
Economy & Efficiency Commission Meeting Minutes

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2000
ROOM 830, KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION

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I. CALL TO ORDER OF COMMISSION MEETING

With the presence of a quorum of commissioners, Chairman Philibosian called the Commission meeting to order at 10:22 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER'S ABSENCES

Chairman Philibosian asked for a motion to approve absences.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Clayton Anderson
Fred Balderrama
Joanne Baltierrez
Hope J. Boonshaft
David W. Farrar
Jonathan Fuhrman
Jaclyn Tilley Hill
Chun Lee
Roman Padilla
William J. Petak
Robert H. Philibosian
Marc A. Seidner
H. Randall Stoke
Julia Sylva

COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED

John Crowley
Michael Jimenez
Tony Lucente
Royal F. Oakes

G. Thomas Thompson
Tony Tortorice

COMMISSIONERS NOT REQUESTING AN EXCUSE

None

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

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Philibosian asked if there were any corrections or amendments to the minutes. Commissioner Stoke would like to insert the words Quality & Production after "the", to avoid confusion with the E&E Commission in Section VII, the first line in the second paragraph on page 2. With this correction it was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: **The minutes of the September 7, 2000 Commission meeting be approved.**

IV. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Philibosian presented a scroll from the Board of Supervisors, and her commission nameplate to Commissioner Kennedy. Chairman Philibosian announced the appointment of Commissioner Joanne Baltierrez, and the reappointment of Commissioner Boonshaft. Chairman Philibosian administered the oath of office to both.

Chairman Philibosian asked Commissioner Baltierrez to introduce herself. Commissioner Baltierrez stated that she had worked for 10 years with the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS), the Municipal Court and for the Department of Health Services. She retired from her county position to pursue higher education, and later completed a fellowship with CORO, Southern California. She worked for non-profits and was on the City Council in the City of San Fernando for five years, becoming the first female Mayor. During that time she worked for State and Community Colleges. She subsequently assumed the position of Executive Director of the League of Women Voters of Los Angeles. Commissioner Baltierrez is now running a campaign in the Palmdale area for a local union.

Chairman Philibosian commended the Quality and Productivity Commission on their efforts to improve productivity within the county. He read an excerpt from the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Board Meeting and congratulating them on their accomplishment in improving the county.

VIII. PRESENTATION (a)

[Larry J. Calemine, Executive Officer Los Angeles County Local Agency Formation Commission \(LAFCO\)](#)
[Topic: Issues Surrounding the San Fernando Valley Secession, the San Pedro Secession, and the Hollywood Secession Movements](#)

Chairman Philibosian introduced Mr. Larry J. Calemine. Mr. Calemine discussed the particulars involving the secession movements in the San Fernando Valley, San Pedro Harbor and Hollywood, and how these areas would affect the dynamics of both the City and County of Los Angeles. He discussed the implications of AB2838, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Bill (Local Government Reformation Act of 2000) which was signed by Governor Davis. He also discussed how LAFCO is involved with the break-up negotiations, which must be revenue neutral or substantially equal.

IV. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Continued)

Chairman Philibosian presented to former E & EC Chairman and Commissioner David Abel a Board of Supervisors' scroll, which recognized his service and contributions to the County of Los Angeles. Former Commissioner Abel thanked the Commission and Chairman Philibosian.

Chairman Philibosian commended Commissioner Fuhrman on his reappointment to the Data Processing and Telecommunications Advisory Committee. Commissioner Fuhrman thanked Chairman Philibosian for his comments.

V. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Philibosian introduced the Draft Commission Bylaws (which were circulated to all Commissioners with the Agenda). Chairman Philibosian asked Mr. Staniforth to give a summary of the proposed Bylaws. Mr. Staniforth stated that the revision updated the document. A major change is on page 6, which shows the insertion of the Procedures Based upon Robert's Rules of Order. In addition, on page 16, under Item D. Sponsoring Commissioner, deals with

mentoring a new commissioner. Commissioner Hill stated that new commissioners provide additional expertise to the Commission and she believes that a one on one mentoring would be beneficial. Commissioner Baltierrez, as the newest commissioner, said that everyone comes from different levels of experience and the new commissioners will need to be informed of the issues before the Commission. If the new commissioner is provided a mentor, their questions will be more welcome. Commissioner Boonshaft thought mentoring would be helpful, because asking questions in public is at times uncomfortable. Commissioner Padilla felt that a gesture of taking a new commissioner to lunch in the first two or three months would create a more personal touch and would be sufficient. Commissioner Petak didn't feel that this issue was significant enough to be incorporated in the Bylaws.

