

**ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
April 3, 2025**

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**

Lacking a quorum of commissioners, Vice-Chairman Everard 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**

Benjamin Everard  
Aaron Greenberg  
Jordan Greer  
Cathy Hood  
Steven Lei  
Thomas Liu  
Katherine McKeon  
Stephen Pritchard  
John Anthony Schmitz  
Connie Sullivan  
Craig Taubman  
Jennifer Williams

**COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED**

Teresa Dreyfuss  
Jacob Haik  
Peter Lyons  
Dora Sandoval  
Irene Shandell-Taylor  
Cesar Zaldivar-Motts  
Vince Wong

**3. APPROVAL OF February 6, 2025, MINUTES**

Vice-Chairman Everard stated that no corrections or amendments to the February 6, 2025, minutes could be made without a quorum of commissioners.

**4. INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Stephen Pritchard introduced himself and summarized his background. He stated that he is an urban planner and community organizer dedicated to housing justice, environmental sustainability, and equitable development. He has over a decade of experience in engagement, policy, and advocacy.

He stated his expertise spans land use planning, transportation equity, and housing policy. He is committed to environmental justice and has extensive experience advocating for the urban forest in Los Angeles County. He also stated that his work ensures communities, particularly those historically underserved, have access to green spaces and climate-resilient infrastructure.

Commissioner Pritchard stated that with a background in hospitality management across San Francisco, New York, and Los Angeles, he brings a people-centered approach to planning, ensuring that community voices shape policies that impact them.

Commissioner Jordan Greer introduced herself and stated she is an Associate Director at the University of Southern California (USC) Race and Equity Center. She stated that in this role, she designs and facilitates professional development for higher education institutions and business partners nationwide, focusing on hiring, inclusive teaching practices, and professional development. She stated that her journey in higher education began at USC Rossier's Center for Urban Education (CUE), where she collaborated with community colleges and four-year institutions to address racial equity gaps. She also stated that at the heart of her work is a commitment to breaking down complex policies and systems into clear, actionable steps that center the needs of racially minoritized students.

She stated that, beyond her professional role, she is deeply involved in community service and advocacy and looks forward to working with the E&E Commission.

## **5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

### **REPORTS**

#### **i. CCJCC**

Nothing to report.

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

Administrative Assistant Pittmon will send out a date and time for upcoming task force meetings with each task force. Administrative Assistant Pittmon stated that the task force meetings would be on MS Teams. She also noted that each task force will rotate in-person meetings after the Commission meetings.

**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>), Connie Sullivan (4<sup>th</sup>), (2<sup>nd</sup>) Aaron Greenberg

Commissioner Hood stated that the previous Executive Director, Ed Eng, had met with the Executive Office team, and they believe this project would benefit all the Commissions, as

there are over 200 Commissions in the county. She stated that if the task force can focus on just the application of AI within putting agendas together, action items, and minutes, then we can standardize that across all the commissions. She also stated that this project could help the board office track action items more efficiently, rather than waiting for each commission to prepare minutes and an agenda the week before. She stated that the next task force meeting will be held via MS Teams on April 22, 2025.

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

Commissioner Williams stated that the project's goal is to examine the rental assistance program and how it supports renters in Los Angeles County. She also stated that the task force is working on a list of questions to submit to DCBA before meeting with the Department.

Commissioner Williams reported that the task force's next meeting will be on April 21, 2025.

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

Commissioner McKeon stated that the task force is working with the Department of Mental Health (and others) to identify and accelerate Los Angeles County's hiring for the Department's critical positions. She stated that the goal is to identify weaknesses and develop recommendations for improvement.

Commissioner McKeon also stated that the task force will hold its first in-person meeting after the commission meeting and that the next Teams meeting will be scheduled for April 24, 2025.

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

Commissioner Sullivan reported that the task force is looking to compare the County of Los Angeles' Return-to-Work program regarding light-duty assignments with benchmarks and best practices to identify gaps, strengths, and opportunities for improvement.

She stated that the task force is now at a stage where they need to do some survey work, and she's not sure they can move forward until an Executive director is appointed.

Commissioner Sullivan also reported that she and Dora met with their district's new liaison, who stated he would be willing to help with the project.

## **6. PRESENTATION**

There was no presentation.

## **7. COMMISSIONERS' ANNOUNCEMENT**

Commissioner Williams stated she has a new role with the Union Rescue Mission.

Commissioner Hood stated that Mayor Karen Bass is hosting another Clean-up day across various districts on April 25, 2025. She stated that if any commissioner would like to participate, they can email her, and she will forward the flyer with all the information. She stated that if you miss this event, they plan to host a monthly clean-up day, and she will keep everyone informed about the upcoming dates.

Commissioner Taubman stated that his agency donates an abundance of perishable supplies every other week. He stated that if anyone knows of any agencies in need, they should reach out to him, and he will assist them in registering so they can be on call to receive any excess perishable supplies.

8. **STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Administrative Pittmon announced the birthdays of herself and Commissioner Taubman. She also stated that the E&E Commission needs an additional liaison for the CCJCC meetings.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Vice-Chair Everard adjourned the meeting at 11:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Executive Assistant, Aisha Pittmon