

**ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
September 7, 2023**

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 10:30 a.m.

2. APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER'S ABSENCES

The following was the attendance for the meeting:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Robert Cole
Benjamin Everard
Jacob Haik
Katherine McKeon
Robert Philiposian
Dora Sandoval
John Anthony Schmitz
Connie Sullivan
Jennifer Williams
Shirley Zaragoza

COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED

Wilma Pinder
Craig Taubman
Cesar Zaldivar-Motts

3. APPROVAL OF JUNE 1, 2023, MINUTES

Chair Cole asked if there were any objections or changes to the minutes of the June 1, 2023, Commission meeting. Hearing no changes, the motion was then Moved, Seconded, and Adopted. The minutes of the June 1, 2023, Commission meeting were approved.

4. INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Zaragoza introduced herself to the Commission. Commissioner Zaragoza stated that she has most recently, spent this past year as the Foreperson for the 2022-2023 Los Angeles County Civil Grand Jury. She stated that prior to this civic service role, she spent 31 years as a professor at the City University of New York (CUNY) and taught business courses in finance, organizational behavior, and entrepreneurship.

She stated that as a graduate of Babson College, Indiana University, and New York University, her dissertation focused on the internationalization of business education in the U.S. She stated that her global background includes being a resident/working in Tokyo (Japan), New York, Massachusetts, Salamanca (Spain), Indiana and California. She stated that she is looking forward to working with the Commission.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REPORTS

i. CCJCC

Commissioner Sullivan reported that at the July meeting, Ms. Jennifer Hallman, Alternative Crisis Response Manager from the Department of Mental Health, gave a presentation on the Alternative Crisis Response (ACR) Program. She reported that Ms. Hallman also provided a status update from CCJCC's ACR Ad Hoc Working Group, as requested at the meeting of January 11, 2023.

Commissioner Sullivan reported that there was also a presentation made by the Honorable Yvette Verastegui, Asst. Supervising Judge of the Criminal Division of the Los Angeles County Superior Courts. She reported that the judge summarized the Community Collaborative Court program and effort to update standards and practices.

Commissioner Sullivan also reported on a presentation made by Ms. Terri Villa-McDowell, J.D., Human Relations Program Coordinator of Los Angeles County's Commission on Human Relations. She reported that Ms. Villa McDowell gave an update on services available through 2-1-1 for victims of hate crimes and hate incidents and gave an update on developing video training for law enforcement agencies on 2-1-1 resource utilization.

Commissioner Sullivan reported the next CCJCC meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 13, 2023.

ii. E&E COMMISSION PROPOSED PROJECTS

There were no new projects brought to the Commission from Supervisorial Districts 1,2,3, and 5.

Commissioner Sullivan stated that in late July, Commissioner Motts and her met with Jaime Wilson, Deputy for Supervisor Hahn (SD4). She stated that since SD4 couldn't come up with ideas for new projects, she gave them one of her own. She stated that when compared to the City of Los Angeles the County is weak in returning to work with light duty assignments and she feels this is a project the Commission could undertake. She also shared that there were several reports out there including the civil grand jury report and one from the inmate reception center stating there are a lot of workers out and it impacts the county's ability to get their work completed. She would like this project to be a potential project for the 23/24 year.

Commissioner Haik stated that another potential project passed on from the 4th District was to look at the Human Resources' hiring and personnel onboarding process.

Executive Director Edward Eng gave the Commission a summary of additional potential projects for the Commission to consider for 2023-2024.

1. Review The Commission Bylaws

Executive Director Edward Eng stated that the bylaws should be reviewed every 5 years to reflect technological advances and current legislative policies. He stated the last time changes/updates were made to the bylaws was in 2017.

2. Discuss the Adoption of "Bus Shelter" Design

Executive Director Edward Eng stated that the Commission could explore the adoption of the "Bus Shelter" design process (December 2021) for implementation with Supervisorial Districts 2, 3, 4, and 5. He stated there were concerns and lots of discussion in The Los Angeles Times, Monday, September 4, 2023, California Section regarding the lack of bus shelters in marginalized communities. He stated that the original pilot program went well with the community colleges in the 1st District, the Department of Public Works, and Metro. He stated that at the November meeting, he would present some designs submitted by the 1st District Community Colleges.

