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Economy & Efficiency Commission Meeting Minutes

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2000
ROOM 830, KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION

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 OF COMMISSION MEETING

In the absence of the Chair and with the presence of a quorum of commissioners, Vice Chair Lucente called the Commission meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER'S ABSENCES

Vice Chair Lucente asked for a motion to approve absences.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

David A. Abel
Clayton Anderson
John Crowley
David W. Farrar
Jonathan Fuhrman
Jaclyn Tilley Hill
Michael Jimenez
Chun Lee
Tony Lucente
Royal F. Oakes
William J. Petak
Marc A. Seidner
H. Randall Stoke
Julia Sylva
G. Thomas Thompson
Tony Tortorice

COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED

Hope J. Boonshaft
Robert H. Philibosian

Roman Padilla

COMMISSIONERS NOT REQUESTING AN EXCUSE

Fred Balderrama

It was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: **The Commission members requesting an excuse, be excused.**

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Chair Lucente asked if there were any corrections or amendments to the minutes. Mr. Staniforth stated that, at the request of Chairman Philibosian, the word "former" should be added prior to Chief in the second sentence of the third paragraph in item IV. Introductions and Announcements (Cont'd). With this correction it was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: **The minutes of the July 13, 2000 Commission meeting be approved.**

IV. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Abel stated that this would be his last Economy and Efficiency Commission Meeting. He has been appointed to another organization (L. A. County Economic Development Corporation) and the appointing authority does not want appointees serving in two assignments at the same time. Supervisor Yaroslavsky is currently reviewing candidates for appointment to the E&E Commission. Commissioner Stoke congratulated Commissioner Abel. Vice Chair Lucente thanked Commissioner Abel for his service, commenting that this Commission will look forward to his continued support.

V. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

None

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Staniforth stated that the information that he wanted Commissioners to be aware of would be covered under the Task Force Reports.

VII. LIAISON REPORTS

Vice Chair Lucente asked Quality & Productivity Liaison Commissioner Rew if he had anything to report. Commissioner Rew said he was passing out Volume One, Issue One of the quarterly Quality and Productivity Commission Newsletter. It has been sent to the Board of Supervisors, the Productivity Deputies, each department head, upper management, each network manager, the 88 city managers in Los Angeles County, and the chairs of all the county commissions. He said that the Commission was planning on refining the Q&P Newsletter.

The Quality and Productivity Commission has granted the Sheriff's Department \$98,000 to conduct a pilot project, in which deputies would be visiting schools, to educate kindergarten through fourth graders on pedestrian safety. On October 25, 2000 at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion the Q&P Commission will hold a luncheon for the Annual Quality and Productivity Awards Program. Approximately 500 people are anticipated to attend. The Q&P Commission has confirmation from three of the Supervisors that they will be attending, as well as Sheriff Baca. Eight departments will be presented plaques, ten winners will be recognized and from those ten, a grand winner of the Quality and Productivity Award will be selected.

Vice Chair Lucente asked Commissioner Andes liaison from the Local Government Services Commission, if he had anything to report. Commissioner Andes said he received a letter two weeks ago canceling his commission's meeting, so he has nothing to report. However, the Commission is looking into sewage problems and water contamination. He was surprised to find out that the biggest problem is gray water, particularly in Santa Clarita County. At the next meeting he will have a full report.

VIII. PRESENTATION (a)

[Dr. Douglas A. Trelfa, Coordinator
Planning, Assessment and Research, Los Angeles Unified School District \(LAUSD\)
Topic: : LAUSD Reorganizational Plan - Multiple District Plan](#)

Vice Chair Lucente introduced Dr. Trelfa, Coordinator, with the Planning, Assessment and Research Office in the

LAUSD. The Vice Chair stated the Economy and Efficiency Commission has previously focused on the processes of governmental reorganization, therefore he felt that this presentation would be valuable.

Dr. Trelfa provided a slide presentation describing in depth the LAUSD Reorganizational Plan - Multiple District Plan. Dr. Trelfa presented the historical background of the recent superintendent turnover in the LAUSD; he showed the new eleven district - one mission theme. He also explained the crises in the LAUSD and some of their proposed solutions. In particular, he emphasized focus on reading, additional and improved facilities, splitting the school day into two sessions, and on line education.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Finance

Vice Chair Lucente asked Commissioner Thompson if the Finance Task Force had anything to report. Commissioner Thompson said he would have a written report at the next meeting.

Grand Jury

Vice Chair Lucente asked Commissioner Hill to give the Grand Jury Task Force Report. Commissioner Hill said the task force meeting was attended by all of the task force Commissioners. Commissioner Boonshaft at Sony Entertainment hosted it. The Grand Jury data is being collected for the Task Force with reference to the last three years (1996 - 1999) of the Grand Jury. The task force is also dealing with current issues, such as the Dual Grand Jury System. Commissioner Anderson has spoken with Judge Basque. Our Chair, Commissioner Philibosian, has spoken at length with Judge Chavez and with David Jansen (L. A. County, Chief Administrative Officer). The Task Force discussed how we can assist the Grand Jury by offering the Economy and Efficiency's resources to consider the system, and the difficulties they are having today. The Task Force also discussed jury instruction complications.

Organization and Accountability

Vice Chair Lucente asked Commissioner Oakes if he had anything to report. Commissioner Oakes responded that the Task Force had a Conference Call to discuss the Independent Living Program. A review of the program from the Auditor Controller's Office was distributed to the members of the Task Force. The Independent Living Program is part of the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) with a \$15.4M budget. The review addressed concerns about unused money and found that the DCFS does not have a plan to manage the Independent Living Program. Based upon the auditor's report, it appears that the goals and objectives, monitoring procedures and necessary data were all missing from their budget planning.

The issue is whether the Economy and Efficiency Commission should go forward with an evaluation in addition to the evaluation done by the Auditor Controller. The Task Force does not want to duplicate their efforts, but it could provide input to help them on specifics. The Task Force could identify solutions. Mr. Staniforth is going to look into the possibility of drafting a grant request for the Productivity Investment Fund (PIF) that would be evaluated by the task force.

It seems as though the county has spent a lot of money on people after they get into trouble. It is undeniable that if you can target people who need assistance and provide that assistance before they get into trouble, that is money well spent. The Independent Living Program targets about 5,500 young adults between 16 and 21, who were in foster care.

Policy

Vice Chair Lucente asked Commissioner Sylva to report for the Policy Task Force. Commissioner Sylva said that the members did not have a meeting this past month, but that Mr. Staniforth and she did meet with Mr. Lee Harrington, the Chief Executive Officer and Mr. Jack Kaiser, the Chief Economist, both of the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation. In the past they have worked closely on county projects, and they are very interested in working with the Commission on the project. The LAEDC's main concern is that they have many businesses, which are looking for property in L. A. County. Another issue is the streamlining of the permit processes. The task force will consider recommendations on how to assist them in meeting these two primary goals. The task force hopes to plan a meeting in the next month.

X. NEW BUSINESS

None

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion from the floor, Vice Chair Lucente adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted.



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Executive Director

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