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Economy & Efficiency Commission

Meeting Minutes

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION

THURSDAY, April 1, 2004
ROOM 830, 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

I. CALL TO ORDER

With the presence of a quorum, Chairman Philibosian called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

X. PRESENTATION (a)

Since Mr. Robert M. Hertzberg arrived early and a quorum was present Chairman Philibosian offered to have Mr. Hertzberg make his presentation to the Commission as the first item on the agenda and welcomed him to the Commission meeting

The Honorable Robert M.Hertzberg, Partner - Mayer, Brown, Rowe and Maw
Topic:The State and Local Fiscal Mess

Mr. Hertzberg's presentation focused on the dysfunctional relationship between the state and local governments within California, particularly at the county level, in terms of why it is happening and how it can be fixed.

II. APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER'S ABSENCES

Chairman Philibosian asked for a motion to approve absences.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Clayton Anderson
Fred Balderrama
Isaac Diaz Barcelona
Hope J. Boonshaft
Jaclyn Tilley Hill
Ronald K. Ikejiri
Chun Lee
Royal F. Oakes
Roman Padilla

William J. Petak
Robert H. Philibosian
Julia Sylva
Ira Thierer

COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED

Annie E. Cho
John Crowley
Jonathan Fuhrman
Tony Lucente
G. Thomas Thompson
Tony Tortorice

COMMISSIONERS NOT REQUESTING AN EXCUSE

Joanne Baltierrez

It was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: The Commission members requesting an excuse, be excused.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Philibosian asked if there were any corrections or amendments to the minutes of the March 4, 2004 Commission meeting. Hearing none, the following motion was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: The minutes of the February 5, 2004 Commission meeting are approved.

IV. APPROVAL OF PRESENTATION

Chairman Philibosian asked if there were any corrections or amendments to the presentation of the March 4, 2004 Commission meeting. Hearing none, the following motion was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: The presentation of the February 5, 2004 Commission meeting is approved.

V. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Staniforth introduced his new assistant, Ms. Sonya Reed, to the Commission.

VI. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Philibosian announced that three commissioners have been reappointed – Commissioners Petak, Tortorice and Balderrama – and gave his congratulations. Chairman Philibosian then drew attention to an article by Commissioner Sylva on the Brown Act published in the California Bar Public Law Journal. In addition, Commissioner Barcelona's article on the E&EC's presentation from Julia Justice McGinity was featured in the March 19th edition of the Antelope Valley Journal. Chairman Philibosian commented on a second article in the same publication mentioning Commissioner Barcelona, and asked if he would like to comment. Commissioner Barcelona announced that next week's column would be on the Grand Jury Task Force project with the Coroner's Office.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Staniforth stated that he did not have a report at this time.

VIII. LIAISON REPORTS

Local Government Services Commission

Commissioner Selditz stated that his commission had met with CalTrans to discuss their project regarding methods of sign-erecting throughout cities. The other project that they are working on is the State 911 Emergency System. Currently, when a call is made to 911 using a cell phone, the call is routed to the Highway Patrol Switchboard. This can overload the system. The Commission's proposal is to direct all 911 calls to the district wherein the call is originated.

Quality and Productivity Commission

Commissioner Hill encouraged all to attend the Commissioners' Leadership Conference on May 26. She emphasized that it would be a unique opportunity to interact with many department heads. The conference will last from 9 am to

3:30 pm (with a break for lunch) and will be divided into two panels: a morning panel on Justice and an afternoon panel on Community Services. The conference will be opened by Supervisor Knabe, followed by a status report on the County by the Chief Administrative Officer, David Janssen. The Justice panel will feature the District Attorney, the Public Defender, the Alternate Public Defender, the Under-Sheriff and the Ombudsman. The District Attorney will speak on ethics, particularly in regard to the City of Los Angeles. The Community Services panel will feature Dr. David Sanders, Director, Children and Family Services, an update on electronic voting by Ms. Connie McCormick, Registrar-Recorder, and Ms. Marcia Meyeda, Director, Animal Care and Control.

IX. OLD BUSINESS - TASK FORCE REPORTS

Emancipation Services Task Force

Chairman Philibosian commented that there was no activity at this time, but that they were monitoring the current situation.

Grand Jury

Commissioner Hill informed the Committee that the task force would be meeting later in the day at the Coroner's Office as a follow up on last month's recommendations. They would be meeting with the Chief Medical Examiner, Coroner Dr. Lakshmanan, and Executive Office Director Tony Hernandez. Commissioner Hill noted that the Los Angeles County Coroner's Office has some of the highest rated certified coroners in the nation.

The Coroner's Office has a website: <http://www.lacoroner.com>

Organization & Accountability Task Force

Commissioner Oaks announced that they have thus far compiled a 28-page draft report on Workers Compensation, with numerous recommendations.

Economic Development Task Force

Commissioner Sylva noted that she and Commissioner Petak had held a brief task force meeting earlier that morning. The task force has been busy for the past few months meeting with specific department heads, including the Small Business Association, as well as with the Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation (of which Commissioner Sylva is now a member), and the Los Angeles County Economic Development Commission. The departments all agree that there is lack of dialogue that needs to be addressed, and are on board with the task force's proposal to promote economic development with the Contract Cities Association.

Sheriff's Transportation Task Force

Commissioner Anderson stated that they had recently interviewed Judge Cecil Mills (Retired) regarding the Sheriff's Transportation issues. As a result of the new perspective they gained from this meeting, the task force will be working on their recommendations.

Asset Management

Chairman Philibosian noted that Commissioner Lucente is absent, and asked if anyone had anything to contribute. Commissioner Hill noted that Commissioner David Farrar is the newly elected Chair of the Joint Asset Management Real Estate Committee. The meetings have thus far been very successful.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Philibosian asked for recommendations on next month's presentation. Commissioner Padilla suggested the State Secretary for Health and Human Services to discuss relevant county issues. Chairman Philibosian believed that she would be unavailable for the meeting. Commissioner Hill suggested a representative from UCLA Economic Forecast to discuss public policy. Commissioner Sylva suggested the Assessor or Collector to discuss the current tax situation. Chairman Philibosian said that the Commission had heard from the Assessor recently. Commissioner Hill asked if Tyler McCauley, the Auditor, and Mark Saladino, the Treasurer, had presented to the Commission, and Chairman Philibosian responded that both had.

Commissioner Thierer commented that at the last meeting the Commission had considered inviting Supervisor Knabe, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, to make a presentation. Chairman Philibosian replied that this would be a good idea.

Commissioner Petak commented that one of the things that is affecting County services is the shifting demographics

that is taking place, and suggested a presentation by the head of the Population Demographic Center at USC. He is a demographer and a land use planner, and would be willing to discuss his research in demographic shifts. Chairman Philibosian commented that, as a land use planner, this speaker could also address the issue of housing vs. sales tax generators. Commissioner Petak added that perhaps they could include a speaker from USC's Real Estate Management Program who could address the issue of economic development and infrastructure. Chairman Philibosian suggested that Commissioner Petak discuss this option with Mr. Staniforth, and asked that Commissioner Petak potentially chair a panel. Commissioner Petak responded that he would, and added that a strategic planner who is working with Dr. Alan Glassman for the County has also indicated interest in talking with the Commission. This could be a second option. Chairman Philibosian agreed that any of these options would be good for either the May or June commission meeting, depending on Supervisor Knabe's availability for these months. Supervisor Knabe should be contacted first regarding his availability.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. No members of the public wanted to address the Commission.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion from the floor, Chairman Philibosian adjourned the meeting at 12:15 am.

Respectfully Submitted.



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Executive Director

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