

**ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
December 1, 2022**

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 Cole called the Commission meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. via Microsoft Teams.

**2. APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER'S ABSENCES**

The following was the attendance for the meeting:

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

Robert Cole  
Benjamin Everard  
Jacob Haik  
Larry Kaplan  
Katherine McKeon  
Robert Philibosian  
Joanne D. Saliba  
John Anthony Schmitz  
Connie Sullivan  
Craig Taubman  
Jennifer Williams  
Cesar Zaldivar-Motts

**COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED**

Becca Doten  
Jeffrey Monical  
Wilma Pinder  
Yolanda Rodriguez-Pena  
Natalie Samarjian

**3. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 3, 2022, MINUTES**

Chair Cole asked if there were any objections or changes to the minutes of the November 3, 2022, Commission meeting. Hearing no changes, the motion was then Moved, Seconded, and Adopted. The minutes of November 3, 2022, Commission meeting were approved.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **5. REPORTS**

### **i. CCJCC**

Commissioner Sullivan stated that there will not be a meeting in December.

### **ii. TASK FORCE PROJECT REPORTS**

#### **a. Hybrid Work 2.0 Taskforce:**

Commissioner Saliba reported that Executive Director Eng has been working diligently on an initial rough draft that will be reviewed the task force. She reported that the task force will be interview various telework managers related to the hybrid workforce study.

#### **b. Assessing Video Arraignment Taskforce:**

Commissioner Saliba reported that Executive Director Eng did an outstanding job of bringing 10 years' worth of work together. She requested the Commission's approval so the final report can be distributed to the Board Offices. She also thanked the Chair-Emeritus Philibosian for initiating the study for the Commission.

Chair-Emeritus stated that he received the report and thanked Executive Director Eng for a well-written report. He indicated that the study began with a presentation by the Sherriff many years ago, and a section of the report concerned the transportation of prisoners out to the various courts for court proceedings, including arraignments which took about 8 seconds. He further stated that many buses drove all over the county spewing fumes and smog, so he suggested doing the arraignments by video which led to the beginning of the study. He expressed that the study was supposed to eliminate having to transport inmates all over the county to various courts for short proceedings.

Chair Cole asked the Commission for a motion to approve the report. The report was approved by the commission.

#### **c. D2 Entrepreneur & Innovation Center:**

Commissioner Williams reported that the next meeting will include various members of Supervisor Mitchell's deputies along with representatives from the newly formed Department of Economic Opportunities (DEO).

Commissioner Williams stated that she wants to schedule a meeting with the task force, or anyone interested in joining the task force prior to the meeting Supervisor Mitchell's office to go over the scope of work and items that the task force will need to complete to move forward with the project.

Administrative Assistant Pittmon reported that the next meeting has been confirmed to be on December 13, 2022, at 12:30 with the Board Office and members from the DEO.

Commissioner Williams invited all commissioners interested in joining the task force to a preliminary meeting on December 8, 2022, at 10:00 am to discuss the scope of work and the agenda for the meeting with the 2<sup>nd</sup> district.

#### **d. Worker's Compensation Taskforce:**

Commissioner Sullivan reported that the task force did not meet this month.

## **6. PRESENTATION**

The guest speaker for the December meeting was LA County Commission Services Director, Ms. Twila Kerr.

## **7. COMMISSIONERS' ANNOUNCEMENT**

Commissioner Williams announced that on December 10, 2022, at the Willowbrook Library, there's going to be a California Affordable Connectivity Program initiative, a new program that helps subsidized affordable broadband Internet and devices for folks who need it for school, healthcare, and other things. Commissioner Williams also reported that she will attend and volunteer at the event.

Commissioner Williams announced that she attended Supervisor Mitchell's racial equity/racial justice learning exchange book club event at the Urban Magic Johnson Park. She reported that they discussed this book called Racial Fault Lines, the historical origins of love, Supremacy, and California. She reported that the book reinforces the importance of economic opportunities in what has shaped the social order in our state and Los Angeles County.

Commissioner Saliba announced that she had the opportunity to read Executive Director Eng's debut book and stated that it is an absolute must-read.

Commissioner Saliba also announced that she wants to thank Chair-Emeritus Philibosian publicly for giving such a great historical statement about the video arraignment report, which took over 10 years for it to come to fruition.

## **8. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Administrative Assistant Pittmon reported that all task force meetings are scheduled to meet on the last Monday of every month, however, all meetings are canceled for December.

Administrative Assistant Pittmon reported that the guest speaker for January will be LA County Economic Opportunities Director, Ms. Kelly LoBianco.

Administrative Assistant Pittmon announced the birthday of Commissioner Becca Doten.

Executive Director Eng thanked everyone who took the time to read his book.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Cole at 11:57 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

December 1, 2022  
Commission Meeting



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward Eng", is centered on the page. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent loop at the end.

Executive Director, Edward Eng