
Economy & Efficiency Commission Meeting Minutes

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION

THURSDAY, November 3, 2005
ROOM 830, 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

Having achieved a quorum of commissioners, Chairman Philibosian called the meeting to order at 9:50 a.m.

II. APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER'S ABSENCES

Chairman Philibosian asked for a motion to approve absences.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Clayton Anderson
Fred Balderrama
Joanne Baltierrez
Isaac Diaz Barcelona
Hope J. Boonshaft
Robert Cole
Ray Considine
Jaclyn Tilley Hill
Ronald K. Ikejiri
Chun Lee
Royal F.Oakes
Roman Padilla
Charles Parks
William J. Petak
Robert H. Philibosian
Julia Sylva
Tony Tortorice

COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED

Jonathan Fuhrman

COMMISSIONERS NOT REQUESTING AN EXCUSE

None

It was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: The Commission members requesting an excuse, be excused.

III. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 6, 2005 MINUTES

Chairman Philibosian asked if there were any corrections or amendments to the minutes of the October 6, 2005 Commission meeting. Commissioner Parks offered a correction to the discussion of his background. Following this correction the motion was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: The minutes of the October 6, 2005 Commission meeting be approved as corrected.

IV. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 6, 2005 PRESENTATION

Chairman Philibosian asked if there were any corrections or amendments to the presentation of the October 6, 2005 Commission meeting. Hearing none the following motion was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: The presentation of the October 6, 2005 Commission meeting be approved.

V. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Lee introduced Mr. Moon, a representative from the Korean consulate as well as a business associate. He also introduced Mr. Mike Earl, who is involved with providing security for the Academy Awards.

Commissioner Barcelona introduced Ms. Kimra Martin the owner of KM Staffing and an ambassador for the Palmdale Chamber of Commerce and Ms. Ann Ambrose who is the Public Safety Manager for the City of Palmdale.

Commissioner Ikejiri introduced Mr. Brad Kouno from Gardena with the Moneta Group.

Commissioner Anderson introduced a number of representatives from the Quality and Productivity Commission: Commissioners Huasha Liu, Jeanne Kennedy, and Bill Waddell and Ms. Ruth Wong, Executive Director.

VI. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Philibosian acknowledged Former Commissioner William Sullivan who served on the Commission as the former foreperson of the Grand Jury and presented him a five signature scroll.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Staniforth announced that the Commission now has all its archived data on the website back to 1992. This includes all of the minutes, presentations and agendas over this period. Additionally, the Executive Office has an opportunity to replace the 20 year old furniture in the Commission office. Commissioner Hill will be assisting Mr. Staniforth in making the necessary decisions.

VIII. LIAISON REPORTS

Local Government Services Commission

Commissioner Selditz reported that the most recent meeting of the Local Government Services Commission was among the best he's attended. That Commission received a presentation on water and flood control issues from Mr. Rod Kubomoto, Assistant Deputy Director of Public Works. Additionally, the Commission briefly went over their 9/11 project, but unfortunately the representative from the LAPD wasn't able to attend the meeting.

Quality and Productivity Commission

Commissioner Hill reported that the October 26th luncheon and awards ceremony was a great success with a standing room only crowd. The theme was, "Celebrating Innovation: the County's Best and Brightest." She passed around the program so commissioners could see the type of initiatives garnering praise. The premier award went to the District Attorney's Office for the JOIN program. The chair's leadership award went to Mr. Tyler McCauley, the Auditor-Controller.

V. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Continued)

Chairman Philibosian acknowledged the arrival of Senior Assistant County Counsel David Kelsey and Mr. Roger Granbo also from the County Counsel's Office.

IX. OLD BUSINESS - TASK FORCE REPORTS

Grand Jury Task Force

Commissioner Parks, the new chairman of the task force, mentioned that he will be meeting with members of the task force once he's been informed of the assignments. He also announced that copies of the most recent Grand Jury Report were available to commissioners on the table outside the meeting room.

