

**ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
January 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, Executive Director Eng 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

Jacob Haik
Cathy Hood
Katherine McKeon
Wilma Pinder
Dora Sandoval
John Anthony Schmitz
Connie Sullivan
Craig Taubman
Jennifer Williams
Vince Wong
Shirley Zaragoza

COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED

Robert Cole
Benjamin Everard
Steven Lei
Cesar Zaldivar-Motts

3. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 2, 2023, MINUTES

Executive Director Eng asked if there were any objections or changes to the November 2, 2023, Commission meeting minutes. Hearing no changes, the motion was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted. The minutes of the November 2, 2023, Commission meeting were approved.

4. INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Hood introduced herself to the Commission with the following highlights of her bio:. She currently runs a PR and Communications agency in Hollywood, representing various top talents to corporate brands. She has a Master's in Public Administration from California State University Los Angeles. She is a go-to strategist for all things in public and community

engagement, from spearheading global media relations initiatives for corporate brands to serving as a communications advisor for local and national political campaigns.

Commissioner Hood is currently a board member of the Hollywood Studio District Neighborhood Council (HSDNC), an active member of the Junior League of Los Angeles and the Hollywood Chambers of Commerce. She continues to host community clean-up events in Hollywood every month, where she enjoys bringing the City and residents together to beautify the streets. Cathy stated that she is excited to join the Commission and looks forward to working with everyone.

Commissioner Wong introduced himself to the Commission with the following highlights of his bio: He is the Vice President of Public Affairs for Michelson Philanthropies and the Michelson Center for Public Policy. He directs the Michelson enterprise's public policy and legislative efforts, spearheads local advocacy initiatives, and manages political affairs for the Michelson family.

Commissioner Wong stated that he serves on the Inner City Law Center Board of Directors fighting to end homelessness, was a longtime member of the Liberty Hill Foundation community funding board championing social change philanthropy, and was a Board Member of Christopher Street West advocating for LGBTQ+ people in Los Angeles. He stated that being appointed to the E&E Commission is an honor and looks forward to working with everyone.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REPORTS

i. CCJCC

Commissioner Sullivan reported that Chief Probation Officer Guillermo Viera Rosa gave an overview of the juvenile institution plans.

Commissioner Sullivan reported on a State Legislation update given by Legislative Analyst Brigitte Mardigras, where she provided an overview of justice-related legislation in the 2023 legislative session and focus areas for the coming year.

Commissioner Sullivan reported that Alternative Crisis Response (ACR) manager Jennifer Hallman, LCSW/MPA, gave a quarterly status update from CCJCC's ACR Ad Hoc Working Group.

ii. E&E COMMISSION PROPOSED PROJECTS

Executive Director Eng provided an extensive review of each proposed projects. He stated that in order to give new commissioners a chance to reflect on the projects, the Commission will not be voting on the order of the projects until the next meeting.

Executive Director Edward Eng gave another summary of the potential projects for the Commission to consider for 2023-2024.

1. Review The Commission Bylaws

Executive Director Edward Eng stated the Commission needs to review and update Commission Bylaws, as appropriate, to help new commissioners familiarize themselves with commission guidelines and integrate new legislative requirements as appropriate.

Executive Director Eng requested that Administrative Assistant Pittmon send out a copy of the Commission Bylaws to each commissioner, and requested that all changes or comments be sent back to him no later than February 14, 2024.

2. Adoption of "Bus Shelter" Design

Executive Director Eng stated that there were concerns in the media (Los Angeles Times, Monday, September 4, 2023, California Section) regarding the lack of bus shelters in marginalized communities in Los Angeles County. He stated that the original pilot program went well with the community colleges in the 1st District, the Department of Public Works, and Metro.

Commissioner Sullivan stated this project falls outside the Commission's mission statement and scope of work.

3. "AI" Technology within Los Angeles County

Executive Director Eng stated that the Commission should also review AI's role, utility, and adoption in Los Angeles County. He stated there are a lot of policy implications and gray areas for implementation. He stated it would be interesting to see how LA County can adopt AI technology to serve its customers better. He stated that the world is moving toward government 3.0 now and that the future of the CIO needs to understand not only technology but policy as well.