Commissioner Sylva commended Judge Thompson for a substantive amendment to the Bylaws, which is Section 5: Commission Meeting Policy, page 4, which states that the Chair makes the request to meet with the Supervisors once a year instead of the Commission making the request.

Commissioner Stoke queried whether the Commission wanted to eliminate committees. Also, in Section 8: Quorum of page 5, Commissioner Stoke asked whether the Bylaws refer to the majority of the Commission or the majority of the task force. Chairman Philibosian stated that the word present needs to be stricken from the end of the sentence, to now read "shall be constituted by a majority of appointed Commissioners." The motion was passed to amend the word "present" and strike it from the Bylaws.

Commissioner Balderamma asked to clarify the situation of unexcused absences. Mr. Staniforth stated that a commissioner could call or e-mail before 9:30 a.m. on the day of the Commission meeting to be excused, and Chairman Philibosian said that an unexcused attendance could be changed to "excused", subject to a vote at the next Commission meeting.

Chairman Philibosian asked if there were any other comments on the Bylaws. With none he moved to adopt the Bylaws, Commissioner Boonshaft seconded the motion. It was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: The Revised Bylaws of the Economy and Efficiency Commission be adopted.

Chairman Philibosian asked if there were any questions or comments on the Orientation Handbook Outline. Hearing none he moved to adopt the Orientation Handbook Outline, Commissioner Fuhrman seconded the motion. It was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: **The Orientation Handbook Outline of the Economy & Efficiency Commission be adopted.**

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Staniforth said that his material had already been covered.

VII. LIAISON REPORTS

Commissioner Sylva asked the commissioners to put the Quality and Productivity Awards Event on their calendars.

Former Commissioner Abel, stated that the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation (LAEDC) is in the process of reissuing a report that used to be published by Security Pacific National Bank, the Sixty-Mile Circle Report that looked at the Region. LAEDC would like input from the Commission, both in the original document and in the issues section. Commissioner Seidner asked if there were a website where they could get more information. Commissioner Abel said it is www.laedc.org.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

Finance

Commissioner Thompson stated that he would bring a report to the next meeting.

Grand Jury

Commissioner Hill stated that data collection is continuing, and that Commissioner Boonshaft has offered to host for the next task force meeting. Commissioner Hill also stated that the task force was being held up by information needed from the Auditor/Controller. Chairman Philibosian stated that he had some informal information from the Superior Court that he would forward to her.

Organization and Accountability

Mr. Staniforth said that he was in the process of contacting a list of 15 - 20 people sent to him by Commissioner Patricia Curry, the Chairman of the Emancipation Task Force of the L.A. County Commission for Children and Families. The Economy & Efficiency Task Force is undertaking a Review of the Emancipation Program from the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and a project proposal is being developed. Commissioner Padilla stated that task force had received a report from the Auditor covering the Independent Living Program.

Chairman Philibosian asked Mr. Staniforth to look into where the departmental computer services in order to track problems in the various foster homes. Chairman Philibosian then asked whether information from Children's Services regarding the computer issue was forthcoming? Mr. Staniforth responded that the Commission hasn't asked for any data on this issue, but that he would pursue the matter.

Policy

Commissioner Sylva stated that there was a conference call with Mr. Crowley and Mr. Petak. They are still following up on the Baldassare Report regarding the promotion of economic development in the county. They have met with the LAEDC, and the task force is developing a proposal to assist in streamlining county government to make any related processes more "business friendly".

X. NEW BUSINESS

None

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion from the floor, Chairman Philibosian adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted.



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Executive Director

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