Organization and Accountability Task Force

Commissioner Oakes said the task force is focused on two issues: shared services and workers compensation. On the shared services front, Mr. Staniforth met with Mr. Tyler McCauley to discuss recommendations that are being implemented county-wide. Commissioner Oakes hoped that quick progress can be made when the Commission begins its real work on this issue. On the workers compensation front, the plan is to set up a meeting to assess the progress of implementation of the Commission's recommendations from its most recent report.

X. PRESENTATION

Chairman Philibosian introduced the individuals making the presentation:

A Panel Discussion led by Supervisor Don Knabe including:
Chief Sandra S. Hutchens, Office of Homeland Security, Sheriff's Department
Chief Gary Lockhart, Chief Deputy Business Operations, Fire Department
Ms. Constance Perett, Administrator, Office of Emergency Management
Ms. Sally Thomas, Esq., Head Deputy District Attorney, Organized Crime Division
Ms. Kris Carter, Supervising Investigator, District Attorney (JTTF)
Topic: Homeland Security in Los Angeles County

Supervisor Knabe, in his capacity as a member of President Bush's National Homeland Security Advisory Council discussed the new and ongoing initiatives by county agencies related to homeland security and general emergency preparedness. Due to well-tested mutual aid agreements, California and Los Angeles have become models for federal initiatives at improving incident response. Though there has been a national emphasis, post-9/11, on improving preparedness in the case of terrorist incidents, Los Angeles County first-responder agencies have been planning, preparing and training for coordinated responses in emergency situation for many years. The panel members then went on to discuss the roles of their departments including: the involvement of county personnel with federal personnel in joint task forces, the inter-operability of communications equipment and the compatibility of vocabulary and funding from homeland security grants.

IX. OLD BUSINESS - TASK FORCE REPORTS (Continued)

Economic Development Task Force

Commissioner Sylva reported that the contracting workshop on October 19th at the City of Commerce Community Center was very well attended by over 150 businesses present. The issues of procurement, access to capital and educating the workforce were discussed. Supervisor Burke attended along with Alberto Alvarado the Director of the Small Business Administration (SBA). Additionally, Commissioner Parks and Mr. Staniforth attended. The next event is scheduled for February 2006.

Video Arraignment Task Force

Chairman Philibosian commented that the task force did good work on this issue, but now he will have to become the point person. There seems to be a funding question between what the Superior Court says it needs to implement this process and what the can be provided. He is going to schedule a meeting with the supervising judge, Judge Wesley and Commissioner Anderson to discuss the issues.

Succession Planning

Commissioner Petak reported that there has been no activity since the report was submitted to the CAO. It's a quiet

issue at the moment.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Philibosian presented the County Pin to Commissioners Considine, Cole and Parks in recognition of their appointments to the Commission.

Chairman Philibosian asked the Commissioners whether they'd like to have a holiday gathering after the December meeting. Commissioner Hill enthusiastically encouraged her fellow commissioners to meet for lunch Kendall's after the December meeting. Chairman Philibosian delegated the arrangements for the luncheon to Mr. Staniforth and Commissioner Hill.

Commissioner Balderrama commended the Chairman and Mr. Staniforth for putting together a very informative panel. Many commissioners agreed that the panel presentation was one of the better presentations they've witnessed. Chairman Philibosian acknowledged the contributions of Mr. Staniforth for making it happen. Mr. Staniforth pointed out that it was Chairman Philibosian who lined up Supervisor Knabe's attendance.

Commissioner Petak mentioned that the biographical information on the panel members does not include their contact information. Chairman Philibosian pointed out that Mr. Staniforth is a resource for the Commissioners when they want to contact any county personnel.

Chairman Philibosian acknowledged Commissioners Barcelona, Oakes and himself as being newly reappointed. Additionally, he announced that the appointments for a number of commissioners have expired. He encouraged the commissioners with expired appointments to talk to their respective supervisors to initiate the paperwork for their reappointments. These Commissioners included: Balderrama, Baltierrez, Boonshaft, Hill, Ikejiri, Padilla, Petak, Sylva, and Tortorice. Commissioners Hill and Ikejiri commented that they had already begun the process.

XII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. No members of the public commented.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Philibosian adjourned the meeting at 11:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted.



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