

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY
CITIZENS ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMITTEE**

ROOM 372, HALL OF ADMINISTRATION / 500 WEST TEMPLE / LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012 / 625-3611, Ext. 64605

M I N U T E S

FULL COMMITTEE MEETING

DATE: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1967
TIME: 9 A.M.
PLACE: ROOM 739 - HALL OF ADMINISTRATION

Raymond Arbuthnot
John C. Bollens
Davis Brabant
Max Candiotty
Myron J. Carr, Jr.
Maurice Rene Chez
Lynne A. Frantz
Harlan Loud
P. S. Magruder
Kiyoshi Maruyama
Irvin Mazzei
Maurice McAlister
Harold C. McClellan
Ferdinand Mendenhall
Robert Mitchell
Mrs. Benjamin Erick Smith
Burke Roche,
Executive Secretary

Attendance:

Robert Mitchell, Chairman
Raymond Arbuthnot
Davis Brabant
Max Candiotty
Myron J. Carr, Jr.
Maurice Rene Chez
Harlan Loud
P. S. Magruder
Mrs. Ray Kidd
Mrs. Benjamin Erick Smith
Burke Roche, Executive Secretary

Mr. Mitchell called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. He told the Committee that he had received a copy of a letter from Supervisor Hahn stating that a new Committee member, Dr. Warren S. Jones of Pepperdine College had been appointed to the Committee at the December 5, Board meeting.

Mr. Arbuthnot raised the question of what had happened to the original 15-member status of the Committee. He said he thought it was a good idea for the three new members, all past grand jury members, to be a part of the Committee, but he felt any more new members would be a hindrance to the progress of the Committee. He said that a smaller group could work much more effectively than a larger one.

Mr. Mitchell then asked the Committee members to listen to a tape from the December 5, Board meeting regarding the Executive Salary Survey.

Mr. Mitchell told the Committee that a series of articles had appeared in the Pasadena Independent Star News on various Committee activities. He said that one of the articles had included a copy of one of the letters that Mrs. Smith had written to the Committee.

Mr. Arbuthnot said that if any information was going to be released to the news media from any of the Committee members, the Committee would not be able to function purposefully in the future.

There was a discussion by the Committee of the release of Mrs. Smith's letter to the press. Mr. Roche told the Committee that he had talked to several of the people on the County Press Corps and had been told that copies of the letter had been sent to them anonymously through the mail.

Mr. Roche told the Committee that four members of the press had been cited for their outstanding coverage of the Executive Compensation Study. He named Pete Searles of the San Gabriel Valley Daily Tribune, and Wally Burke of the Examiner. He said that they had both written fine articles on the subject. He said that Bill Mayer of the Pasadena Independent Star News had also written several articles on the subject, but in one of them he had said that the Committee was in a conspiracy with the department heads of the County to help them to get raises.

Mr. Mitchell then asked for further suggestions on what the Committee should do in regard to the Executive Compensation Study.

Mr. Magruder felt the Committee should continue its review of the report regardless of the Board's action. Mr. Chez suggested a Committee meeting with the Supervisors as a possible solution for a "meeting of the minds." Mr. Brabant stated that he had decided to change his vote and go along with the majority of the Committee members on keeping the press out of the meetings and continuing with the study of the salary survey report.

Mr. Roche told the Committee that Theodore Barry had signed a contract with the Board, not the Committee. He said that the Committee could not tell the Board that it could not have copies of the report.

Mrs. Kidd suggested sending a letter of reply to the Board motion of last Tuesday's meeting.

Mrs. Smith suggested appointing a sub-committee with perhaps Mr. Chez as Chairman to study the report thoroughly and then make recommendations to the Full Committee.

Mr. Mitchell stated that the Committee could take one of three methods to follow. 1) The Committee could release the report to the news media, letting the report become public property, 2) The Committee could continue further deliberations with regard to the report, or 3) The Committee could wait for the Board to request the Committee to undertake the review of the report again especially since the Board has already stated that there will be no further increases approved this fiscal year.

After discussion by the Committee, it was decided that a sub-committee would be chosen and that the Committee would continue its study of the report.

Mr. Mitchell asked Mr. Candiotty, Mr. Magruder, Mr. Chez, and Mr. Roche to serve on the sub-committee. It was further decided that Mr. Mitchell, along with the sub-committee members, would first meet with the Supervisors to discuss the plan of action regarding the report. Mr. Mitchell said he would be glad to get a room at the Jonathan Club for the meeting. Mr. Roche will set up the time and place for the luncheon after checking with each of the Supervisors.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

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