

**ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
October 1, 2020**

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.

I. CALL TO ORDER

With the presence of a quorum, Chair Munoz called the Commission meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom.

II. APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER'S ABSENCES

The following was the attendance for the meeting:

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

Robert Cole
Benjamin Everard
Jacob Haik
Michael Hastings
Ronald K. Ikejiri
T. Warren Jackson
Larry Kaplan
Ed Munoz
Robert Philibosian
Wilma Pinder
Joanne Saliba
Natalie Samarjian
John Anthony Schmitz
Velveth Schmitz
Connie Sullivan

COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED

Nancy Coleman
Becca Doten
Jeffrey Monical
Yolanda Rodriguez-Pena
Steven Ward
Cesar Zaldivar-Motts

III. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2020 MINUTES

Chair Munoz asked if there were any objections or changes to the minutes of the September 3, 2020 Commission meeting. Hearing no changes, the motion was then Moved, Seconded, and Adopted. The minutes of the September 3, 2020 Commission meeting were approved.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

V. REPORTS

A. CCJCC

Commissioner Saliba reported that CCJCC met on September 9th and it was the first meeting after 5 months of not having a meeting. She reported that the Psychiatric Social Worker Program is finalizing its funding agreement and it includes multi-agency work groups to develop strategies for responding to acts of hate. She also reported that the court referred community services program and alternative sentencing program have a digital evidence management system that offers to standardize platforms for all justice departments regarding evidence. She reported the goal is to have the initiative up and running within the next 6 months.

Commissioner Saliba also reported that the Consumer Worker Protection Project group is looking at price gouging, scams related to COVID-19, and wage violations. She reported that the task force for regional auto-theft prevention, also known as TRAP, includes 16 participating agencies. She also reported that there has been a significant increase in vehicle thefts since COVID-19.

VI. NEW BUISNESS

Executive Director Eng reported that at the last commission meeting, the commissioners selected the following projects for the Commission to pursue for 2020-2021. He reported that in order to move forward each of the projects, a task force chair will be needed for each task force. Below is a summary task force chairs for each project:

- (1) Commission brochure. Executive Director Eng and Admin Asst Pittmon will have a draft copy for the Commission at the November Commission Meeting.
- (2) Environmental Transit Stop Solution. Chair Munoz asked Commissioner Saliba to take the lead as the task force Chair. Commissioner Saliba accepted the appointment as the Task Force Chair.
- (3) Telework challenges and best practices in Los Angeles County. Commissioners Jackson and Haik will serve as co-chairs.
- (4) Evaluate LA County DCFS Foster Youth Program. Chair Munoz stated that Commissioner Ward has agreed to take on the Chair position of the task force. Executive Director Eng stated that he will check with Commissioner Ward and report back to the Commission at the next meeting.

VII. PRESENTATION

There was no presentation at the September Zoom Meeting.

VIII. COMMISSIONERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Hastings stated that he mentioned the Homeless Initiative at the last meeting, and he has been following a recently released report estimating the cost of \$350,000 to \$700,000 a unit to house the homeless. He asked who at the County is responsible for performing that audit and investigating this problem if not the Economy and Efficiency Commission.

Executive Director Eng stated that performance auditing would typically fall under the Auditor-Controller along with the CEO's Office. He stated that if it is the direction of the Commission, he could call the CEO and Auditor-Controller to relay Commissioner Hastings' concern.

Chair-Emeritus Philibosian stated that the homeless project already has a lot of fingers in the pie at the local, state, federal, and the County level. He stated that there are many agencies spending a lot of time and money on homelessness. He stated that he does not see a place for the E&E Commission on this project because the Commission doesn't have an official position that all the other agencies have. He also stated that the legislature recently passed a bill designating a State Homeless Czar and that was vetoed by the Governor who said there are already enough agencies working on this issue. He stated that he doesn't feel that the E&E Commission has the bandwidth to try and muscle their way into this situation.

Commissioner Sullivan reported that Commissioner Doten received a promotion at LAX. She reported that Commissioner Doten is the new Deputy Executive Director of Public & Government Affairs.

IX. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Administrative Assistant Pittmon reported that the Commission will be moving forward using Microsoft Teams for future meetings instead of Zoom. She reported that she had a small group of Commissioners test out Microsoft Teams and there are a few minor issues that needed to be worked out before the Commission could move forward using Teams. She said that she will send an email out to all the E&E Commissioners to see who needs assistance with learning how to log onto Microsoft Teams. She stated that she will train 5 Commissioners at a time on using Microsoft Teams until all Commissioners are comfortable using this video conferencing application.

Executive Director Eng commented that Commissioner Velveth Schmitz is running for re-election for the city of Rolling Hills Estate. Commissioner Schmitz thanked Executive Director Eng for the acknowledgment. She stated that she is currently the Mayor of her city and will be running for re-election. She expressed appreciation for the Commissioners' good wishes and reminded everyone to vote.

Executive Director Eng reported that the Chief Deputy Nick Ippolito from the 4th District has taken another position at the Department of Public Social Services. He reported that the new Chief Deputy for the 4th District is Gerado Pinedo.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Munoz at 11:07 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Executive Director, Edward Eng