

**ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
April 4, 2024**

ROOM 525, KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 West Temple St., Los Angeles, CA 90012

Editorial Note: Agenda sections may be taken out of order at the discretion of the Chair. Any reordering of sections is reflected in the presentation of these minutes.

1. CALL TO ORDER

With the presence of a quorum, Chair Haik called the Commission meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER'S ABSENCES

The following was the attendance for the meeting:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Robert Cole
Benjamin Everard
Jacob Haik
Cathy Hood
Steven Lei
Katherine McKeon
Dora Sandoval
John Anthony Schmitz
Craig Taubman
Jennifer Williams
Vince Wong
Shirley Zaragoza

COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED

Wilma Pinder
Connie Sullivan
Cesar Zaldivar-Motts

3. APPROVAL OF March 7, 2024, MINUTES

Chair Haik asked if there were any objections or changes to the March 7, 2024, Commission meeting minutes. Hearing no changes, the motion was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted. The minutes of the March 7, 2024, Commission meeting were approved.

4. INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Lyons introduced himself to the Commission with the following highlights of his bio: He stated he has over 40 years of professional experience across Southern California municipalities and has led numerous community development and planning departments to new heights. He noted that his tenure as the Interim Community Development Director for the City of Ventura showcased his ability to manage complex divisions, including Building and Safety, Land

Development, and Housing/Special Projects, significantly improving the public hearing process and policy presentation to the City Council and Planning Commission.

He stated that his role as the Director of the Community Development Department in the City of Simi Valley marked a period of notable achievements. He stated that as a Deputy Director and City Planner for Simi Valley, he was instrumental in reorganizing the development review process, managing significant updates to the city's development code, and overseeing large-scale environmental impact reports for key projects.

He stated that in addition to his many years of professional experience, he also served nearly three years with the US Peace Corps in Ecuador, supporting indigenous groups in reforestation, surveying, and land reform.

Commissioner Lyons stated that he earned his MBA from the American Graduate School of International Business Management in 1988 and holds a BS in Urban Studies from the University of Oregon in 1980. He stated that he is a certified member of the American Institute of Certified Planners; Commissioner Lyons has devoted his career to advancing urban planning and development.

Commissioner Lyons expressed his excitement about his appointment to this Commission and his desire to work with everyone.

5. VICE-CHAIR SELECTION

Chair Haik stated he spoke with some commissioners about being the vice chair. He stated that he hasn't made a selection yet, but if anyone is still interested, please email him before the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Joe Safier introduced himself to the Commission. He stated he was an E&E Commissioner 10 years ago and was interested in attending the meeting to hear the Commission guest speaker, Max Huntsman.

REPORTS

i. CCJCC

There was nothing new to report. Executive Director Eng stated that the Commission will elect a new CCJCC representative at the next meeting, and if you are interested, you can contact Chair Haik by email to let him know.

ii. E&E COMMISSION PROPOSED PROJECTS

Executive Director Edward Eng asked the Commissioners which task force they would like to join. He reported that one representative from each supervisorial district usually serves on the task force.

AI Task Force: Cathy Hood, John Schmitz, Steven Lei, Jennifer Williams, Ben Everard

Rental Assistance Task Force: Craig Taubman, Cathy Hood, John Schmitz, Vince Wong, Jennifer Williams, Dora Sandoval, Katie McKeon

Return to Work Task Force: Connie Sullivan, Peter Lyons, Shirley Zaragoza

Hiring and Onboarding Taskforce: Dora Sandoval, Connie Sullivan, Katie McKeon, Cathy Hood

Executive Director Eng stated that Administrative Assistant Pittmon will send out a date and time for a meeting with each task force. He stated that the task force would report back at the next Commission meeting with each newly appointed elected Chair of each task force.

6. PRESENTATION

Mr. Max Huntsman of the Los Angeles County Office of Inspector General.

7. COMMISSIONERS' ANNOUNCEMENT

There were no Commissioner announcements.

8. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Executive Director Eng announced that Mrs. Lisa Garrett of the Los Angeles County Human Resources Department would be the guest speaker for May.

Administrative Pittmon announced the birthdays of Commissioner Taubman and herself.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Haik adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Executive Director, Edward Eng