



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON LOCAL  
GOVERNMENTAL SERVICES  
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION  
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 743  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012  
<http://lgsc.lacounty.gov>**

**Tuesday, December 1, 2015**

**9:30 AM**

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (15-5723)

**Attachments:** [AUDIO](#)

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance. (15-4213)

**Chairperson Bob Archuleta called the meeting to order at 9:39 a.m.**

**Commissioners Jerry Velasco and Jules Bagneris III joined the meeting at 9:45 a.m. and 9:52 a.m. respectively.**

**Commissioner Drake Dillard led the pledge of allegiance.**

Present: Chairperson Bob Archuleta, 1st Vice Chairperson Azita Karimkhany Fatheree, 2nd Vice Chairperson Paul Philips, Commissioner Jules Bagneris III, Commissioner Mark Burman, Commissioner Drake Dillard, Commissioner Jesse Gabriel, Commissioner Laurence M. Kaplan, Commissioner Jess Talamantes, Commissioner Jerry Velasco and Commissioner Barry Waite

Absent: Commissioner Andrew Friedman, Commissioner Edward Kim and Commissioner Ana Ponce

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

1. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of October 6, 2015. (15-5470)

**On motion of 1st Vice Chairperson Azita Fatheree, seconded by Commissioner Jess Talamantes, there being no objection, this item was approved.**

**Attachments:** [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

2. Review and approval of the Commission's 2016 Meeting Schedule. (15-5473)

**After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Lawrence Kaplan, seconded by 2nd Vice Chairperson Paul Philips, there being no objection, staff was instructed to pole Commission members for their availability to hold a meeting for those months prior to a holiday assuring a quorum and the item was approved.**

**Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)**

3. Chairperson's report on various items for the month of December 2015. (15-5474)

**Chairperson Bob Archuleta congratulated Commissioners Jerry Velasco and Jess Talamantes for their appointments as Councilmembers.**

**Commissioner Barry Waite added a congratulatory comment to Chairperson Bob Archuleta for being re-elected as Mayor Pro Tem for the City of Pico Rivera.**

**After discussion, and by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was filed.**

4. Staff report on various items for the month of December 2015. (15-5475)

**Staff Nyla Jefferson reported that Commission members will be notified by Human Resources upon availability of training for the required Ethics training every two years.**

**During discussion, staff was instructed to speak with Human Resources, if City Ethics training courses already taken by Commission members is sufficient and provide Commission members with clarification.**

**After further discussion, and by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was filed.**

## **II. DISCUSSIONS**

5. Further discussion of a countywide approach to regional tourism promotion and consideration of next steps. (14-2607)

**Commissioner Kaplan, Chair of the Tourism Ad-Hoc Committee, submitted a Plan of Action for a Countywide Tourism Authority (Authority) and emphasized that the Commission would have to make the final decision on the following proposed options for an Authority in Los Angeles County:**

- 1. Develop a countywide tourism authority that will require funding, similar to the Metropolitan Transit Authority that would effectively move the tourism program forward for the benefit of all of Los Angeles County; or**
- 2. Develop a countywide convening organization, that has no power, funding but may be ineffective with its charge to establish a viable Authority.**

**During discussion, Commissioner Gabriel made a suggestion that if an authority was to be formed, that the composition be the similar structure of members as that of the Local Governmental Services Commission. Commissioner Velasco suggested including international tourism organizations and Chambers of Commerce as Authority members forming a clear joint venture.**

**Commission Kaplan further stated that the next step would be to invite major local Council of Governments, the Long Beach California Convention & Visitors Bureau, the Olympic Bid Committee, Universal Studios and private tourist businesses that partner with local cities. This would provide the Commission with viable input from stakeholders. Commissioner Talamantes noted he will invite a private business involved in tourism and business improvements from the city of Burbank.**

**Chairperson Archuleta stated that a regional tourism authority would suggest more local attractions than Hollywood allowing tourist to discover Los Angeles County.**

**Commissioner Kaplan would like to dedicate the first half of 2016 to evaluate the most viable option for an Authority and determine whether recommendations can be given to the Board of Supervisors.**

**After further discussion, and by Common Consent, there being no objection, this item was continued to the meeting in January 2016.**

**Attachments:**    [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)  
[SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

6. Recommendation and possible action on Commission subject matters of interests and ongoing projects, as requested by the Strategic Plan Ad-Hoc Committee. (Continued from the meetings of 8/4/15, 9/1/15, 10/6/15, 12/9/15) (15-2176)

**Commissioner Kaplan, Chair of the Strategic Plan Committee, yielded the floor to 1st Vice Chairperson Fatheree. 1st Vice Chairperson Fatheree lead the discussion and reviewed the recommended protocols established by the Committee for Commission's consideration.**

**In addition to the Committee's recommendation, she highlighted the Committee's proposal for an Annual Orientation Meeting and Retreat to be held at the beginning of each calendar year to discuss how the Commission can be most effective and assist the Commission in setting goals, provide guidelines and manage the meetings.**

**Commissioner Waite made a suggestion to have the second bullet of the "Reinforcing Brown Act Procedure for Maximum Transparency and Inclusion" read as follows:**

- **If a vote is anticipated, that must should be included in the advance agenda item. It is permissible to continue (not vote) on an agendized vote, but it is not permissible to vote on a non-agendized item.**

**After further discussion, Commissioner Bagneris made a friendly amendment to have Commissioner Kaplan and his Committee review the audio and minutes and provide the Commission with a revised version for approval at the January meeting. Commissioners were instructed to submit their changes to staff of the proposed Report by December 4, 2015.**

**Later in the meeting, Commissioner Jesse Gabriel accepted Commissioner Jules Bagneris' friendly amendment, seconded by 2nd Vice President Paul J. Philips, there being no objection, the item was referred back to the Committee for revisions which will be used as a guiding principal for the Commission and be included to future new Commissioner packets.**

**1st Vice Chairperson Fatheree further instructed staff to send an email to Commissioners of the following:**

1. **Holiday greeting from the Commission;**
2. **Obtain attendance availability on a possible retreat meeting for January 2016; and**
3. **Request Commissioners prepare a brief written document describing the goal for items that have been ongoing.**

**Attachments:**    [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

### **III. MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **Matters Not Posted**

7. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Committee, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (15-4674)

**No matters were posted.**

#### **Public Comment**

8. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (15-5471)

**Mike Gomez, Commissioner of Consumer Affairs Advisory Commission, addressed the Commission.**

**Commissioners' well wishes were given for the Holiday Season.**

#### **Adjournment**

9. Adjournment for the meeting of December 1, 2015. (15-5472)

**The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 a.m.**