

**ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
November 7, 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, Vice-Chair 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

Robert Cole
Benjamin Everard
Cathy Hood
Steven Lei
Thomas Liu
Peter Lyons
Katherine McKeon
Wilma Pinder
Dora Sandoval
Irene Shandell-Taylor
John Anthony Schmitz
Connie Sullivan
Craig Taubman
Jennifer Williams
Cesar Zaldivar-Motts
Vince Wong

COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED

Jacob Haik

3. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2024, MINUTES

Vice-Chair Everard asked if there were any objections or changes to the September 5, 2024 Commission meeting minutes. Hearing no changes, the motion was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted. The minutes of the September 5, 2024, Commission meeting were approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

REPORTS

i. CCJCC

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 (3rd), John Schmitz (2nd), Steven Lei (3rd), Jennifer Williams (2nd), Ben Everard (5th), Connie Sullivan (4th)

Executive Eng stated that he met with the Executive Office team, and they think this project would benefit all the Commissions since there are over 200 Commissions in the county. He 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. He also stated that this project could help the board office track action items rather than waiting for each commission to prepare minutes and agenda the week before.

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

Commissioner Williams reported that the task force met before the commission meeting and has now begun working on an outline. She stated that each task force member has been assigned a section to start working on, and the task force should be ready to report back at the next meeting.

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

Commissioner McKeon stated there aren't many updates for this task force to report. She stated that the task force has put together a list of questions DHR is working on their responses to the previous Commission report on Hiring and Onboarding.

Executive Director Eng stated that he spoke with HR, and they stated they are ready to make their presentation whenever we are ready to meet. He stated that HR believes it will take several meetings to get through all the data.

Commissioner McKeon stated that a task force meeting will follow the commission meeting, and the task force will report back at the next meeting.

Return to Work Task Force: Connie Sullivan (4th), Peter Lyons (5th)

Commissioner Sullivan reported that the task force met with Abram Tejeda from the City of Los Angeles on July 25, 2024, to discuss the return to work program for light-duty assignments.

She reported that the main takeaway was that when someone has a workers' compensation case and HR offers them a light-duty temporary assignment, but the employee refuses the

offer, they cut off their worker's comp benefits. She reported that the city has been doing this for close to 20 years, and it seems to work. She reported that she believes the County should explore replicating this model. She reported that the task force plans to speak with additional peer agencies and see what they do in these cases.

5. PRESENTATION

Mr. Peter Loo, Los Angeles County Chief Information Officer.

6. COMMISSIONERS' ANNOUNCEMENT

Commissioner Hood stated that a 3rd District Breakfast is coming up, given by Supervisor Lindsey Horvath.

7. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Administrative Pittmon announced the birthdays of Commissioner Zaldivar-Motts, and Executive Director Eng.

Executive Director Eng announced that this will be his last meeting with the Commission but will be available to answer any questions the Commission may have. He stated that Administrative Assistant Pittmon has a way to reach him.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Everard adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Executive Director, Edward Eng