
Economy & Efficiency Commission

Meeting Minutes

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2006
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.

I. CALL TO ORDER AS A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Chair Hill called the meeting as a Committee of the Whole to order at 10:10 a.m.

V. INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Hill asked those present to introduce themselves.

VII. PRESENTATION

Ms. Conny B. McCormack
County Registrar Recorder/County Clerk
Los Angeles County
Topic: Elections Operations Update

Ms. Conny McCormack opened with a discussion on the Ink-A-Vote System and the new federal voting regulations. She discussed the ballot process from start to finish while emphasizing the new procedures in place that makes voting an increasingly dynamic experience.

I. CALL TO ORDER

With the presence of a quorum Chair Hill called the meeting to order at 11:15 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER'S ABSENCES

Chair Hill asked for a motion to approve absences.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Clayton Anderson
Joanne Baltierrez
Isaac Diaz Barcelona
Hope J. Boonshaft
Jonathan S. Fuhrman
Jaclyn Tilley Hill
Ronald K. Ikejiri
Chun Lee
William Max
William J. Petak
Robert H. Philibosian

COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED

Fred P. Balderrama
Royal F. Oakes
Roman Padilla
Solon C. Soteras
Tony Tortorice

COMMISSIONERS NOT REQUESTING AN EXCUSE

Robert Cole

It was Moved, Seconded and Adopted: The members requesting and excuse are excused.

III. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 2, 2006 MINUTES

Chair Hill asked if there were any corrections or amendments to the minutes of the November 2, 2006 Commission meeting. Corrections to Commissioner Fuhrman's name and a revision of the verbiage concerning the Bylaws were noted. The following motion was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: The minutes of the November 2, 2006 Commission meeting be approved as corrected.

IV. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 2, 2006 PRESENTATION

Chair Hill asked if there were any corrections or amendments to the presentation of the November 2, 2006 Commission meeting. Being none, the following motion was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: The presentation of the November 2, 2006 Commission meeting be approved.

VI. CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Hill reported that she attended The Strategy Conference for the Probation Department hosted by Robert Taylor, the Director. She also spoke at the 5th Annual Anti Gang Conference with the topic of "Alternate Funding Resources and Collaborations within the County". Additionally, Chair Hill spoke to the Grand Jury and thanked them for the opportunity.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS - TASK FORCE REPORTS

Child Care Fraud Task Force

Chair Emeritus Philibosian stated the report that was submitted to the Board of Supervisors has had no feedback as yet. At the last meeting Commissioner Fuhrman indicated he wanted to file a Minority Report. The two alternates proposed by Commissioner Fuhrman were a Motion to Reconsider the report itself and secondly a new motion for the Commission to consider approval of a Minority Report which would be filed as an addendum to the report. Chair Emeritus Philibosian asked Commissioner Fuhrman which course of action he wanted to take.

Commissioner Fuhrman chose to address the second course of action to file a Minority Report as an addendum. Commissioner Fuhrman made the motion and was seconded by Commissioner Baltierrez. Chair Emeritus Philibosian asked if anyone else signed on this Minority Report; to which Commissioner Fuhrman responded not yet.

At this point Commissioner Fuhrman expressed a desire to submit the Minority Report to the Board of Supervisors without the approval of the Commission. Chair Emeritus Philibosian noted that any member of the Commission is privileged to send to the Board or any other governmental body their own letter expressing an opinion.

Commissioner Baltierrez asked Commissioner Fuhrman to amend his motion and to bring a draft letter before the Commission requesting an endorsement of the Minority Report. Commissioner Fuhrman said the text of the Minority Report was in the agenda packet. Commissioner Baltierrez replied it did not ask the Commission to review and endorse his proposal. Commissioner Fuhrman said he will do that. Commissioner Baltierrez then commented that she was concerned about the letter from the Public Social Services Commission to the Board.

Chair Emeritus Philibosian asked for a recitation of the facts since Commissioner Baltierrez expressed concern about the letter questioning the Commission's report. Commissioner Baltierrez supported the notion of the report going back to the Task Force if the Commission would endorse that. Commissioner Baltierrez said it's the courtesy of a structural government to allow everyone's voice to be heard whether or not they are late. She said the Commission owes it to the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) to take the report back for further consideration.

Chair Emeritus Philibosian stated that Commissioner Baltierrez is asking for a motion for reconsideration which is not the motion that's before the Commission. Parliamentary procedure would require that she ask Commissioner Fuhrman to withdraw his motion and then there would have to be a motion for reconsideration. This motion would have to be made by one of the Commissioners who voted in favor of approving the report originally. This excludes both Commissioner Baltierrez and Commissioner Fuhrman.

Chair Emeritus Philibosian asked if Commissioner Fuhrman wished to withdraw his motion for an addendum and seek a motion for reconsideration. Commissioner Baltierrez asked if this action would preclude Commissioner Fuhrman from going back to his original motion. Chair Emeritus Philibosian said it would not and Commissioner Fuhrman could have it both ways.

Commissioner Fuhrman asked if any Commissioners would make the motion to reconsider - none was indicated. He noted that he thought that Commissioner Padilla would make the motion but is absent. Commissioner Fuhrman asked for the motion to reconsider to be agendized for the January meeting.

Chair Emeritus Philibosian recounted all the events which led up to the current discussion. He iterated that there has been more than adequate opportunity on the behalf of DPSS prior to the finalization of the Child Care Fraud report. Chair Emeritus Philibosian inquired of the Commission if any facts were left out or has he misstated any information.

Commissioner Baltierrez asked if DPSS requested the Commission to hold off on delivering the report due to new information coming to light. Mr. Staniforth replied no, but that a note was sent to the Chair on the day before the Commission meeting. Chair Hill clarified the situation by detailing the conversation with Lisa Nunez on that late Wednesday afternoon. Due to the eleventh-hour response by DPSS, this information was circulated to the Commissioner on the evening before the Thursday morning meeting. Chair Hill stated that she felt the current debate to be a moot point since the report is currently in the hands of the Board of Supervisors.

Chair Hill said the Commission completed its assigned task and the only response of note should originate from the Board of Supervisors. Commissioner Fuhrman said he fundamentally disagreed with the Chair's statement. He added, the Commission did not fully reach out to DPSS and was dismissive of them. Vice Chair Ikejiri noted that the real concern should whether the Board of Supervisors will take the information and give it to DPSS to review. Commissioner Fuhrman stated the Commission received new information on Wednesday and Thursday in public session that brought into question fundamental points of the report. Commissioner Fuhrman said that Lisa Nunez's comments call into question the quality of the Commission's work. Chair Hill restated that the Commission has fulfilled their responsibilities to the Board of Supervisors and the ball is in their court.

VI. CHAIR'S REPORT (Continued)

Chair Hill appointed the Nominating Committee's members based upon supervisorial district.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hill adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted.



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Executive Director

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