

**ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
January 6, 2022**

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 Munoz called the Commission meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. via Microsoft Teams.

1. APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER'S ABSENCES

The following was the attendance for the meeting:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Robert Cole
Benjamin Everard
Jacob Haik
Ronald K. Ikejiri
Larry Kaplan
Katherine McKeon
Edward Munoz
Robert Philibosian
Wilma Pinder
Yolanda Rodriguez-Pena
Joanne D. Saliba
Natalie Samarjian
John Anthony Schmitz
Connie Sullivan
Craig Taubman
Cesar Zaldivar-Motts

COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED

Josue Alvarado
Becca Doten
Jeffrey Monical

2. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2, 2021 MINUTES

Chair Munoz asked if there were any objections or changes to the minutes of the December 2, 2021, Commission meeting. Hearing no changes, the motion was then Moved, Seconded, and Adopted. The minutes of the December 2, 2021, Commission meeting were approved.

3. INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSIONER/ NEW INTERN

Chair Munoz stated that on Tuesday, December 21, 2021, the Board of Supervisors appointed Katherine J.G. McKeon, to the Los Angeles County Citizens' Economy and Efficiency Commission. Chair Munoz welcomed Commissioner McKeon to the Commission and asked her to tell the Commission a little bit about herself.

Commissioner McKeon stated that she is an Attorney at the Public Counsel which is a pro bono public interest law firm based in Los Angeles County. She stated that she has been there for about 5 years and frequently works with with different community-based organizations and other legal and policy companies to talk about how they can improve services at the County and State levels for those most in need. She stated that she is excited to be a part of the Commission and to learn from the Commissioners.

Chair Munoz stated that he thinks the Commission will benefit a lot from Commissioner McKeon's expertise. He thanked her for accepting the Commission appointment.

Executive Director Eng stated that he looks forward to working with Commissioner McKeon as well and welcomed her to the Commission.

Administrative Assistant Pittmon stated that on January 3, 2022, the Executive Office and Executive Director Edward Eng of the Economy & Efficiency Commission hired Ms. Magali Seymour as the Commission's Intern. She welcomed Ms. Seymour to the Commission and asked her to introduce herself.

Ms. Seymour stated that she is a senior at USC, studying public policy, and is very excited to be here as an intern for the commission.

Chair Munoz stated that the Commission is glad to have Ms. Seymour and even more excited that she is a Trojan. He welcomed her to the Commission and stated he looks forward to working with her on upcoming projects.

Executive Director Eng stated that he would also like to welcome Ms. Seymour to the Commission and is excited to work with her on upcoming projects. He stated that she will be an asset to the Commission, and she was one of the top picks out of all the candidates that applied for the internship.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5. NEW BUSINESS

Election of Chairperson 2022

As the Nominating Committee's Chairperson, Commissioner Everard reported that Executive Director Eng coordinated a telephone conference call with representatives from each of the Supervisorial Districts:

1. Commissioner Schmitz-1st District
2. Commissioner Ikejiri-2nd District
3. Commissioner Samarjian-3rd District

4. Commissioner Sullivan-4th District
5. Commissioner Everard-5th District

Commissioner Everard stated that the representatives unanimously nominated Commissioner Robert Cole for his first term to serve as chair for 2022.

Executive Director Eng then asked if there were any floor nominations. Hearing none, he asked if commissioner Cole accepts the nomination from the committee. Commissioner Cole accepted the nomination. Executive Director Eng then asked for a motion to formally nominate Commissioner Cole to serve as Chair for 2022. The motion then was Moved, Seconded, and Approved. By acclamation, Executive Director, Edward Eng declared Commissioner Cole as Chairperson for 2022.

Chair Cole stated that he would like to thank the nominating committee and their leadership in nominating him to be the E&E Commission Chair for 2022. Chair Cole stated that he would like to wait until the next meeting to appoint his Vice-Chair because he would like time to think it over and speak with potential Commissioners interested in the position.

Chair Cole stated that he would like to thank Executive Director Eng and Administrative Assistant Pittmon for always keeping the Commission running so smoothly and going above and beyond to make the Commission look good.

He stated that he would like to thank Commissioner Munoz and all the work he has accomplished during his tenure as Chair of the Commission.

