



Los Angeles County Quality and Productivity Commission

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION

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THE FOLLOWING COMMISSIONERS WERE PRESENT

(TAKEN BY ROLL CALL):

Jacki Bacharach

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ABSENT:

None

PRODUCTIVITY MANAGERS NETWORK (PMN)

Heidi Oliva, 1st Vice-Chair

Stanley Yen, 2nd Vice-Chair

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Bacharach called the meeting of the Quality and Productivity Commission to order at 3:07 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Bacharach welcomed everyone to the Special meeting of the Quality and Productivity Commission (Commission). She started with the following announcements:

As a Special meeting, there is no general public comment at the end of the meeting. However, public comment will be addressed as each agenda item is called. Members of the general public were also given an opportunity to submit written public comment on a specific agenda item by May 13, 2020, at 4 p.m. No comments were received. During the meeting, as an item is called for discussion, the general public may also contact Jackie Guevarra, Executive Director, at jguevarra@bos.lacounty.gov with questions or comments.

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PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION TO CREATE A HOMELESS AD HOC COMMITTEE TO ADDRESS THE COUNTY'S HOMELESS INITIATIVE - COMMISSIONER MAXWELL BILLIEON

Commissioner Billieon gave the following presentation to establish a Homeless Ad Hoc Committee.

The purpose of formulating a Homeless Ad Hoc Committee is to assist the County of Los Angeles with its top of the line agenda on homelessness. The County has stated that it is under a State of Emergency with regards to homelessness, well before the COVID-19 pandemic. The goal of establishing a Homeless Ad Hoc Committee is to work with County departments in specific areas of homelessness, while working within the guidelines of the Commission. The Commission has a unique opportunity to be innovative in an area where there is very little innovation. In all deference to the Board of Supervisors and every single Department which has been working on homeless issues, there is sort of status quo in the way that homelessness is handled.

With a Homeless Ad Hoc Committee and community, it would give the Commission an opportunity to invite Baby Boomers, Generation X, and Millennials to be represented and come up with strategies and opportunities that will benefit departments with their current initiatives. The Homeless Ad Hoc Committee will have the ability to address specific concerns.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following members of the public addressed the Commission on agenda item #2. Each was given 3 minutes for their comments.

- Dr. Alan Glassman stated for the record that he has worked with the Chief Executive Office (CEO) for more than 15 years on strategy and strategic planning, and with the Chief Operating Officer and several members of the Board of Supervisors on various projects. However, he is not representing the CEO, COO, or the Board Offices today. He also stated that he has worked on the Homeless Initiative with Phil Ansel, Executive Director, Homeless Initiative, in terms of designing the group sessions with different cities and getting them involved in the overall strategies. He does not represent Phil Ansel or anyone in the homeless community, nor does he claim to be an expert on homelessness.

He was asked by Commissioner Billieon to discuss the Homeless Ad Hoc Committee from a strategic perspective. There are seven Board priority areas to point out that the Commission can align with, they include: homelessness, justice reform, health integration, child protection, immigration, sustainability, and environmental health. Based on his interviews with Commissioners, in preparation of developing the Commission's 2021-25 Strategic Plan, Dr. Glassman has identified one of the top priorities to be on economic development.

Commissioner Landres request for point of order, citing the Commission's Strategic Plan is not on the agenda for discussion. Dr. Glassman concluded his presentation.

- Jerry Ramirez, Manager, Homeless Initiative, CEO, stated for the record that the CEO does not support the proposed formation of a Homeless Ad Hoc Committee. Currently, there are numerous existing homeless groups and organizations within the system in which Commissioners are welcome to attend and participate. The CEO's office would be happy to share information on these opportunities. Additionally, due to the pandemic, CEO resources, County Departments, and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority are expending all of their time to assist the homeless, and they would not have the kind of resources that would adequately support the mission and work of a Homeless Ad Hoc Committee as proposed by Commissioner Billieon. It is for these reasons that the CEO does not support the formation of the Homeless Ad hoc Committee.

Commissioner Billieon made a motion for the Chair to create a Homeless Ad Hoc Committee to address the County's Homeless Initiative and that he be appointed Chair. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Henderson.

After discussion and questions, Commissioner Butler moved to approve a substitute motion to direct the Chair of the Quality and Productivity Commission to form a Homeless Ad Hoc Committee to review possible avenues where the Commission can help to bring solutions to the homeless issue. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Billieon.

The substitute motion failed to carry by the following vote (taken by roll call):

Aye's: Commissioners Billieon, Butler, Harris, Henderson and Liu
No's: Commissioners Dreyfuss, Gibson, Gutierrez, Landres, McIntyre, Meek, Palmer, Peeps, Penichet and Wright
Abstain: Commissioners Bacharach and Cuervo

The original motion by Commissioner Billieon to direct the Chair to create a Homeless Ad Hoc Committee to address the County's Homeless Initiative and request to be appointed Chair, seconded by Commissioner Henderson was put to a vote. The motion failed to carry by the following vote (taken by roll call):

Aye's: Commissioners Billieon, Harris, Henderson and Liu
No's: Commissioners Cuervo, Dreyfuss, Gibson, Gutierrez, Landres, McIntyre, Meek, Palmer, Peeps, Penichet and Wright
Abstain: Commissioners Bacharach and Butler

BOARD MOTION (APRIL 28, 2020) – ROADMAP TO ECONOMIC RECOVERY TASK FORCE UPDATE

Commissioner Bacharach reported on the motion the Board of Supervisors passed directing the Quality and Productivity Commission, in consultation with the Small Business Commission and Citizens' Economy & Efficiency Commission, to 1) create a working group to encourage innovative ideas from County employees, businesses, and labor partners, and 2) establish a website to promote these ideas. As a result, the Commission created two working groups to address each directive. Commissioner Bacharach praised Jackie Guevarra, Executive Director and the QPC staff who have been working diligently to begin the work of the two groups. We met on May 6, 2020 with the Executive Directors and Commission Chairs from each of the Commissions to discuss how to proceed. Both groups will be working with the Internal Services Department which has ideas on procurement and recommendations for the Board on innovative ways of improving business practices and helping with the economic recovery. The Board's motion directs the working group to encourage the submission of innovative ideas and report them to the Board.

Commissioners Butler, Cuervo, Gutierrez, Harris, Landres, McIntyre Meek, and Wright volunteered to participate in the working groups. Group 1 will work to encourage innovative ideas from County employees, businesses and labor partners that could streamline the County's contracting process and encourage strategies to engage and assist businesses. Commissioner Landres will chair this group. Group 2 will work to establish a website and email contact to accept and promote innovative and thoughtful ideas from Department staff, businesses and the public to streamline contracting, assist businesses and identify potential cost-savings actions that could be taken by each Department. Commissioner Butler will Chair this group. Commissioners Bacharach, Butler and Landres will update the Commission regarding their progress at the June 22 Commission meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next full Commission meeting will be on June 22, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.