
Economy & Efficiency Commission

Meeting Minutes

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION

THURSDAY, November 7, 2002
ROOM 140, KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION

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I. CALL TO ORDER OF COMMISSION MEETING

With the presence of a quorum of commissioners, Chairman Philibosian called the Commission meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

X. PRESENTATION (a)

[Mr. William T. Stinich, Undersheriff](#)
[County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department](#)
[Topic: The Direction of the Sheriff's Department for 2003](#)

The Undersheriff presented the accomplishments of the Department during the past year. He discussed the current problems and some of the issues the Department faces going forward. He emphasized the Sheriff's commitment to finding new and effective ways to provide the most effective services to the community and to explore new funding sources for those services.

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
John Crowley
Jonathan Fuhrman
Jaclyn Tilley Hill
Ronald K. Ikejiri
John L. Lewis

Tony Lucente
Roman Padilla
Robert H. Philibosian
Julia Sylva
G. Thomas Thompson

COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED

Annie E. Cho
Chun Lee
Royal F. Oakes
William J. Petak
Tony Tortorice

COMMISSIONERS NOT REQUESTING AN EXCUSE

None

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

III. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 3, 2002 MINUTES

Chairman Philibosian asked if there were any corrections or amendments to the minutes. Hearing none the following motion was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: The minutes of the October 3, 2002 Commission meeting be approved.

IV. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 3, 2002 PRESENTATION

Chairman Philibosian asked if there were any corrections or amendments to the presentation. Hearing none the following motion was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: The presentation of the October 3, 2002 Commission meeting be approved.

V. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Hill, as the chair of the Quality and Productivity Commission, introduced the new Executive Director, Ms. Ruth Wong.

VI. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman Philibosian stated that the December Commission meeting will be held at Sony Studios. He asked Commissioner Boonschaft to share what is planned for that meeting. Commissioner Boonschaft said it has been suggested that someone from the entertainment industry be the speaker to address some of the issues that the industry is dealing with involving the County. The Executive Director of the California group of the Motion Picture Association of America, Melissa Patack, was suggested as a possible speaker. It was agreed by the Commission to ask Ms. Patack to be the speaker. The meeting is Thursday, December 5, 2002, 10:00-12:00 at Sony Pictures Studios, holiday lunch is included afterward. She also offered a tour of the special technologies lab for after lunch.

The Commission Status Report was distributed to the Executive Committee. No comments have been received back. The report will be published to the Commissioners for approval at the next meeting.

On October 21, 2002, Chairman Philibosian briefed the Grand Jury on the Commission. He stressed the connection between this Commission and the Grand Jury especially the Grand Jury follow-up.

Chairman Philibosian welcomed the immediate past foreperson of the Grand Jury, Mr. John Lewis as a Commissioner.

VII. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Staniforth sent out an email to all Commissioners regarding the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee will present their recommendation in the January meeting.

In the agenda packet is the schedule of the 2003 Commission meeting dates.

If anyone is interested in receiving a copy of the tape of the Brown Act meeting, let Mr. Staniforth know and he will send a copy.

A copy of the job description for the Director of Children's Services has been sent out as well as a copy of the announcement for the Director for Risk Management.

On October 22, the CAO put out a quarterly report on Emancipation Services. If anyone wants a copy, let Mr. Staniforth know.

VIII. LIAISON REPORTS

Local Government Services Commission

A liaison from the Local Government Services Commission has not been appointed to this Commission.

Quality and Productivity Commission

Commissioner Hill thanked everyone for supporting the Quality and Productivity Commission's luncheon. The event went very well and the Commission will become the repository for best practices on their web site. The projects the Commission recognizes are looked at by people all over the country. Their next emphasis will be placed on their annual report.

IX. OLD BUSINESS - TASK FORCE REPORTS

Emancipation Services Task Force

Commissioner Thompson commented that there has been discussion within the task force about the information the task force would get from a meeting with the interim Director of Children's Services, since much will change within the department when the new director takes over. He requested that the task force members confer to decide whether to meet with the interim director.

Grand Jury Task Force

Commissioner Hill thanked everyone for responding with feedback to the follow-up report.

It was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: The Grand Jury Task Force Report be approved. The motion was amended to allow the Executive Director to make minor edits, such as formatting and typos, to the report.

Commissioner Hill stated there is a need for the introduction of a County Master Calendar. The task force is asking for approval to explore this option and develop a position letter to present to the Board of Supervisors. The Chair requested the task force to present this letter at the next Commission meeting, if possible.

Organization & Accountability Task Force

Commissioner Fuhrman reported that the CAO's office is doing a study on Workers' Compensation practices and conditions across all departments and they met with the person doing the study. She is focusing on a piece of the puzzle, the return to work activities. However, the task force is interested in other aspects of the Workers' Compensation system.

Economic Development

The task force did not have a meeting this month. Commissioner Sylva has asked Commissioner Lewis to join the task force due to his expertise as a civil engineer and public infrastructure. She has also met with USC and with the Public Works Director. She requested that the Executive Director set up a conference call before Thanksgiving for the task force. The County internal economic development expo will possibly be scheduled for February of 2003. The task force may also be helpful with the Entertainment Industry and Development Corporation issue since permit streamlining is something the task force has already been looking at.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Fuhrman spoke about the letter to the Board of Supervisors regarding the Los Angeles County Administrative System (LACAS) being pursued by the Chief Information Office. This system was presented to the Commission during the July meeting. The CIO will be asking the Board of Supervisors for permission to enter into contract negotiations sometime during the next 2-3 weeks. In response, the Commission has prepared a letter to Board of Supervisors requesting independent oversight of this project due to its magnitude.

It was Moved, Seconded, and Adopted: The Commission approve the LACAS letter to the Board.

Chairman Philibosian raised the issue of having a task force review the issue of transportation of inmates to and from

the jails and courthouses. The entire Commission is vitally interested in this issue. Commissioner Thompson stated that he thinks it would be a good idea to do something like is being at the Lynwood Justice Center and take the judges to the prisons. The Chairman will choose members for this task force.

XIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Chris Edwards commented on the Brown Act. Ms. Genevieve Clavreul commented on issues with the AIDS Commission.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion from the floor, Chairman Philibosian adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted.



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