

**ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
May 2, 2024**

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 Haik 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  
Jacob Haik  
Cathy Hood  
Steven Lei  
Peter Lyons  
Katherine McKeon  
Wilma Pinder  
Dora Sandoval  
Connie Sullivan  
Craig Taubman  
Cesar Zaldivar-Motts  
Shirley Zaragoza

**COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED**

Benjamin Everard  
John Anthony Schmitz  
Jennifer Williams  
Vince Wong

**3. APPROVAL OF MAY 2, 2024, MINUTES**

Chair Haik asked if there were any objections or changes to the May 2, 2024 Commission meeting minutes. Hearing no changes, the motion was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted. The minutes of the May 2, 2024, Commission meeting were approved.

**4. Appointment of Vice-Chair**

Chair Haik reported that he appointed Commissioner Ben Everard as his Vice-Chair. Although Commissioner Everard could not attend today's meeting, he has accepted the appointment.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

## **REPORTS**

### **i. CCJCC**

There was nothing to report. Chair Haik appointed Commissioner Dora Sandoval as the E&E Commission representative for CCJCC. He stated that the Commission is still in need of an alternate. He asked if any Commissioner is interested in the position, to email him directly.

### **ii. E&E COMMISSION PRO PROJECTS**

**AI Task Force:** Cathy Hood (3<sup>rd</sup>), John Schmitz (2<sup>nd</sup>), Steven Lei (3<sup>rd</sup>), Jennifer Williams (2<sup>nd</sup>), Ben Everard (5<sup>th</sup>)

Commissioner Hood reported that the task force had its first meeting on Tuesday, April 23, 2024. She stated that she was excited about the project and started doing research. She also noted that she will start a Google document and asked that the task force to come up with a list of questions for potential interviewees. Commissioner Sullivan stated that she would like to join the task force.

**Hiring and Onboarding Taskforce:** Dora Sandoval (4<sup>th</sup>), Connie Sullivan (4<sup>th</sup>), Katie McKeon (2<sup>nd</sup>), Cathy Hood (3<sup>rd</sup>)

Commissioner McKeon reported that the task force met on Tuesday, April 30, 2024. She stated that they discussed the first steps to progressing with the project, and that she was tasked with setting up a Google document to stay current with the questions the task force would like to ask potential interviewees. She noted that the task force plans to meet with the Departments of Human Resources and Mental Health. She asked the task force to review the earlier report that the Commission completed on this issue in 2017/2018.

Executive Director Eng stated that Administrative Assistant Pittmon will send out a date and time for upcoming task force meetings with each task force.

**Rental Assistance Task Force:** Craig Taubman (1<sup>st</sup>), Cathy Hood (3<sup>rd</sup>), John Schmitz (1<sup>st</sup>), Vince Wong (3<sup>rd</sup>), Jennifer Williams (2<sup>nd</sup>), Dora Sandoval (4<sup>th</sup>), Katie McKeon (2<sup>nd</sup>).

Commissioner Williams reported that the task force met on Tuesday, April 30, 2024. She stated that the project goal is to examine the rental assistance program and how the program supports renters in Los Angeles County. She noted that the original request came from the 1st District but that the question was raised regarding why the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs would be responsible for this program to support renters and rental assistance.

She stated that upon researching, she discovered that the county has a program that helps landlords recover some of the back rent from renters. She stated that the programs serve two different audiences and the one assisting landlords is under the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs.

Commissioner Taubman stated that he will touch bases with the 1<sup>st</sup> District to get more direction on what they would like the Commission to work on.

**Return to Work Task Force:** Connie Sullivan (4<sup>th</sup>), Peter Lyons (5<sup>th</sup>), Shirley Zaragoza (CGJ)

No report.

**5. PRESENTATION**

Ms. Lisa Garrett, Director of the Los Angeles County Department of Human Resources.

**6. COMMISSIONERS' ANNOUNCEMENT**

There were no Commissioner announcements.

**7. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Administrative Pittmon announced the birthdays of Commissioner Sullivan, Commissioner McKeon, and Commissioner Williams.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Haik adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Executive Director, Edward Eng