

**ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
September 3, 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, Vice-Chair Jackson 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  
Nancy Coleman  
Becca Doten  
Benjamin Everard  
Jacob Haik  
Michael Hastings  
Ronald K. Ikejiri  
T. Warren Jackson  
Larry Kaplan  
Ed Munoz  
Robert Philibosian  
Wilma Pinder  
Yolanda Rodriguez-Pena  
Joanne Saliba  
Natalie Samarjian  
John Anthony Schmitz  
Velveth Schmitz  
Connie Sullivan  
Steven Ward

**COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED**

Jeffrey Monical  
Cesar Zaldivar-Motts

**III. APPROVAL OF JULY 2, 2020 MINUTES**

Vice-Chair Jackson asked if there were any objections or changes to the minutes of the July 2, 2020 Commission meeting. Hearing no changes, the motion was then Moved, Seconded, and Adopted. The minutes of the July 2, 2020 Commission meeting were approved.

**IV. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**V. REPORTS**

**A. Economic Recovery Group 2: Website**

Commissioner Hastings reported that the Prosper LA website has been completed and invited the commissioners to on it. He stated that the website link is <https://prosperla.lacounty.gov/>. He stated that the website is a success and the task force has worked extremely hard on this project. Commissioner Hastings further stated that the website is linked to the Los Angeles County website, the Board of Supervisors' websites, the Quality & Productivity Commission's (QPC) website, and the Economy & Efficiency Commission's (E&E Commission) website.

Commissioner Sullivan stated that she visited the website and was wondering how much the website is being utilized and if there are any statistics on that information. Commissioner Hastings stated that at the last meeting it was shared by the group that there were approximately 60 suggestions from different areas.

Executive Director Eng reported that the E&E Commission has assisted with the completion of the project and until the Commission receives further direction from the Board Offices or Q&P Commission, he will remove this item from future agenda items.

Commissioner Sullivan asked has there been any update on the contracting part of the motion. Executive Director Eng stated that he has not received any new information on contracting and no upcoming meetings have been scheduled.

**B. Video Arraignment Pilot**

Commissioner Saliba reported that Video Arraignment Pilot Program was accelerated and went live due to Covid-19.

Executive Director Eng stated that this will be the last report on Video Arraignment but he wanted to provide a quick update to the E&E Commission: (1) the pilot program has been expanded to all the courts not just Court Room 40, (2) Video Arraignment has expanded to cover felony cases as well, and (3) Video Arraignment has expanded to cover Probation Courts.

Executive Director Eng stated that there are still some operational issues with the program but that moving forward, CCJCC will be working to work through all the issues since all the justice partners attend this monthly meeting.

Commissioner Jackson stated that Executive Director Eng should send a copy of the letter to Commissioner Fuhrman since he was so instrumental to the project.

Commissioner Schmitz stated if the answer to this is culture then the takeaway lesson is that this Commission needs to start thinking of pragmatic and innovative ways to introduce processes to shift the culture.

Commissioner Saliba stated that it was Executive Director Eng's ability and persistence that got the project moving forward.

Commissioner Everard stated that this has been a project for the E&E Commission for years, but it took the pandemic for it to go into effect within 90 days. He also stated that it is worth noting that it did not take a lot to implement when it was necessary. He stated that he would be interested in the lesson that the Commission may be able to take away from this project. Commissioner Everard asked if it was worth putting a one-sheet summary of the quick history and victory of the project? Executive Director Eng replied yes, he could write a quick summary on the history and what it took to get there.

[http://eec.lacounty.gov/Portals/EEC/Reports/202\\_0619VideoArrestmentReport.pdf](http://eec.lacounty.gov/Portals/EEC/Reports/202_0619VideoArrestmentReport.pdf)

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

Executive Director went over the list of proposed projects for the E&E Commission to consider.

