

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY**  
**ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION**

ROOM 163, HALL OF ADMINISTRATION / 500 WEST TEMPLE / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012 / 974-1491

M I N U T E S

FULL COMMISSION MEETING

DATE: June 11, 1975  
PLACE: Hall of Administration, Room 830

Maurice Rene Chez  
Chairman

Muriel Pfaelzer Bodek  
Catherine Graeffe Burke  
John D. Byork  
Rudolph A. Cervantes  
Anne S. Collins  
Dr. Robert J. Downey  
Jerry Epstein  
Theodore S. Flier  
Milton G. Gordon  
Mrs. Ray Kidd  
Joseph A. Lederman  
Leo A. Majich  
William S. Mortensen  
Robert Ruchti, II  
Earl J. Sachs  
Dr. Warren H. Schmidt  
George Shellenberger  
Larkin Teasley  
Bryan Walker

Burke Roche  
Executive Secretary

Members Present:

Maurice Chez, Chairman  
Muriel Bodek  
Catie Burke  
John Byork  
Anne Collins  
Jerry Epstein  
Milton Gordon  
Mary Jane Kidd  
Joe Lederman  
Robert Ruchti  
Earl Sachs  
Warren Schmidt  
George Shellenberger  
Larkin Teasley

Members Absent:

Rudolph Cervantes  
Robert Downey  
Theodore Flier  
Leo Majich  
Bryan Walker

Mr. Chez called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m. He announced that Dr. Downey had the flu, Leo Majich was in Federal court, and Bryan Walker had a meeting conflict today, so they would not be able to attend today's meeting.

Mr. Chez stated that Leo Majich and Rudolph Cervantes had been absent from three consecutive meetings. According to the Administrative Code, they could be replaced unless they are excused by the members. He asked the members what action they wished to take.

Mrs. Kidd moved that Mr. Majich be excused due to his contribution to the work of the commission; seconded by Robert Ruchti and passed unanimously.

Moved by John Byork, that a letter be written to Supervisor Edelman notifying him that Rudolph Cervantes was appointed by Supervisor Debs on October 15, 1975, and has failed to attend a meeting. Supervisor Edelman should be requested to fill the vacancy as quickly as possible. Motion was seconded by Joe Lederman and passed unanimously.

Mr. Chez announced that this would be the last meeting that Earl Sachs would attend as he would be replaced at the end of the month by the 1974-75 Grand Jury Foreman. The commission commended Mr. Sachs for his work on the task forces which prepared the reports on The Museum of Natural History, The Business License Commission, Committee on Emergency Medical Care, Separate Auditor Department, Review and Recommendations on the Arboreta and Botanic Gardens, and Establishment of Commissions and Committees in Los Angeles County Government.

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Task Force on Priorities and Procedures - Warren Schmidt, Chairperson;  
Robert Downey, Jerry Epstein, Ted Flier, Milton Gordon, Mary Jane Kidd,  
Earl Sachs, George Shellenberger, Larkin Teasley

Dr. Schmidt presented the task force report "Establishment of Commissions and Committees in Los Angeles County Government" to the commission for review. After considerable discussion and debate the following changes were made in the report:

Page 5, Election of Officers, (d) - Add that the list should contain at least two nominees and should include their backgrounds and qualifications.

Page 7, General Operating Policies, 1. - Reword to include the word "only" so it will read ". . . the member may do so only if no reference is made to membership on the commission."

Page 7, Duties of the Chairperson, 2. - Add the words ". . . and to appoint the chairpersons and members of the task forces."

Page 8, The Duties of the Vice Chairperson, 2. - Change to read, "To perform any other responsibilities at the direction of the chairperson."

Page 8, The Duties of the Executive Committee are: 1. - Delete the words ". . . including those requested by the Board of Supervisors."

Page 9, The Duties of the Staff are: 1. - Add that agendas will be mailed when possible.

John Byork moved to accept the report with the modifications for presentation to the Board of Supervisors; seconded by Catie Burke and passed unanimously.

Mr. Chez thanked Dr. Schmidt and the members of the task force for their work.

Mrs. Bodek and Mrs. Kidd had other appointments and asked to be excused at 11:30 and 11:40.

Task Force on the Separate Auditor Department - Catie Burke, Chairperson;  
Muriel Bodek, John Byork, Anne Collins, Earl Sachs, Larkin Teasley, Bryan Walker.

Catie Burke reported on the presentation of the task force report to the Board of Supervisors on May 13. She said the Board voted to continue Recommendation 1 (the Audit Division should remain within the organization of the Auditor-Controller) for six months, November 18, 1975, for further report from the Chief Administrative Officer. Recommendation 2 (requesting that the Grand Jury conduct full scale audits of the Board offices, the Chief Administrative Office and the Auditor-Controller at least once every three years and to furnish the Grand Jury with the necessary budget to conduct the audits) was continued to the time of the budget deliberations.

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Task Force to Review Recommendations for Change in the Arboreta and Botanic Gardens Ordinance - Mary Jane Kidd, Chairperson; Robert Downey, Catie Graeffe, Joe Lederman, Earl Sachs.

In the absence of Mrs. Kidd, Mr. Chez reported that the task force, at the request of the Board of Supervisors, had reviewed the original recommendations it made to change the Arboreta and Botanic Gardens Ordinance. The task force recommended only one change be made. It recommended that the ordinance be revised to allow directors, but not officers, of the four voluntary citizen supporting foundations and societies to serve on the Board of Governors. The Board adopted the recommendation with the modification that not more than two directors or officers from each of the voluntary citizen supporting foundations or societies be allowed to serve on the Board of Governors of the Arboreta and Botanic Gardens.

Mr. Chez reported that Supervisor Edelman had asked the commission to comment on the proposed change in the Employee Relations Ordinance. Before drafting the statement, Mr. Roche interviewed 16 people concerned with the change. Based on the information obtained in these interviews, Mr. Roche and Mr. Chez opposed the ordinance change and stated their reasons why. However, the Board adopted the change which had been agreed upon by County management and the unions.

Since other members had noon appointments and were asking to be excused, the balance of the agenda was continued until the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.