

**ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
June 6, 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  
John Anthony Schmitz  
Connie Sullivan  
Craig Taubman  
Jennifer Williams  
Cesar Zaldivar-Motts  
Shirley Zaragoza

**COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED**

Benjamin Everard  
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. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

## **5. INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSIONER**

Commissioner Lui introduced himself to the Commission with highlights of his public and private sector bio. He has worked in the private sector as an investment banking analyst with Merrill Lynch, a product manager for Zurich Insurance, and an investment analyst for a Hong Kong-based hedge fund. He stated that in government, he served as the Chief of Concessions for Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks, as a Presidential Management Fellow at the White House Council on Environmental Quality, as a Program Examiner at the White House Office of Management & Budget, and as acting Regional Director and Deputy Regional Director for the US Bureau of Ocean Energy Management's Pacific Region (overseeing energy resources offshore the West Coast and Hawaii). Commissioner Lui stated that for the last 15 years, he has worked for the Federal Government. Commissioner Lui stated that he was excited about his appointment with this Commission and looks forward to working with everyone.

### **REPORTS**

#### **i. CCJCC**

There was 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 (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 Janey Rountree, Executive Director of the California Policy Lab at UCLA, is scheduled to be the Commission's guest speaker in one of the upcoming commission meetings. She stated that Ms. Rountree is an expert in AI. Commissioner Hood requested the task force to gather questions for that meeting.

Commissioner Williams reported that Mr. John Robichaux, Executive Director of the UC Berkeley Coleman Fung Institute, will be the guest speaker for the AI task force on July 17th. She stated that she also met with Supervisorial District 2, who had solid opinions on what they would want the task force to look at with respect to AI policy.

**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 a couple of times and put together a list of questions on the group's shared Google Drive. She stated that the task force is set to meet with DCBA in the next couple of months and will report back at the next Commission meeting.

**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 reported that the task force had met to discuss several upcoming

assignments: meeting with the Department of Mental Health, and the Department of Human Resources to discuss countywide hiring issues and what has been done with the recommendations of last Commission report on hiring and onboarding.

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

Commissioner Sullivan reported that she had arranged a meeting with Abram Tejeda, city of LA, on July 25, 2024, to discuss the return to work program for light-duty assignments with benchmarks and best practices.

**6. PRESENTATION**

Ms. Laura Trejo, Los Angeles County Department of Aging and Disabilities.

**7. COMMISSIONERS' ANNOUNCEMENT**

Commissioner Hood stated that she is hosting another community clean-up on June 22, 2024. She stated that if any Commissioner is interested, they should contact her, and she will email more information.

**8. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Administrative Pittmon announced the birthdays of Commissioner Schmitz and Commissioner Everard.

Administrative Pittmon reported that Commission Services has created a new website for Commission Meetings and attendance. Administrative Pittmon reported that she will email instructions to login to check attendance once the website is up.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Executive Director, Edward Eng