

**ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
June 4, 2020**

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**

With the presence of a quorum, Chair Munoz called the Commission meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

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

The following was the attendance for the meeting:

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

Robert Cole  
Nancy Coleman  
Becca Doten  
Benjamin Everard  
Jacob Haik  
Michael Hastings  
T. Warren Jackson  
Larry Kaplan  
Jeffrey Monical  
Ed Munoz  
Robert Philiposian  
Wilma Pinder  
Yolanda Rodriguez-Pena  
Joanne Saliba  
Natalie Samarjian  
Velveth Schmitz  
Connie Sullivan  
Steven Ward  
Cesar Zaldivar-Motts

**COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED**

Ronald K. Ikejiri  
John Anthony Schmitz

**III. APPROVAL OF MARCH 9, 2020 MINUTES**

Chair Munoz asked if there were any objections or changes to the minutes of the March 9, 2020 Commission meeting. Commissioner Saliba stated that she wanted to change the word from "whenever" to "wherever" under the CCJCC report in the minutes of March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

The changes and the minutes were approved by the Commission. The correction will be made to the March 9, 2020 minutes.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**V. REPORTS**

**A. Economic Recovery Group 1: Contracts**

Executive Director Eng reported that the taskforce consisting of commissioners Joanne Saliba (1<sup>st</sup> District), Connie Sullivan (4<sup>th</sup> District), and Nancy Coleman (CGJ) had submitted a total of 14 recommendations to the Quality and Productivity Commission (QP&C), the lead commission on this project. The taskforce also participated in several zoom meetings along with staff from Internal Services Department (ISD), Small Business Commission (SBC), Department of Business and Consumer Affairs (DBCA), and QP&C. One of the zoom meetings was a presentation of the contracting process by ISD and the work that they are already doing in support of this group effort. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for July of this year.

**B. Economic Recovery Group 2: Website**

Executive Director Eng reported that that taskforce consisting of commissioners Michael Hastings (5<sup>th</sup> District) and Velveth Schmitz had submitted a total of 19 recommendations gather from small businesses on how to open their businesses safely.

Commissioner Hastings reported that he tried to accelerate the review of the recommendations by moving up the chain of command within the 5<sup>th</sup> District but ultimately was unsuccessful in his efforts. He stated that it's not the money that the small businesses are looking for but the protocol to open their businesses. Additionally, Commissioner Hastings mused that task force has provided plenty of ideas but at this point he is content with the outcome, which is to feed the content into the website that the CIO of the Executive office has designed.

Chair Munoz reported that he also took up to the chain of command within the First District but was unsuccessful. Chair Munoz applauded Commissioner Hastings for trying to advance the recommendations, but he stated that the Commission's mantra is to give the best advice and counsel possible. Chair Munoz stated that he appreciates the commissioners for their willingness to do more and believed that the Commission has the talent to do more, but that ultimately, the Commission is not a decision-making body but an advisory one.

Chair-Emeritus Philibosian stated that the Economy and Efficiency Commission was created to tackle complex government problems.

Commissioner Schmitz reported that there is another taskforce known as the Economic Resiliency Taskforce (ERT) and it involves all 5 Board of Supervisors. She stated the ERT

is working with the big sectors on reopening protocols and it appeared that the work of the ERT and Contracts group will ultimately feed into the website group.

Executive Director Eng stated that the output from the website will go to another committee that will parcel it off to other departments to evaluate.

### **C. Video Arraignment Pilot**

[http://eec.lacounty.gov/Portals/EEC/Reports/202\\_0619VideoArraignmentReport.pdf](http://eec.lacounty.gov/Portals/EEC/Reports/202_0619VideoArraignmentReport.pdf)

Commissioner Saliba stated that it has taken 10 years to get the Video Arraignment going and Covid-19 precipitated the launch of the pilot program.

Executive Director Eng stated that the report that is due on June 11<sup>th</sup> has been rescheduled for August 12<sup>th</sup> and the CEO is gathering data right now for the final report and then we will be done with the project.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

Chair Munoz stated that one of the things that he and the Executive Director are trying to do is to find out if there are projects that the Board of Supervisors would like the Commission to work on.

Executive Director Eng stated that the 1<sup>st</sup> District has requested for the E&E Commission to find a way to how bus benches can be reimaged in socially-disadvantaged areas. He stated that he did some preliminary research and found moss-backed benches that could potentially meet the design and social needs of the problem. He stated that he can provide more information at the next meeting as the project is still in preliminary stages.

Chair Munoz asked were there any other projects that anyone else has received from their perspective districts that the Commission should consider looking at.

Commissioners elected to represent their districts all reported that their appointing Board Offices are currently overwhelmed with other priorities and have not received any feedback.

Chair Munoz encouraged liaisons from each district to continue reaching out to their appointing Supervisors to check and see if there are any new projects that they would like the E&E Commission to tackle in '20-'21.

## **VII. PRESENTATION**

There was no presentation at the June Zoom Meeting.

## **VIII. COMMISSIONERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

## **IX. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Munoz at 10:48 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward Eng", written in a cursive style.

Executive Director, Edward Eng