

LOS ANGELES COUNTY
ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION

ROOM 163, HALL OF ADMINISTRATION / 500 WEST TEMPLE / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012 / 974-1491

MINUTES
FULL COMMISSION MEETING

April 1, 1981

George E. Bodle, Chairperson
Dr. Carolyn L. Ellner, Vice Chairperson
Lauro J. Neri, Vice Chairperson
Gloria Starr, Vice Chairperson
Dr. Curtis Ventriss, Vice Chairperson

Susan Berk
John D. Byork
Margaret Paterson Carr
Anne S. Collins
Dr. Mario Di Giovanni
Milton G. Gordon
Mary Jane Kidd
Thomas F. Kranz
Dr. Richard G. Lillard
Abraham M. Lurie
Robert Ruchti, II
Dr. Warren H. Schmidt
Wally Thor
Bryan Walker

Commission Staff
John Campbell
Martha Ohanesian

Members Present:

George Bodle
Susan Berk
John Byork
Anne Collins
Mario Di Giovanni
Richard Lillard
Abe Lurie
Larry Neri
Gloria Starr
Wally Thor
Peter Tweedt
Connie Worden

Members Excused:

Carolyn Ellner
Milton Gordon
Bill Hoppock
Tom Kranz
Robert Ruchti
Curtis Ventriss
Bryan Walker

George Bodle called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

Attendance

On motion by Gloria Starr, seconded by Mario Di Giovanni, the commission unanimously excused the following absences: Carolyn Ellner, Milton Gordon, Bill Hoppock, Tom Kranz, Robert Ruchti, Curtis Ventriss and Bryan Walker.

Minutes of the last meeting were adopted with the correction that Connie Worden was present.

George Bodle announced a new member of the commission, Jack Drown, who has been appointed by the Board on nomination by Supervisor Dana to replace Muriel P. Bodek.

Regarding the court project, George Bodle reported he, Tom Kranz and John Campbell met with Supervisor Edelman to get clarification of the position of the commission with reference to the court investigation. Supervisor Edelman advised he would introduce a resolution to the Board of Supervisors calling on the commission to continue the inquiry into the courts. The resolution was introduced and passed unanimously. Subsequently, Supervisors Dana and Schabarum assured George they are in full support of the commission's study of the courts.

TASK FORCE REPORTS

Courts - Abe Lurie reported on a meeting held March 18 to develop ideas that had not been developed by the Judicial Procedure Commission. Two suggestions were made: 1) Development of a pro-per court, and 2) a Plaintiff's Information Center, where prospective litigants would be informed of the cost of litigation and the prospect of success of the case. This could be a deterrent to filing frivolous and costly claims and eventually would cut down on the court backlog.

Incentives - Susan Berk reported the Board of Supervisors adopted the Civil Service rules the commission had recommended. Some revision is currently being done on the proposal which is going in for funding for the project in the Assessor's office. A group of students from the UCLA Graduate School of Management is working on a project. They will do a literature review of incentives and motivation, design questionnaires, and plan to interview management.

Contracts - Larry Neri reported on the last meeting of the Contract Services Advisory Committee. In reference to a letter to the Board of Supervisors from the Contract Services Advisory Committee dated March 11, 1981, (copy attached), on motion by Larry Neri, seconded by Abe Lurie, the commission unanimously decided to support the Committee's recommendation and directed the staff to prepare a letter to that effect.

Executive Committee Report

On recommendation of the Executive Committee, a motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved that the commission request the Board of Supervisors to: 1) adopt a new contract with the Executive Secretary, John J. Campbell, so that the fee is and will remain equal to the salary of a Chief Analyst, CAO, plus 30% for benefits, and 2) direct the commission to fill its vacant position of Staff Specialist, either by contract or through civil service, at a level equivalent to that of a Senior Analyst, CAO.

George Bodle advised that Bryan Walker is in the hospital for surgery. John Campbell will send him a letter on behalf of the commission.

Mario Di Giovanni raised the question regarding funding of pensions. After discussion, it was agreed to form a task force to discuss with each Supervisor the potential Board interest in a commission study of the retirement program. George Bodle appointed Mario Di Giovanni Chairman, with Connie Worden, John Byork and Richard Lillard serving as task force members.

The commission adjourned at 11 a.m.

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