- (1) A brochure that highlights the Commission's structure, mission, and values.  
Executive Director Eng  
Administrative Assistant Pittmon
- (2) Environmental Transit Stop solution in District 1 communities  
Executive Director Eng reported that he made a presentation on this project last month.
- (3) Telework challenges and best practices in Los Angeles County  
Executive Director Eng reported that DHR has been working on something similar. He stated that he reached to DHR Director Garrett and she stated that her department has been working on this for some time along with ISD. They also hired a consultant firm who has completed some surveys and focus groups with a small county sample-size. Executive Director Eng stated that DHR was opened to collaborate with the E&E Commission on this project. He stated that DHR stated that they would share the surveys and research, and reports with the E&E Commission.
- (4) Evaluate the service efficacy of the East LA Entrepreneur Center located in District 1.  
Executive Director Eng reported that the 1<sup>st</sup> District has created an entrepreneurial center located in East Los Angeles to work with small businesses. He stated that he doesn't have much information on it at this time, but that it may be worthwhile for the E&E Commission to look at the outcome of the center as a group.
- (5) Evaluate LA County Department of Children and Family Services' Foster Youth Program, specifically, how the agency is supporting youth transitioning out of foster care into adulthood.  
Executive Director Eng reported that when Supervisor Barger came to our Commission as a guest speaker, she spoke about having the Commission look at this area. Further

investigation revealed that Chair-Emeritus Philibosian had directed a report on Foster Youth Emancipation back in 2002. He stated that there were 15 recommendations from that report. He stated that there are two ways to go about revisiting this project: (1) take the report and go to DCFS and ask them what have they done to move the recommendations forward and assess whether or not they have made progress, or (2) take the report directly to the 5<sup>th</sup> District to show what the E&E Commission has already accomplished and see if there is something more specific from the recommendations that Supervisor Barger would like the Commission to study. He stated that he likes the second approach more, but it is ultimately up to the Commission on how they want to move forward.

- (6) Review of social service funding/contracts for diversity and equity.  
Executive Director Eng reported that this is a carryover project from last year.
- (7) Homeless solution in Lancaster  
Executive Director Eng reported that this project was a proposal from Commissioner Hastings from the last meeting.

Commissioner Cole asked is there one project that is more time sensitive then the rest of the projects. He also asked if there are dates associated with the projects. Executive Director Eng stated that Project 2 has already started and something should be submitted soon because it was a request from Board District 1. He stated that Project 3 is very relevant being that many County employees are teleworking. He stated that Project 5 was a request from Supervisor Barger so it should be a priority even there is no timeframe associated with the request.

Chair Munoz stated that he would like to make a motion that the E&E Commission work on projects 1,2,3,5, the motion was then Moved, Seconded, and Adopted. He stated that the remaining 4 projects will be moved to the following year. He also stated that if any Commissioner would like to volunteer on any of the 4 approved projects to please email Executive Director Eng or Administrative Assistant Pittmon.

**VII. PRESENTATION**

There was no presentation at the September Zoom Meeting.

**VIII. COMMISSIONERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Vice-Chair Jackson stated that he attended the Independent Oversight Committee on August 18, 2020 for Proposition E. He stated that the taskforce reviewed fiscal year 2019-2020 and approve the report to the Board on how the Fire Department spent Proposition E money. He stated that he sent a copy of the report to Executive Director Eng and Administrative Assistant Pittmon.

**IX. STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Administrative Assistant Pittmon reported that the Commission will be moving forward using Microsoft Teams for future meetings instead of Zoom.

Administrative Assistant Pittmon reported that the Executive Office recently started displaying Google Translate on the E&E Commission website for better user experience. She stated that users can translate the website to one of the languages provided in the dropdown menu and the actual translation will be done by Google engine.

Administrative Assistant Pittmon also stated that if any Commissioners would like to update new bio pictures, they can submit the pictures by email in jpeg.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Munoz at 12:33 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Executive Director, Edward Eng