
Economy & Efficiency Commission

Meeting Minutes

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION

9:30 A.M. WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 1997
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Abel called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m

II. ATTENDANCE

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

David A. Abel
Gunther Buerk
John Crowley
David Farrar
Jonathan Fuhrman
Robert L. Glushon
Jaclyn Tilley Hill
Chun Lee
Carole Ojeda-Kimbrough
William Petak
Robert Philobosian
H. Randall Stoke
Tony Tortorice

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED

Richards D. Barger
Louise Frankel
Roman Padilla
Marc A. Seidner
Julia E. Sylva

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT

Fred Balderrama
Christopher W. Hammond
Michael A. Jimenez

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

Commissioner Hill requested that the Chairman send a memo regarding the importance of Commissioner attendance. Chairman Abel agreed. Commissioner Ojeda-Kimbrough also requested that the memo include the importance of punctuality to allow the Commission to conduct business. Commissioner Philibosian requested that an annual attendance report be sent out each month with the agenda. Mr. Staniforth replied that a report would be sent out with the monthly agenda.

III. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

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

Moved, Seconded and Approved: The minutes of the March 10, 1997 Special Commission Meeting be approved.

IV. INTRODUCTION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Glenn Caddick of Local 660 introduced himself as a visitor to the Commission.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Proposed amendment of County Code relating to the Economy & Efficiency Commission

Mr. Staniforth stated that the Grand Jury recommended in their report that the Supervising Judge of the Criminal Courts have the ability to appoint another member of the newly retired Grand Jury to the Economy and Efficiency Commission, if their Foreperson elects to not participate. The amendment would read as follows, with new text underlined and old text in ~~strikeout~~:

3.16.040 Nomination by board. Each board member shall nominate four persons for appointment to the commission. The 21st member of the commission shall be the foreperson of the newly retired grand jury. If the foreperson declines appointment or, following appointment becomes unable to serve, the Supervising Judge, Criminal Courts Division, Los Angeles Superior Court shall nominate another member of the newly retired grand jury to be appointed. (Ord. 11196 § 1 (part), 1975; Ord. 4099 Art. 109 § 20704, 1942.)

3.16.060 Term of service. A. The member who is the retired foreman foreperson of, or other duly appointed member, of the newly retired for the county grand jury, shall serve a one-year term commencing September 1st and until his/her successor is duly appointed and qualifies.

Moved and Seconded: That the Economy and Efficiency Commission amend the County Code as noted above.

Commissioner Fuhrman stated that he was against the motion. He feels that the Commission has benefitted from Commissioner Hill's continued service as opposed to someone serving only one year. He does not feel that having a member of the most recent Grand Jury adds significant value to the work of the Commission.

Commissioner Hill stated that there is a downside to the one-year term. Because the limited term may prevent an appointee from completing assignments, it is difficult to get assigned to task forces. She stated that she had to be very aggressive to get certain assignments because of this and because of the previous appointee's track record. Commissioner Hill understands that not having a member of the current Grand Jury takes away from the immediacy of their concerns. Her situation on the Commission has been unique and, as in any situation, tenure is relative to success.

Commissioner Philibosian stated that the past Foreperson of the Grand Jury does not necessarily reflect the concerns of the current Grand Jury. He stated that Commissioner Hill has been an exemplary commissioner and he feels this amendment only adds flexibility. Commissioner Fuhrman stated that the amendment requires that a member of the most recent Grand Jury be appointed, which would have prevented Commissioner Hill from serving.

Commissioner Philibosian stated that he would like to amend the motion by changing "shall nominate another member of the newly retired grand jury to be appointed" to "shall nominate another member of any grand jury to be appointed," in Section 3.16.040; and "the newly retired" to "any retired" in Section 3.16.060. Amendment to the motion made and seconded. Amendment carried.

