
Economy & Efficiency Commission Meeting Minutes

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION

THURSDAY, March 1, 2007
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.

I. CALL TO ORDER

With the presence of a quorum Chairmaan Ikejiri called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER'S ABSENCES

The following was the attendance for the meeting:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Fred P. Balderrama
Isaac Diaz Barcelona
Joanne Baltierrez
Jonathan S. Fuhrman
Jaclyn Tilley Hill
Ronald K. Ikejiri
Chun Lee
William Max
Royal F. Oakes
Robert H. Philibosian
Solon C. Soteras
Tony Tortorice

COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED

Clayton Anderson
Roman Padilla
William Petak

COMMISSIONERS NOT REQUESTING AN EXCUSE

Hope Boonshaft
Robert Cole

Chairman Ikejiri asked for a motion to approve absences. It was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: The Commission members requesting an excuse are excused.

III. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 1, 2007 MINUTES

Chairman Ikejiri asked if there were any corrections or amendments to the minutes of the FEBRUARY 1, 2007 Commission meeting. Hearing none, the following motion was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: The minutes of the February 1, 2007 Commission meeting are approved.

IV. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 1, 2007 PRESENTATION

Chairman Ikejiri asked if there were any corrections or amendments to the presentation of the February 1, 2007 Commission meeting. Hearing none, the following motion was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: The presentation of the February 1, 2007 Commission meeting is approved.

Chairman Ikejiri made special mention of his appreciation for Supervisor Yaroslavsky's candid and comprehensive presentation at the February meeting and received unanimous concurrence from the Commission in this appreciation.

V. INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vice Chairman Barcelona introduced his wife, Shawny. In addition, Ms. Ruth Wong, the Executive Director of the Quality and Productivity Commission, introduced herself, as did Mr. Jack Leonard, County Government Reporter for the Los Angeles Times.

VI. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Ikejiri used this opportunity to express his appreciation for the work of all those who prepared for the panel discussion that will be held today. He remarked that he expected that the discussion would greatly assist the Commission in the formation of a work plan for the coming year.

VIII. LIASON REPORTS

Local Government Service Commission (LGSC)

Mr. Staniforth, who attended the most recent LGSC meeting in Chairman Ikejiri's stead, reported that the Commission is still focused on a common licensing agreement for taxicab operators. He noted that currently cities separately license taxicabs which leads to a level of confusion in Los Angeles County.

Chairman Ikejiri added that he would like to have another commissioner take his place as the liaison to the LGSC, which meets the first Tuesday of each month. He noted that information regarding that Commission will be sent to the commissioners for their consideration.

Quality and Productivity Commission (Q&P)

Commissioner Hill reported that the Q&P Commission has just completed its funding cycle, and announcements will soon follow as to which new projects have been funded. The commissioner also noted that the Q&P Commission is also working on its Leadership Conference, to be held on May 25th. She added that any commissioner that is interested in attending should act quickly to reserve space. Featured speakers will include David Janssen, the County's Chief Administrative Officer and Sheriff Lee Baca.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

Grand Jury Task Force

Commissioner Max reported on a meeting held with the Honorable Steven Van Sicklen, the Supervising Judge, Criminal Division, Superior Court that had himself, Commissioners Oakes and Anderson and Mr. Staniforth in attendance. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss Civil Grand Jury recruitment. Under consideration is the production of a recruitment video that would encourage members of the public to serve. This video could be used when individuals report for regular jury duty or when former Civil Grand Jury members make presentations to the community. The funding for a video project would have to be determined.

Chairman Emeritus Philibosian suggested that the project could possibly be funded by a small grant from the Quality and Productivity Commission. Partially in response, Commissioner Hill noted that during her tenure as foreperson of the Grand Jury, she had overseen a recruitment video, and spoke before groups of judges, who at that time, appointed all grand jury members. She added that since Court Services oversees the entire program, she believes juror recruitment would fall under their auspices.