Chair Cole agreed and stated this was an excellent project and he wants to get more information before voting on future projects. He stated that he appreciates everyone's feedback, but he wanted to make sure the Commission does things in compliance with the mission but also stays true to the core of the mission to make functions more efficient and effective throughout the county.

Commissioner Sullivan and Chair Emeritus Philibosian stated this project falls outside of the Commission's mission statement and scope of work, but Commissioner Haik and Commissioner Cole stated that the Commission should discuss further at a future meeting.

3. Discuss "AI" Technology within Los Angeles County

Executive Director Edward Eng stated that the Commission should also review the role, utility, and adoption of AI in Los Angeles County. He stated this project would apply to the commission's mission. He stated that ChatGPT (Chat Generative Pre-Trained Transformer) is largely a large language model [based chatbot developed by OpenAI and launched on November 30, 2022]. He stated there are a lot of policy implications and gray areas for implementation. He stated it would be interesting to see how LA County can adopt AI technology to better serve its customers. He stated that the world is moving toward government 3.0 now, and that the future of the CIO is not only a person who understands technology but someone who knows policy as well.

4. Incubator within 4th District with Biola University

Executive Director Edward Eng stated this project would be to explore and develop an Incubator in Supervisorial District 4 with Biola University. He stated that the 2nd District already has a plan to move forward with a similar project. He stated that the traditional incubators always have a college that they work with. He stated that he knows the people at Biola well and thinks it would be easy to get this project off the ground. He stated this is also not part of the mission, but this is just another potential project the commission could discuss and work on.

Executive Director Edward Eng stated that, as always, he wanted to put forth a couple of projects for the commission to consider in the upcoming year.

Chair Cole stated that he wants Executive Director Eng to review all the potential projects discussed today so the commission can decide on the proposed projects in the order of importance at the November meeting.

iii. **CARRYOVER PROJECTS**

a. **SD2 Entrepreneur & Innovation Center:**

Commissioner Williams reported that she met with the Department of Economic Opportunities and discussed exploring the potential of collaborating with the Small Business Commission to assess what has worked well in the past and new opportunities for improvement from the SD1 Entrepreneurship Center that already exist.

Commissioner Williams stated that she followed up on the project's status on August 9th by email, and Director Kelly LoBianco responded by saying they were excited to work with the Commission and that they needed a little more time as they closed out their first fiscal year. MS LoBianco also stated that they would get back to the Commission shortly with a plan to discuss with the other team members.

6. **PRESENTATION**

There was no presentation for the September meeting.

7. **COMMISSIONERS' ANNOUNCEMENT**

Commissioner Sullivan announced that Supervisor Hahn had a reception for the 4th District Commissioners where Commissioner Haik received an award.

Commissioner Sandoval announced she is celebrating her 27th Anniversary.

Commissioner Schmitz announced that he also celebrated his 11th Anniversary last week.

8. **STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Administrative Assistant Pittmon announced the birthdays of Commissioner Saliba, Commissioner Haik, Commissioner Samarjian, and Chair-Emeritus Philibosian.

Administrative Pittmon also announced that the upcoming guest speakers for the October meeting will be Los Angeles County Department/Commission of Arts & Culture, Director Ms. Kristin Sakoda, and Commission President Liane Weintraub.

Chair Cole asked for the Commission to take a moment of silence in memory of Joanne D. Saliba. He stated that she was the Civil Grand Jury Foreperson from 2016 to 2017 and then was appointed as a 1st District Commissioner in 2018-early 2023. Chair Cole stated that during her 7 years on the Commission, she Chaired 80% of the studies the Commission undertook. He stated that she will be remembered as an enthusiastic leader and a tireless contributor. Chair Cole stated that Commissioner Saliba will be greatly missed by the Commission. Chair Cole presented a 5-signature scroll in honor of Commissioner Joanne Saliba and stated that her husband would pick it up later.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned in memory of Joanne D. Saliba by Chair Cole at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Executive Director, Edward Eng