



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL  
INSPECTIONS**

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**Wednesday, December 14, 2016**

**10:00 AM**

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (16-6211)

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

Present: Chairperson Barbara Bigby, Vice Chairperson Cheryl Grills Ph.D., Commissioner Donald S. Andrews, Commissioner Johanna Arias-Bhatia, Commissioner Susan Burton, Commissioner Percy Duran III and Commissioner Eleanor R. Montaña

Excused: Commissioner Anne S. Hill

Staff present: Cesar Hernandez, Roy Sinclair and Jenny Kimbell. (16-6212)

Call to Order. (16-6126)

**Chairperson Bigby called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.**

**Chairperson Bigby led in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.**

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER**

1. Approval of the December 7, 2016 Minutes. (16-6127)

**On motion of Commissioner Percy Duran III, seconded by Commissioner Donald S. Andrews and unanimously carried, this item was approved.**

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

**II. REPORTS**

2. Chairperson's Report on various items. (16-6130)

**There was no report presented.**

3. Staff Report on Correspondence Received and Department Representative Reports. (16-6131)

**There was no report presented.**

4. Commissioners' Reports on Group Home and/or Detention Facilities Inspections. (16-6132)

**During the reporting period, the following group homes/facilities were reported as being in satisfactory condition:**

**Chairperson Bigby visited:**

- Bourne Inc. (Lake Ave, Altadena, CA) on December 9, 2016.

**Commissioners Andrews and Montaña visited:**

- Men's Central Jail (Bauchet St., Los Angeles, CA) on December 12, 2016.

**Commissioners Bhatia and Duran visited:**

- Los Angeles Mental Health Department 95 (San Fernando, Los Angeles, CA) on December 14, 2016 and reported that they moved to a new location.

**Commissioner Duran visited:**

- Optimist Girls Group Home (Silver Oak Terrace, Los Angeles, CA) on December 9, 2016 and reported no one was home.
- Optimist Girls Group Home (Silver Oak Terrace, Los Angeles, CA) on December 12, 2016.

**Commissioners Montaña visited:**

- Governor George Deukmejian Courthouse (Magnolia St., Long Beach, CA) on November 1, 2016.
- Torrance Courthouse (Maple Ave., Torrance, CA) on December 13, 2016.

**During the reporting period, the following facility was reported as being in unsatisfactory condition:**

**Vice Chairperson Grills and Commissioner Burton visited:**

- Twin Towers Correctional Facility (Bauchet St., Los Angeles, CA) on December 14, 2016 and reported the following:
  - Inmates have complained about not receiving their special diet;
  - There are long wait times to see a doctor;
  - The shower water smells like urine and is scalding hot;
  - The trustees are sleeping on disciplinary mattresses;

- **Inmates are unable to access medical care;**
- **A Deputy whistles the Andy Griffith show song to alert women that he is in the area, which can be perceived as unprofessional;**
- **During the strip search conducted on November 13, 2016, female inmates private parts were exposed to male inmates and over 40 complaints have been submitted. Their commissary was thrown away and the inmate's underwear was not returned after the search.**

### **III. DISCUSSION**

5. Review and appropriate action of the proposed amendments to the SBC Ordinance. (16-6129)

**After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Duran, seconded by Commissioner Bhatia, this item was duly carried by the following vote.**

**Ayes:** 5 - Chairperson Barbara Bigby, Vice Chairperson Cheryl Grills Ph.D., Commissioner Johanna Arias-Bhatia, Commissioner Susan Burton and Commissioner Percy Duran III

**Abstentions:** 2 - Commissioner Donald S. Andrews and Commissioner Eleanor R. Montaña

**Excused:** 1 - Commissioner Anne S. Hill

### **IV. MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **Matters Not Posted**

6. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (16-6133)

**There were no items presented for a future agenda.**

#### **Public Comment**

7. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (16-6134)

**There were no members of the public present to address the Commission.**

**Adjournment**

8. Adjournment for the meeting of December 14, 2016. (16-6135)

**There being no further business, Chairperson Bigby adjourned the meeting of December 14, 2016 at 11:01 a.m.**