

**ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
November 2, 2023**

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 Cole 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
Jacob Haik
Katherine McKeon
Wilma Pinder
Connie Sullivan
Shirley Zaragoza

COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED

Robert Philibosian
Dora Sandoval
John Anthony Schmitz
Craig Taubman
Jennifer Williams
Cesar Zaldivar-Motts

3. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 5, 2023, MINUTES

Chair Cole asked if there were any objections or changes to the October 5, 2023, Commission meeting minutes. Hearing no changes, the motion was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted. The minutes of the October 5, 2023, Commission meeting were approved.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

REPORTS

i. CCJCC

Commissioner Sullivan reported that there was nothing new to report.

ii. E&E COMMISSION PROPOSED PROJECTS

Executive Director Eng provided a summary of new potential projects for the Commission to consider for 2023-2024. After some spirited discussions, the Commission prioritized their top three projects: (1) Review and update Commission Bylaws, (2) Review the County's hiring and onboarding process, (3) Explore the adoption of the "Bus Shelter" program (December 2021) with Supervisorial Districts 2, 3, 4, and 5.

Executive Director stated that he will have Administrative Assistant Pittmon send out a copy of the Commission Bylaws, and he would like each commissioner to help with the updates. He stated that it is crucial to get this done because the executive officer is retiring soon. He also stated that the last time the bylaws were updated or had changes made was in 2017.

Commissioner Sullivan asked to reconsider having more discussions on the projects and pushing the Workers Comp project higher on the list. She stated that she knows it would bring more productivity to departments.

Executive Director Eng stated that this Commission no longer has the budget it used to. He stated that this Commission has only two people staffed to do all the research and report writing. He stated that the Commission had some great Commissioner writers who would help write the reports in the past. He stated that he can not continue to be the writer and the researcher on all the reports; the commissioners need to step up and help with the writing.

Commissioner McKeon stated that she is happy to help write on whatever task force she agrees to be on. She stated that she agreed with Commissioner Sullivan to reconsider taking another look at the projects because she felt rushed at the last meeting and didn't feel there was enough time to discuss each project.

Executive Director Eng stated that the side conversations of moving the project up on the list and sending private emails on doing so are a Brown Act violation and, in the future, should not happen. He stated that we need more structure within the Commission and adhere to all the rules and policies in place for the Commission.

Chair Cole stated that, to be fair, the Commission voted at the last meeting and decided on three projects. He stated that he doesn't want the Commission to start putting forth individual efforts to create personal projects to push forward after votes have been made. He stated that there were additional commissioners whose ideas were shut down due to the vote already taking place.

Chair Cole stated that the Commission will continue to discuss each project further at the next meeting with no promises of moving a project up further on the list. Executive Director Eng stated that he agreed to have more discussion at the next meeting. He stated that he is here to support the Commission.

iii. SD2 ENTREPRENEUR & INNOVATION CENTER

There was nothing new to report.

5. PRESENTATION

Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health Dr. Lisa H. Wong.

6. COMMISSIONERS' ANNOUNCEMENT

There were no new Commissioner announcements.

7. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Executive Eng reported that there will be no December meeting.

Administrative Pittmon suggested that when having commission discussions, the Commission should refrain from having guest speakers so that they can concentrate on the commission work that needs to be completed.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Cole at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Executive Director, Edward Eng