

LOS ANGELES COUNTY
ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION

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

George E. Bodle, Chairperson
Dr. Carolyn L. Ellner, Vice Chairperson
Lauro J. Neri, Vice Chairperson
Gloria Starr, Vice Chairperson
Dr. Curtis Ventriss, Vice Chairperson

MINUTES

FULL COMMISSION MEETING

February 11, 1981

Susan Berk
John D. Byork
Margaret Paterson Carr
Anne S. Collins
Dr. Mario Di Giovanni
Milton G. Gordon
Mary Jane Kidd
Thomas F. Kranz
Dr. Richard G. Lillard
Abraham M. Lurie
Robert Ruchti, II
Dr. Warren H. Schmidt
Wally Thor
Bryan Walker

Commission Staff
John Campbell
Martha Ohanesian

Members Present:

George Bodle
Muriel Bodek
John Byork
Mario Di Giovanni
Carolyn Ellner
Milton Gordon
Bill Hoppock
Tom Kranz
Richard Lillard
Abe Lurie
Larry Neri
Wally Thor
Curtis Ventriss

Members Excused:

Susan Berk
Anne Collins
Gloria Starr
Peter Tweedt
Bryan Walker

Members Absent:

Robert Ruchti
Connie Worden

Guests:

Eric Asker - UCLA Student
Maureen Chrystal - UCLA Student
Fay Douglas - Private Citizen
Tony Klein - Gas Co.
Jim Moultrie - Gas Co.
Frank Pelletier - Jud.Proc.Comm.
Leonard Shapiro - Private Citizen
Mrs. Shapiro - Private Citizen
Frank Zolin - Exec.Ofcr.Supr.Crts.

George Bodle called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

Attendance

On motion by Carolyn Ellner, seconded by Richard Lillard, the commission un-animously excused the following absences: Susan Berk, Anne Collins, Gloria Starr, Peter Tweedt and Bryan Walker.

Election

On motion by Carolyn Ellner, George Bodle was unanimously reelected Chairperson of the Economy and Efficiency Commission.

Executive Committee Report

The Board of Supervisors asked the E&E Commission to review matters of court productivity and efficiency and the recommendations of the Judicial Procedures Commission relating to the newly formed Blue Ribbon Committee on Courts. George Bodle has appointed Tom Kranz to chair a task force on the Courts. He appointed Anne Collins, John Byork, Carolyn Ellner, Abe Lurie, Larry Neri, Bob Ruchti, Peter Tweedt and Curtis Ventriss to the task force.

Introductions

George Bodle introduced Leonard Shapiro, member of the Blue Ribbon Committee on Courts. Mr. Shapiro made a few comments regarding the courts and suggested the task force read a report by Judge Joan Dempsey Klein as well as reports by the Judicial Council of California.

George Bodle introduced Frank Zolin, Executive Officer of the Superior Courts and Franklin Pelletier, who summarized past studies of the courts and the proposed reforms.

Private citizen Fay Douglas expressed her views on the work day of the judges. Thomas F. Kranz, Chairman of the Task Force on Courts, pointed out to the guests that the work of the Economy & Efficiency Commission will be to look into issues of court efficiency and productivity.

John Campbell introduced Maureen Chrystal and Eric Asker, students from UCLA, who together with three other students from UCLA will be working with the commission on one of our projects.

New Business

The Board of Supervisors has established a Productivity Advisory Committee for the purpose of increasing productivity in the County. The E&E Commission has been asked to nominate three of its commissioners, one of whom would be chosen by the Board of Supervisors to be a member of this Committee.

Wally Thor suggested we change the operating procedures of the Commission to enable the chairperson of the Commission to serve a 2 or 3 year term rather than the present term of one year. John Campbell suggested that the commission may want to review the operating procedures of the Commission. Milton Gordon pointed out that a lot of thought and study was put into the operating procedures and since it has been working efficiently, we should continue operating under the present procedures. The Commission took no action.

TASK FORCE REPORTS

Community Relations - In the absence of Carolyn Ellner, John Campbell reported that the task force met to look into the overall method of making contact with the press and public. The task force suggested updating the contact points and also adding such newer forms of broadcast media as National Public Radio.

Incentives - Richard Lillard reported that the work of this task force is now beginning to interrelate with the recommendations being made by the Board of Supervisors and the Chief Administrative Officer. The task force is working on a proposal to be submitted to community foundations for the purpose of working on the incentives of a particular County department - the Assessor's Department. Project budget is \$62,000. Some foundations have a policy of not funding governmental agencies and since we will be working with a governmental agency, this may pose a problem.

Adjournment

The next meeting of the Commission will be March 4th to be followed by a luncheon honoring both Mary Jane Kidd and Margaret Paterson Carr, at the Music Center.

John Campbell announced that Martha Ohanesian will be leaving the Commission to accept a position with the Alcohol Abuse Program of the Health Services Department.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.