
Economy & Efficiency Commission Meeting Minutes

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2000

ROOM 830, KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION

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I. CALL TO ORDER OF COMMISSION MEETING

With the presence of a quorum of commissioners, Chairman Philibosian called the Commission meeting to order at 10:15 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER'S ABSENCES

Chairman Philibosian asked for a motion to approve absences.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Clayton Anderson
Hope J. Boonshaft
John Crowley
Jonathan Fuhrman
Jaclyn Tilley Hill
Chun Lee
Tony Lucente
Royal F. Oakes
Roman Padilla
Robert H. Philibosian
H. Randall Stoke
Julia Sylva
G. Thomas Thompson

COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED

Fred Balderrama
Joanne Baltierrez
Michael Jimenez
William J. Petak
Marc A. Seidner

Tony Tortorice

COMMISSIONERS NOT REQUESTING AN EXCUSE

David W. Farrar

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. Hearing none the following motion was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: The minutes of the October 5, 2000 Commission meeting be approved.

IV. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Philibosian stated that Commissioner Michael Jimenez, who has had a long and distinguished service with the Commission, has resigned from the Commission. He will be recognized at the December meeting, where he will receive an appropriate scroll.

V. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Philibosian requested the Executive Director to provide information concerning his additional duty assignment.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Staniforth said that the L. A. County has asked the Economy and Efficiency Commission to appoint a representative to a working group on the County Report Card. This group has been created to develop a means to evaluate the County, and come up with ideas and solutions on how to measure performance. Commissioner Hill asked who was chairing the Committee. Mr. Staniforth responded that Mr. David Jansen, the Los Angeles County Chief Administrative Officer, was the Chair. The Sub-committees have their separate Chairs. Mr. Jon Fullinwider, the Los Angeles County Chief Information Officer, is the Chair of the sub-committee to which the Commission has been asked to participate.

VII. LIAISON REPORTS

Commissioner Rew, the Quality and Productivity Commission (Q&PC) Liaison, stated that the Board of Supervisors declared October, Quality and Productivity month. Many of the events corresponded with the County's 150th anniversary. Commissioner Rew mentioned that there was a banner hanging in the concourse at the entrance of the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration celebrating Q & P month. Three hundred posters were sent to each county department, and an article concerning the event appeared in the County Digest. The Q&PC is planning a fair next year which will be held in the concourse between the Hall of Administration and the Courthouse. Over 500 staff and department heads, including four Supervisors and Sheriff Baca, attended the special Awards Luncheon. Mr. Chuck Henry from NBC news was the Master of Ceremonies. A video depicting the history of Los Angeles County, and the award winners' programs was shown. The program dealing with the distribution of illegal drugs was the Grand Award Winner.

Commissioner Rew said that November 1, 2000 was the second of two Breakthrough Thinking Training Sessions, which were held at the Public Works Department in Alhambra. These sessions provided training to critically analyze problems, find solutions and work on collaboration between departments in the Los Angeles County.

Commissioner Rew remarked that the Chair of the Q&P Commission, Commissioner Jaclyn Tilley Hill, and the Executive Director of the Commission attended a second workshop to develop a strategic plan for the unincorporated areas of the county.

Commissioner Hill thanked the E&EC for their attendance and support, as well as Commissioner Lucente representing Nissan, North America, and Commissioner Boonshaft, representing Sony Pictures. Commissioner Hill said it was the largest recognition ceremony in the history of L. A. County. Vice Chair Lucente congratulated Chairperson Hill and the E&E Commission for their contribution to the success of the Quality and Productivity Luncheon Award Ceremony.

Mr. John Andes, the Local Government Liaison, said the meeting was cancelled because of the strike demonstrators in the area that week.

