

**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, June 12, 1974  
PLACE: Hall of Administration, Room 739

Members Present:

Maurice Chez, Chairman  
John Byork  
Dr. Robert J. Downey  
Jerry Epstein  
Catherine Graeffe  
Joseph Lederman  
Leo Majich  
W. J. Moreland  
William Mortensen  
Robert Ruchti  
George Shellenberger  
Carl Terzian

Members Absent:

George Bodle  
James J. Cunningham  
Roc Cutri  
Milton Gordon  
Mrs. Ray Kidd  
Ferdinand Mendenhall  
Warren Schmidt

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m. Mr. Chez introduced Carl Terzian, appointed by Supervisor Hayes to replace Dr. Bollens. Mr. Terzian was formerly head of public relations for Charles Luckman Associates. He is presently Chairman of the Board of Carl Terzian Associates, nationally known consultants in corporate and personal public relations, civic affairs, and economic and managerial development.

Mr. Chez announced the appointment of Dr. Warren Schmidt by Supervisor Ward to replace Harlan Loud. Because of the change of meeting dates, Dr. Schmidt was unable to attend today's meeting.

Mr. Chez reported that Supervisor Hayes had presented a scroll to Mr. Mortensen for leadership in sponsoring social responsibility of corporate officials and their companies.

A report on the Board of Supervisor's consideration of the commission recommendations in the civil service and collective bargaining report was given by Mr. Chez. He said that he would attend the Board meeting tomorrow to support County management when they presented their report on Executive Compensation. On June 27th the Board will consider the recommendation to transfer appointment of the Director of Personnel from the Civil Service Commission to the Board of Supervisors. On July 11th the Board will consider the combined commission to replace the Civil Service Commission and the Employee Relations Commission.

Mr. Majich, Chairman of the County Chief Executive Task Force, gave a brief progress report on the study. He said the other members of the task force are: George Bodle, John Byork, Jerry Epstein, Catherine Graeffe, Joe Lederman, W. J. Moreland, Bill Mortensen, and Robert Ruchti. They have covered a great

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deal of territory, he said, but they have not reached final conclusions yet. He expected some decisions this next week at the meeting, and as soon as possible, the report will be presented to the full commission for their consideration.

Mr. Roche reported on the motion by Supervisor Hayes to create an audit agency in the County. He pointed out that Supervisor Ward had made a similar proposal a year ago.

Mr. Chez read the proposal as presented by Supervisor Hayes and the one presented by Supervisor Ward. He then read the motion, by Supervisor Hayes, to refer the proposal to the E & E Commission for study and report back in 30 days. The motion was passed by a vote of 4-1; Supervisor Ward dissenting.

Mr. Roche reported that Supervisor Schabarum had made the point that an important consideration regarding this agency would be whether or not the personnel would be in civil service. Supervisor Ward brought up two points which should be considered, (1) the civil service issue, and (2) the request for an investigation should not require a majority vote of the Board; any one supervisor should be able to initiate an investigation or study. Supervisor Ward had also made the statement that the Board should only test this function and perhaps give it a year to see whether or not it would work.

In the absence of Mrs. Kidd, Chairman of the Task Force on Department Head Commissions, Mr. Moreland presented the report on the Arboreta and Botanic Gardens and the Otis Art Institute.

He pointed out the changes which had been made since the report had been sent to the members. He said that no changes had been made in the recommendations themselves, but some explanatory paragraphs had been added and some had been rearranged.

The task force answered questions regarding the background of stipends paid to commissions in the County and the makeup of various groups at the Arboreta.

Mr. Chez introduced Mr. Ching, Director of the Arboreta and Botanic Gardens, and asked if he would like to comment on the report. Mr. Ching stated that the Executive Committee of the Board of Governors had met yesterday and discussed the report. All five members attended, and they were in unanimous agreement with the recommendations contained in the report. He said that Mr. Engoron, a member of the Executive Committee, had been delegated to speak for the Committee at the Board of Supervisors meeting.

Mr. Chez asked Mr. Ching which would be the areas of disagreement if any of the members of the Board of Governors chose to oppose the report. Mr. Ching answered that there would be two areas: (1) Who makes the final decision as to what the priorities are in the development of the Arboreta; and (2) Who makes the final decision on how the money, raised by private groups or donations, is to be spent--the private group or the department.

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There being no further questions, Mr. Shellenberger moved that the report be accepted; seconded by Mr. Byork and passed unanimously. The commission joined Mr. Shellenberger in congratulating the task force members for their report.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.