4. Incubator within 4th District with Biola University

Executive Director Eng stated this project would explore the development of an Incubator in Supervisorial District 4 in conjunction with Biola University to encourage the transfer of innovative technologies and processes developed in universities to communities.

Executive Director Eng stated that he will remove this project from the list.

5. DHR Procurement Process

Executive Director Edward Eng stated this project would review Los Angeles County's procurement processes, specifically in central supply procurement practices, and identify opportunities for improvement.

6. LA County Return To Work Process

Executive Director Edward Eng stated this project would compare the County of Los Angeles' Return-to-Work program for light-duty assignments with benchmarks and best practices to identify gaps, strengths, and opportunities for improvement.

Commissioner Zaragoza said she would like to gift the E&E Commission a copy of the 2023 Civil Grand Jury Final Report. She stated that it was an honor to collaborate and receive input from Executive Director Eng and Commissioner Sullivan on the return to work process. She stated that there was a special report that focused on the worker's compensation in this report. She also stated that the Civil Grand Jury acknowledges and thanks the Los Angeles County Economy and Efficiency Commission and CEO Risk Management branch, which provided invaluable service to the committee in preparing this report.

Commissioner Sullivan stated that City of Los Angeles' process is much more efficient than the program in Los Angeles County. She stated that the appropriate metrics was not available to the Task Force during the last report.

7. Department of Mental Health Hiring Process for Critical Positions

Executive Director Eng stated that the County's hiring and onboarding experience is vital because it helps employers retain new employees and create engaged employees who can improve the company's overall business outcomes.

Executive Director Eng stated that at the last meeting, Commissioner McKeon expressed interest in working with the Department of Mental Health to identify and accelerate Los Angeles County's hiring for the Department's critical positions.

Commissioner McKeon suggested that the scope of work for this and other projects could be developed further by the various Task Forces.

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Commissioner Williams stated that this project should be placed on hold until the other departments are ready for the collaboration to move forward.

6. PRESENTATION

There was no presentation.

7. COMMISSIONERS' ANNOUNCEMENT

Commissioner Hood stated that Councilmember Hugo Soto-Martinez and her will be hosting a Community Clean Up event on **Saturday, January 20, 2024, from 9–11 a.m.** in Hollywood.

She stated that having the Commission participate with the event would be amazing. She stated she plans to do these Clean Ups every 3rd Saturday of the month. She stated that once the flyer is finalized, she will send it to Administrative Assistant Pittmon to share with the Commission and looks forward to seeing everyone there.

Commissioner Pinder shared that she will travel to Antarctica from January 14 through January 30, 2024. The Commission wished her safe travels.

Commissioner Williams recently lost her father on Thanksgiving, and her grandmother is currently sick and living with her. She mentioned that there are a lot of forums across LA County and hoped everyone would take the time to participate in them. She also encouraged everyone to go out and vote.

8. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Administrative Pittmon announced that there is a new attendance system to track commissioner attendance. She stated that it is essential for each Commissioner to attend meetings and to be actively involved in task forces to have a higher chance of reappointment.

Executive Director Eng reported that the Commission will be electing a new Chair for 2024 at the next meeting in February. He reported that part of the selection process is to form a Nominating Committee that consists of one representative from each Board District. Executive Director Eng added that, however, members of the Nominating Committee will not be eligible to run for Chair.

Administrative Assistant Pittmon stated that she will email each District so they can select a representative from their District. She stated that she will also send an email setting up a conference call between the Nominating Committee and Executive Director Eng to discuss the 2024 Chair Nominations.

Executive Director Eng shared that his wife was recently diagnosed with cancer and asked for prayers at this very difficult time. The Commissioners all sent their well wishes for a speedy recovery and have stated they will keep her and Executive Director Eng and her family in their prayers.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned in memory of Robert Philibosian by Executive Director Eng at 12:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Executive Director, Edward Eng