

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
CITIZENS ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION**

ROOM 139, HALL OF ADMINISTRATION / 500 WEST TEMPLE / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012 / 974-1491

M I N U T E S

FULL COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, September 26, 1973  
TIME: 9:30 a.m.  
PLACE: Hall of Administration, Room 830

Maurice Rene Chez  
Chairman

George E. Bodle  
John D. Byork  
James J. Cunningham  
Roc Cutri  
Jerry Epstein  
Milton G. Gordon  
Dixon R. Harwin  
Mrs. Ray Kidd  
Joseph A. Lederman  
Harlan G. Loud  
Leo A. Majich  
Ferdinand Mendenhall  
Robert A. Olin  
George Shellenberger  
William Torrence

Burke Roche  
Executive Secretary

Members Present:

Maurice Chez, Chairman  
John Byork  
Jerry Epstein  
Milton Gordon  
Mrs. Ray Kidd  
Joe Lederman  
Harlan Loud  
George Shellenberger

Members Absent:

George Bodle  
James Cunningham  
Roc Cutri  
Dr. Robert Downey  
Dixon Harwin  
Leo Majich  
Ferdinand Mendenhall  
Bill Mortensen  
Robert Ruchti

New Member Catie Graeffe

Mr. Chez called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. He introduced Miss Catie Graeffe who was appointed by Supervisor Ward to replace Bill Torrence. Miss Graeffe teaches public administration and organization theory at USC.

Mr. Chez read the resignation letter of Bill Torrence and reported that he had answered the letter telling Mr. Torrence it was always sad to have to accept the resignation of an old and valued member.

A summary of the citation to Mrs. Ray Kidd was read by Mr. Chez. The Glendale News-Press named her the 1973 Woman of Achievement. The summary is attached.

Commission policy regarding public statements by members of the commission was discussed. Mr. Chez said that he would entertain a motion reiterating the policy adopted by the commission in 1966, i.e., while a subject is under study and before the commission has taken an official stand, the chairman speaks for the commission unless he designates someone to speak for him. Mr. Shellenberger so moved; Mr. Lederman seconded the motion.

Mr. Gordon said that he wanted to know exactly what he was voting on and asked for clarification. Mr. Chez said that when a study was in progress and the commission had not yet taken a stand, requests for public statements should be referred to the chairman. After the commission had taken an official stand, the members would be free to say what that stand was and then to express their own opinions, if they differed from that of the commission.

Mr. Chez asked if anyone objected to this clarification. There was no objection. However, Mr. Shellenberger and Mr. Gordon suggested that Mr. Roche write a resolution on this subject and present it to the commission.

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The next item on the agenda was the commission letter to the Board of Supervisors requesting support for the request that the California State Assembly conduct an interim committee study regarding Assembly Bill 1480--Sheriff-Marshall consolidation. Mr. Roche reported that the letter had been adopted by the supervisors, but that Supervisor Hayes and Supervisor Ward said they were supporting the request for the study but not the consolidation.

Mr. Epstein asked if this issue couldn't be put on the ballot and the voters be given the opportunity to vote for it. Other members pointed out that this would require a great deal of money. Mr. Roche said that the commission's policy was to take every opportunity to advertise the situation.

On the resolution of the problems involving the Criminal Courts building, Mr. Roche reported that the last status report showed that the recommendations of the special committee are now being put into effect. He said that the elevators are by no means giving the best service in Los Angeles, but they are operating with reasonable efficiency.

Mr. Roche reported that the legislation allowing the establishment of the consolidated Facilities Department has been passed. The County has written specifications for the position of the Director of the department and is in the process of beginning the examination and advertising for applicants. He said that the next move would be to get this man appointed.

Mr. Epstein thought the specifications for the Director were too general. He said that the man should be a construction man and a licensed general contractor.

Mr. Roche explained that he thought the reason the specifications had been so generalized was perhaps to attract outsiders. The County did not want to make the requirements so narrow that they would eliminate good applicants. He said that he felt it was written in a reasonable fashion designed to attract as wide a group of applicants as possible to allow the County and the oral board to make its choice among the most qualified.

Mr. Gordon disagreed with Mr. Epstein. He said if a man could meet the requirements of the specifications and also be a licensed contractor and construction man, then that would be great; but first of all, this man should be an administrator. He said that it was his feeling that the specifications were in line with what the task force had in mind, and he did not think the commission should do anything now.

Mr. Chez reminded the commission that the Construction Projects Task Force would be monitoring this department. If the man the County hires does not do his job, the task force can determine this.

Harlan Loud, Chairman of the Civil Service-Employee Relations Task Force, reported that the task force was holding a number of meetings now to review the preliminary draft of the report. He said that Mr. Roche was now in the process of coordinating the report with County management, the labor unions, and the two commissions to get their input. He said it was a very voluminous report and very carefully prepared. He asked the task force members who were present to stay after adjournment of this meeting for a short task force meeting.

Mr. Chez reported on the future plans as follows:

As soon as the present study on Civil Service-Employee Relations is completed he will start to appoint new task forces for future studies. He listed the studies that the commission had been asked to perform.

1. Agency study concept requested by Supervisor Hahn.
2. Executives appointed by and reporting to commissions requested by Supervisor Hahn.
3. Conservation of paper in Los Angeles County requested by Supervisor Hayes.
4. Contracting with private firms to provide services requested by Supervisor Schabarum.
5. County Mayor proposed by Supervisor Hahn.

He said the priorities hadn't been decided yet, but as soon as they were he would appoint the task forces, and the staff would be working very hard to prepare material. He complimented Mr. Roche and Miss Larsen for the quality and quantity of work that was done in the office.

Mr. Epstein proposed that the meeting adjourn in memory of former commissioner Robert Olin.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

MRS. RAY KIDD

NEWS-PRESS 1973 WOMAN OF ACHIEVEMENT

Mrs. Ray Kidd was named the eighth Glendale News-Press Woman of Achievement. She was cited in particular for her current activities as Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the newly constructed Verdugo Hills Hospital and for her efforts in organizing the Hospital Women's Council. Her interest in health extended to her membership in the Comprehensive Health Planning Association of Southern California, and to her chairmanship of the Los Angeles Central Area Committee.

The News-Press stated that Mrs. Kidd has a series of "firsts" to her credit. She was the first woman to be appointed Chairman of the Glendale Board of Zoning Adjustments; the first woman to be Chairman of the City Planning Commission; and the first to receive the outstanding citizen award for a woman, presented last year by the Glendale Chamber of Commerce.