Chairman Philibosian asked Commissioner Crowley to report on the strategic planning session that he attended for the county unincorporated areas. This area is the third largest city in the State of California and is made up of more than one million constituents. Commissioner Crowley reported that the meetings were held for two days at the auditorium of the Eden Canyon Nature Center. The first day was devoted to getting acquainted and reviewing specific problems; the second day was dealing with the development of solutions. Fifty people from different agencies in the county were present for these brainstorming sessions. The product will be issued in a report format. Commissioner Crowley suggested that Lari Sheehan, Assistant Administrative Officer, and David Janssen, Chief Administrative Officer of Los Angeles County come and present copies of the report to the E & E Commission.

Commissioner Hill stated that she had also participated in the unincorporated areas meetings, and congratulated the E & E Commission and the Unincorporated Area Task Force for their foresight in identifying the problems which were represented in the of July, 1996 study called "Accountability and Municipal Services Delivery to Unincorporated Areas".

VIII. PRESENTATION (a)

[Jon W. Fullinwider, CIO, Los Angeles County Chief Information Officer](#)
[Topic: E-Commerce in Los Angeles County](#)

Chairman Philibosian introduced Mr. Jon W. Fullinwider, the first Chief Information Officer for Los Angeles County who was appointed approximately three years ago.

Mr. Fullinwider discussed how the Los Angeles County Government would use the Internet and the Intranet to enhance government in the 21st century. He emphasized that citizens need to understand how to access county government data. The county will have a new, easier to access, address at the end of November, or early December. It will be lacounty.net.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS (Continued)

Grand Jury

Commissioner Hill stated that a majority of the Auditor's follow up data for the Grand Jury has been compiled in early draft form. Commissioner Hill also stated that this and other data needs to be analyzed, and trends established. Commissioner Hill stated that she brought in information relating to the 1993 and 1994 Grand Jury. She also mentioned that the citizen's complaint process is another important factor. Commissioner Anderson mentioned that this would be a good item to place on a website showing how any citizen can complain to the Grand Jury

Finance

Commissioner Thompson discussed a project memo that he had distributed to the Finance Task Force regarding the Independent Living Program. One of the issues noted was that in the past funds for programs went unused which is part of the problem he wishes to address. There appear to be few checks and balances within the system, which is another problem to be reviewed. Commissioner Thompson commented that Commissioner Padilla has had an opportunity to review some of this data.

At this point Chairman Philibosian had to leave the Commission meeting and he turned over the Chair to Vice Chair Lucente

Organization and Accountability

Commissioner Oakes stated that the project focus of the Organization and Accountability Task Force is the same as the Finance Task Force, the review of the Independent Living Program (ILP). Commissioner Oakes said that the two task forces efforts need to be coordinated. The review deals with a \$15M Children and Family Services program. Mr. Staniforth is seeking applicants for the job of drafting a proposal. This person may be involved in the project assuming that the proposal was accepted. The goal is to look at the audit of the program that has already been completed by the County Auditor/Controller. Recommendations need to be made in areas of management controls, evaluations of the procedures and operations of the ILP, and the program's budget planning and monitoring. Commissioner Oakes observed that there is a real need for the E & E Commission's input.

Commissioner Hill added that the issue was important because these children are products of the system and are poorly prepared to take on the responsibility of being an adult. She felt that close coordination between the Finance and the Organization and

Accountability Task Forces was in order. Commissioner Thompson agreed that the two Task Forces should work together. The issue is so important to him because there are more black males in jail or on probation than in all of the community colleges combined. Commissioner Padilla pointed out that a merger created a large group of commissioners trying to get together. Mr. Staniforth stated that there would also be a Brown Act issue if a majority of commissioners were to attend a task force meeting.

Vice Chair Lucente suggested that the two Chairs, Commissioner Thompson and Commissioner Oakes meet and discuss this issue off-line and make a recommendation at the next meeting.

Policy

Commissioner Sylva said that the task force was dark last month. However, Mr. Staniforth and she are working on a mission statement. Commissioner Sylva said there will be a report at the next meeting.

Vice Chair Lucente asked Mr. Staniforth to add a box below to delineate the specific projects.

X. NEW BUSINESS

None

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion from the floor, Chairman Philibosian adjourned the meeting at 12:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted.



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Executive Director

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