscape architects, 11 electrical-mechanical engineers, 6 planners, 2 golf course designers, and 12 civil and structural engineers have sent questionnaires and brochures and are listed. Two landscape architects and one civil engineer have been appointed to projects in their field and were presented to and concurred in by the AEB.

During the past year, at the Board's request, the AEB has prepared 30 lists of architects for selection. The Board selected 21 architects from these lists. At present there are 72 contracts on architectural projects, of which 52 firms are working on County projects for the first time. Mr. Roche concluded by saying that the AEB appears to be operating in the manner in which the commission conceived it. Almost everyone now feels the system is working effectively.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:23 a.m.

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Mr. Chez announced that Mr. Cutri's resignation left the office of Vice Chairman vacant. He called for nominations.

Mr. Shellenberger nominated Dr. Downey; Mr. Lederman seconded the motion. Mrs. Kidd moved that nominations be closed and that Dr. Downey be unanimously elected. The motion was seconded by John Byork and passed unanimously.