Chairman Ikejiri asked for a motion and it was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: The Grand Jury Task Force will proceed with researching the parameters of the video project, including possible sources of funding.

Succession Planning

No report, due to absence of the chairman of the Task Force.

Child Care Welfare Fraud Task Force

Chairman Emeritus Philibosian stated that he had nothing new to report and suggested that an update could be requested from Supervisor Knabe's Chief of Staff in the course of his presentation.

VI. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (Continued)

Chairman Ikejiri offered special thanks to both the Commissioners who were able to be present for the upcoming panel discussion, and to the Executive Director who managed the logistics for the day's presentation, including the securing of the special meeting room.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and adoption of Commission Goals and Objectives for 2007

Chairman Ikejiri noted the recent mailing of the Three-Track Status Questionnaire and the District Meeting Feedback Form and expressed his appreciation for the willingness of commissioners to "roll up their sleeves" and become engaged in the work at hand.

IX. OLD BUSINESS (Continued)

Organization and Accountability Task Force

Commissioner Oakes reported that he is working with the Executive Director to ascertain the status of the Retired Police Officer Corps (RPOC) program. He also reported that he will be reviewing a strategy with respect to shared services. As pertains to Workers Compensation reforms, Commissioner Oakes said the Task Force needs to monitor which of the recommendations have been implemented, and which are still on the back burner.

Commissioner Fuhrman noted that there had been some suggestions in the press that the RPOC might be used to weed out fraud among Child Care providers, something he does believe to be within the parameters outlined in the Commission's recommendations as to the formation of the Corp. He asked for the thoughts of Commissioner Oakes on those suggestions. Commissioner Oakes stated that this was the first he had heard of this suggestion, but that on the surface it did not seem to be a recommended use of Corp resources. Commissioner Fuhrman added that the original concept for the Corp limited their use to non-field activities, and Commissioner Oakes agreed.

XI. NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

Discussion of Commission Field Trips

Chairman Ikejiri noted that he would like to schedule a Commission field trip and would welcome input as to its subject matter. Chairman Ikejiri also encouraged the commissioners to take advantage of the seminars offered by the League of California Cities, as part of their Executive and Elected Official programs. He offered to provide additional information, including his first hand experience with the programs, to commissioners who are interested in volunteering to participate.

X. PRESENTATION

After expressing his appreciation for their participation in this panel, Chairman Ikejiri introduced the panelists and welcomed them to the meeting:

[Mr. Miguel Santana, Chief of Staff, Supervisor Gloria Molina, 1st District](#)

[Mr. John Hill, Chief of Staff, Supervisor Yvonne Burke, 2nd District](#)

Ms. Alisa Belinkoff-Katz, Chief Deputy, Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, 3rd District
Mr. Curt Pedersen, Chief of Staff, Supervisor Don Knabe, 4th District
Ms. Kathryn Barger-Leibrich, Chief Deputy, Supervisor Michael Antonovich, 5th District

Los Angeles County

Topic: Public Policy Issues, Concerns and Challenges of the Districts in 2007

During the discussion the panelists enumerated what they felt to be the key issues for the County and their individual districts, while highlighted areas that they believed could be advanced by the work of the Commission. Among others some of the key issues included: governance (specifically, the role and authority of a County CEO); assuring the fair allocation of County services to unincorporated areas; promoting economic growth and job creation in disadvantaged areas of the County; and finding a stable funding source for a federally mandated program to remove pollutants from storm water runoff. At the conclusion of their remarks, the panelists took questions from the commissioners. At the end of the presentation, Chairman Ikejiri thanked the panelists for their participation.

Additional Discussion of Presentation

Chairman Ikejiri remarked that this presentation provided an abundance of ideas as to what areas might be appropriate subjects for the Commission's attention. He then asked that commissioners come to the next meeting prepared to offer their own assessments of the Commission's direction with the objective of reaching a consensus as to what areas will be the focus of Commission's activity during the year.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Ikejiri adjourned the meeting at 12:01 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted.



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Executive Director

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