

**ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
September 5, 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, Executive Director Eng 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
Cathy Hood
Steven Lei
Thomas Liu
Peter Lyons
Wilma Pinder
John Anthony Schmitz
Connie Sullivan
Craig Taubman
Jennifer Williams
Cesar Zaldivar-Motts
Vince Wong

COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED

Benjamin Everard
Jacob Haik
Katherine McKeon
Dora Sandoval
Irene Shandell-Taylor

3. APPROVAL OF JUNE 6, 2024, MINUTES

Executive Director Eng asked if there were any objections or changes to the June 6, 2024 Commission meeting minutes. Hearing no changes, the motion was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted. The minutes of the June 6, 2024, Commission meeting were approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

REPORTS

i. CCJCC

Nothing to report.

ii. E&E COMMISSION PROJECTS

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

AI Task Force: Cathy Hood (3rd), John Schmitz (2nd), Steven Lei (3rd), Jennifer Williams (2nd), Ben Everard (5th), Connie Sullivan (4th)

Commissioner Hood invited Janey Rountree, Executive Director of the California Policy Lab at UCLA, to be the Commission's guest speaker at the meeting. She stated that Ms. Rountree is an expert in AI. Commissioner Hood stated she would get a copy of Ms. Rountree's PowerPoint and send it to the Commission.

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

Commissioner Williams reported that the task force met and added additional questions to their Google spreadsheet. She updated the new Commissioners on the Rental assistance task force and its scope of work. She stated that the project goal is to examine the rental assistance program and how it supports renters in Los Angeles County. She also stated that the task force will reconvene meetings in October.

Hiring & Onboarding Task Force: Katie McKeon (2nd), Connie Sullivan (4th), Dora Sandoval (3rd), Cathy Hood (3rd)

DHR is working on their responses to the previous Commission report on Hiring and the task force's list of new questions.

Return to Work Task Force: Connie Sullivan (4th), Peter Lyons (5th)

Commissioner Sullivan reported that the task force met with Abram Tejeda from the City of Los Angeles on July 25, 2024, to discuss the return to work program for light-duty assignments.

She reported that the main takeaway was that when someone has a workers comp case, and HR offers them a light-duty temporary assignment, but the employee refuses the offer, they cut off their worker's comp benefits. She reported that the city has been doing this for close to 20 years, and it seems to work. She reported that she believes the County should explore replicating this model. She reported that the task force also plans to speak with additional peer agencies and see what they do in these cases.

5. PRESENTATION

Ms. Janey Rountree, UCLA California Policy Lab.

6. COMMISSIONERS' ANNOUNCEMENT

Commissioner Hood stated that a 3rd District Breakfast is coming up, given by Supervisor Lindsey Horvath.

7. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Administrative Pittmon announced the birthdays of Commissioner Schmitz, Commissioner Everard, and Chairman Haik.

Executive Director Eng announced that he will be retiring at the end of the year and will be meeting with HR to determine what the process is hiring his replacement.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Executive Director Eng adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Executive Director, Edward Eng