

**ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
April 3, 2014**

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 of Commissioners, Chairman Barcelona called the Commission meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

**II. APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER'S ABSENCES**

The following was the attendance for the meeting:

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

Fred P. Balderrama  
Isaac Diaz Barcelona  
Robert Cole  
Jonathan S. Fuhrman  
Ronald K. Ikejiri  
Arne Kalm  
Janice Kamenir-Reznik  
Chun Y. Lee  
Adam Nathanson  
Roman Padilla  
Robert H. Philibosian  
Fred Piltz  
Steven Ward  
Steve Wolowicz

**COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED**

Alan Glassman  
Freda Hinsche Otto  
Bradley Mindlin  
Adam Murray  
Royal F. Oakes  
William Petak

**COMMISSIONERS NOT REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED**

None

### **III. APPROVAL OF February 6, 2014 MINUTES**

Chairman Barcelona asked if there were any objections or changes to the minutes of the February 6, 2014 Commission meetings. With Commissioner Wolowicz abstained from voting and hearing no other changes, the motion was then Moved, Seconded, and Adopted. The minutes of the February 6, 2014 Commission meetings were approved.

### **IV. REPORTS**

#### **A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Chairman Barcelona introduced his guest Dina Ward, a Governor-appointed Fair Board member for Antelope Valley, and Bradley Beech, who is the Supervising agent in charge of Alcohol Beverage and Control (ABC).

Chairman Barcelona introduced newest Commissioner, Steven Ward, who on the recommendation of Supervisor Michael Antonovich, was unanimously appointed by the Board on March 18, 2014 to the Los Angeles County Citizens' Economy and Efficiency Commission for a term of office expiring September 1, 2015. Commissioner Ward is currently the senior manager of Pavement and Recycling Systems, an employee-owned company and the largest provider of specialty asphalt milling and recycling services in the Western United States. He stated that prior to his current position; Mr. Ward was the owner/managing partner of West Coast Milling Inc. until its merger with PRSI in 2003.

Chairman Barcelona distributed the 2010 award winning Chamber of Commerce Magazine to each commissioner and pointed out the Commission on Pages 6 & 7.

Chairman Barcelona made a motion to change the May 1, 2014 meeting date to May 8, 2014 to accommodate the Los Angeles County Interim Sheriff, John Scott.

Executive Director, Edward Eng stated that most of the Commissioners are delinquent in the CPOE and Sexual Harassment/Cultural Diversity training classes that are mandatory to continue their Commissionership. He stated that each Commissioner needs to take the both training classes every two years.

#### **B. DISCIPLINARY PROCESS INVESTIGATIVE AND HEARING PHASES**

Commissioner Fuhrman reported that the Task Force is in the process of writing up their report. He stated that Commissioner Piltz and Commissioner Ward have joined the Task Force. He also reported that the Task Force is meeting next week to get some additional information from the County Equity Office Panel. He stated that the Task Force is moving along and hopefully will have a ready product for the Commission to review at the July meeting.

#### **C. E-GOVERNMENT 2.0**

Commissioner Kalm reported that the Task Force has presented their final report to the Board on March 11, 2014. He also stated that the Supervisors vote was 5-0 and they instructed the CEO to come back in 30 days with his plan for implementation of the report.

#### **D. VIDEO ARRAIGNMENT**

Chair-Emeritus reported that Video Arraignment has been on hiatus for long time. He stated that the Commission's original proposal was completely discarded by the administrative staff of the Superior Court. He stated that there is now a new Administrative Officer for the Superior Court but they have been coping with a lot of budgetary problems. He stated that it is time to reinstate the project with the new Administrative Officer of the Court.

#### **E. COUNTYWIDE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

Chair-Emeritus Philibosian reported that the continued discussion was the inadequate number of beds in the jail system to take care of all the realignment inmates. He stated that District Attorney Jackie Lacey is trying to do a diversion of the mentally ill from the jail system which will alleviate overcrowding in the jail and to possibly provide treatment for those that do not have serious crime problems.

#### **V. PRESENTATION**

The Honorable Don Knabe, 4<sup>th</sup> District, Chairman, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

#### **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **ELECTION OF CO-CHAIRS**

Chair-Emeritus stated that the Commission had a unique situation of a tied vote for the E&E Commission Chairman for 2014. He stated that it was proposed by Commissioner Kamenir-Reznik that the Commission address this issue with a bylaw change to have Co-Chairs which was proposed and discussed. He stated that in order to adopt that bylaw change it would require a 2/3 vote of the Commissioners present with a motion and a second. Executive Director Eng distributed a copy of the bylaw changes to reflect the implementation of having Co-Chairs. After a lengthy discussion, the amended bylaw change was further amended to reflect that if the voting results in a tie, then the Commission by a majority vote, may elect to designate the top two vote getters as Co-chair which will still allow the Commission leeway to decide if they want to do that. The Commission then entertained a motion to reflect this change, hearing no objections, this new motion was then Moved, Seconded, and Adopted.

Article V, Section 4 C(1) now reads: If one of the candidates receives a majority of all votes cast, he/she will be declared the winner. However, if the voting results in a tie, the Commission, by a majority vote, may elect to designate the top two vote getters as Co-chairs.

Upon the approval of the new motion, Commissioners Fuhrman and Barcelona are now Co-chairs of the Commission for 2014.

## **ONLINE PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT SYSTEM**

Commissioner Nathanson stated that he wanted to discuss what areas the Commission as a group, would think is worthwhile to invest time in where there is value. He stated that one of the things that were mentioned at the last meeting was how important the online property tax payment is with saving the County money and efficiencies. He stated that Supervisor Knabe made comments about dealing with the County Government should be as easy as dealing with Amazon. He stated that one thing he thought of was whether it would be worthwhile to take a deeper dive into the online property tax system. He stated that a report like this could clearly impact almost every citizen that deals with property tax. He stated that there would be a lot of money at stake and he wanted to get the Commission's feedback on whether it is a worthwhile project to work on.

Co-Chair Fuhrman asked whether Commissioner Nathanson sees a particular flaw in the current system. He stated that he took a look at it online and it seemed to be pretty straight forward at least for residential tax payers. Commissioner Nathanson stated that it is pretty straight forward but not everyone is using it yet so there needs to be an awareness to market it so that more people are using the online system.

Commissioner Kalm stated that the County Secure Property Tax System which is one of the County's legacy systems that needs to be upgraded but is kind of in the same category as LEADER, DPSS, and the Electronic Health Record systems. He stated that if the Commission is going to go in that direction the Commission needs to consider whether there is some utility in the Commission pushing for the different groups working together. Commissioner Nathanson stated that this is a good suggestion and he is opened to this idea.

## **VII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Barcelona at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Executive Director  
Edward Eng