Commissioner Munoz stated that he would like to thank the Commission for the privilege of chairing the Commission the last 2 years. He stated that it has been a great experience and he is proud of what the Commission has accomplished. He thanked the Commissioners for all their hard work and stated that everyone has done a great job and stated he thinks that the Commission will go to new heights with Commissioner Robert Cole in charge.

Commissioner Munoz also thanked Executive Director Eng and Administrative Assistant Pittmon for all their hard work because none of the great work accomplished would have been possible without them. He also extended a heartfelt appreciation to Chair-Emeritus Philibosian for grooming him into the position and providing him with invaluable advice along the way.

6. REPORTS

i. CCJCC

Commissioner Munoz reported that there was no meeting.

ii. Environmental Transit Stop Solution

Commissioner Saliba reported presented the student's design for the competition, which will also be shared with the commissioners. Commissioner Saliba stated that each slide shows the professional quality of the student's work.

Commissioner Saliba stated that she is pleased with how the project turned out. She stated that the process and turnaround time was quick from the beginning of August of 2021 through early December 2021.

Executive Director Eng reported that the first-place prize was \$5,000, second place was \$3,000, third place \$1,500.00, and honorable mention received a prize of \$500.00. He reported that the project was funded by both Metro and the Department of Public Works and was sponsored by Supervisor Hilda Solis.

Chair Cole asked if the students would receive public recognition from Los Angeles County for this project.

Administrative Pittmon responded that all participants for the project will receive a 5-signature scroll signed by each of the Supervisors, an honorable mention in the Board's weekly newsletter, an honorable mention at an upcoming Board meeting, and that the winners were posted on Metro's and Department of Public Work's social media sites.

Chair Cole thanked the task force and staff for the hard work they put into the project and thanked Commissioner Saliba for the presentation.

7. PRESENTATION

There was no January 6, 2022 presentation.

8. COMMISSIONERS' ANNOUNCEMENT

Chair Cole stated that being on this Commission allows each Commissioner to make a difference in the communities where they live and serve. He stated that now that he is the Chair of the E&E Commission, he will try to contact Supervisor Holly Mitchell to see if there are issues within the 2nd District that she would like the commissioner to work on. Chair Cole said he will contact Supervisor Mitchell's office to see if she can be the guest speaker at one of the upcoming Commission meetings.

Chair Cole requested that each Commissioner go back to their appointing Supervisors and see if they have any projects they would like the Commission to work on. He also asked each Commissioner to email Executive Director Eng all ideas and suggestions before the next Commission meeting.

Chair Cole stated that he would like to start a new tradition with the Commission for celebrating birthdays. He asked each Commission to email Administrative Assistant Pittmon their birthday month and day to have on file so the Commission can recognize each commissioner monthly at the meetings.

Chair Cole stated that the E&E Commission meetings used to start at 10:00 am but it was moved to 10:30 am due to a conflict with the Auditor-Controller Office space. He stated that he would like to know if everyone would like to continue having the meetings at 10:30 or would the Commission like to move back to its original time at 10:00 am. He stated that he is fine with either time but would like everyone to think about it and discuss it at the next meeting.

9. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Executive Director Eng stated that he would like to thank Commissioner Munoz for his leadership over the last 2 years. He stated that the Commission has accomplished a lot in the last few years under Commissioner Munoz's leadership. He stated he would also like to thank Chair Cole for accepting the Chairmanship for 2022-2023 he stated he looks forward to working with Chair Cole.

Administrative Assistant Pittmon stated that some Commissioner ID's are available and ready for pickup. She stated that she can pick up the ID's and mail them to each Commissioner but please remember the US Postal Service is behind on the mail and if an ID is lost in the mail, it will be the Commissioners responsibility to replace for the \$25.00 fee along with a police record for a lost/stolen card. She stated that if any Commissioner wants her to pick up and mail their ID to send her an email authorizing her to pick it up from HR along with their correct mailing address.

Administrative Assistant Pittmon stated that she needs an update from each Commissioner on whether they would still like to meet for lunch. Commissioner Sullivan stated that she isn't inclined to go to a restaurant right now unless it's an outdoor seating arrangement, which would be uncomfortable due to the weather. Commissioner Saliba stated that Spring may be a better possibility. She stated that it will give Administrative Assistant some time to arrange and set up a location, date, and time. Chair Cole agreed and said will bring this up again for a discussion at the March meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Cole at 11:39 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward Eng", written in a cursive style.

Executive Director, Edward Eng