Commissioner Buerk asked if this was initiated by the Grand Jury because the Commission did not investigate any items that they would have been aware of, had a member of the newly retired Grand Jury been on the Commission. He feels this could be easily remedied by the Commissioner from the Grand Jury staying in touch with the concerns of the Grand Jury. Mr. Staniforth stated that the proposed amendment is in response to a recommendation made in a Grand

Jury report to the County.

Moved, seconded and approved: The motion as amended.

V. OLD BUSINESS

3. Natural History Museum

Task Force Chairperson Hill reported that the task force meeting with Dr. Powell was very successful. In a letter, Dr. Powell stated that the museum foundation plans to use 6.5% of the Museum's capital for operating expenses. This is above the amount recommended by the Commission. Commissioner Stoke stated that the Peterson Museum is at a deficit and is currently using foundation funds. It is Dr. Powell's hope that the museum will continue to use foundation funds when the Peterson Museum is once again stable. This is also the recommendation the Commission will make to the Board.

Commissioner Hill stated that the task force has completed its assignment from the Board of Supervisors. As stated in the report letter to the Board, the Commission is available for further study in this area at the request of the Board.

Moved, seconded, and approved: That the Commission forward to the Board the "Implementation Review of the Natural History Museum Recommendations."

Chairperson Abel thanked Commissioner Hill and the task force for their dedication and hard work.

5. Real Asset Management

Task Force Chairperson Farrar reported that last month the County issued an RFP for a consultant to assist with asset management. This RFP address concerns expressed by the Commission.

Task Force Chairperson Farrar stated that he has been unable to schedule a meeting with the Real Estate Commission and assumes they are not interested in a leadership role in this project.

Task Force Chairperson Farrar stated that he would like to have an individual from the Civic Center Authority make a presentation to the Commission next month.

VI. PRESENTATION -

[Mark Pisano, Executive Director,](#)
[Southern California Associations of Government \(SCAG\)](#)
[Topic: The View of Jurisdictions within Los Angeles County on County Charter Reform](#)

[Chief Michael Freeman,](#)
[Los Angeles County Fire Department](#)
[Topic: The Commission's Support of the Upcoming Ballot Initiative](#)

[David Janssen, CAO,](#)
[Los Angeles County](#)
[Topic: State of the County](#)

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Chairperson Abel reported that the Commission has been asked by the Board, with a unanimous vote, to examine the debt tracking collection management within the County. A budget of \$100,000 has been allocated for this project. Chairperson Abel stated that Commissioner Jimenez will chair this task force, Commissioner Padilla has asked to serve, and Commissioners Petak and Buerk have been asked to serve. Chairperson Abel stated that others interested in this project inform him as soon as possible.

1. Civil Service - Commissioner Fuhrman</>

Commissioner Fuhrman stated that, in absence of a quorum, he would like to move this item to the May meeting. Commissioner Buerk asked how the three month exploratory period would function without funding. Commissioner Fuhrman stated that he thought much of this work could be done with questionnaires and interviews.

Chairperson Abel stated that the Constitution Revision Task Force would be making a presentation on their report to the Board on Tuesday, April 9th. There will be three panels participating in this presentation.

1. The Task Force
2. The State Level - consisting of members from the CCRC and the California Consensus Project
3. Local/Regional Level - Mark Pisano, SCAG; John A. Perez, UFCW; and Michael George, J.P. Morgan

Chairperson Abel welcomed all the Commissioners to attend the presentation.

V. OLD BUSINESS (continued)

8. Web Page Status

Ms. McCloud passed out a flow chart on the web page that is currently being designed for the Commission. The current links include: information on the Commission, Commissioner biographies and possibly photos, upcoming meeting Agenda, reports, annual report, and links to other web sites. She stated that the design process will take a couple of months and if the Commissioners have any suggestions or ideas to contact the office.

Commissioner Crowley stated that the subject of central forensic facilities and staff should be examined by the Commission.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted.



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Executive Director

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