



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

**500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 372
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
<http://sbc.lacounty.gov>**

Wednesday, February 1, 2017

10:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (17-0762)

Attachments: [AUDIO](#)

Present: Commissioner Barbara Bigby, Vice Chairperson Cheryl Grills Ph.D., Johanna Arias-Bhatia and Commissioner Percy Duran III

Excused: Commissioner Susan Burton and Commissioner Anne S. Hill

Staff present: Roy Sinclair. (17-0765)

Call to Order. (17-0510)

Chairperson Bhatia called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

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

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

1. Approval of the January 25, 2017 Minutes. (17-0511)

On motion of Commissioner Percy Duran, III, seconded by Commissioner Barbara Bigby, unanimously carried, this item was approved.

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

II. REPORTS

2. Chairperson's Report on various items. (17-0512)

Chairperson Bhatia reported that she was informed by former Commissioner Donald S. Andrews that Commissioner Ann Hill has passed away. The Commission will send a card or flowers to her family.

She concluded by saying that the Commission will honor former Commissioners Donald S. Andrews and Eleanor R. Montaña, following a meeting in March 2017.

3. Staff Report on Correspondence Received and Department Representative Reports. (17-0513)

There was no report presented.

4. Commissioners' Reports on Group Home and/or Detention Facilities Inspections. (17-0514)

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

Commissioners Andrews and Montaña visited (Chairperson Bhatia reported):

- **Optimist - Van Nuys - (Burnet Avenue, Van Nuys, CA) on January 31, 2017.**
- **Van Nuys Courthouse West - (Erwin Street, Van Nuys, CA) on January 31, 2017.**

Chairperson Bhatia and Vice Chairperson Grills, Ph.D., visited:

- **Twin Towers Correctional Facilities - (Bauchet Street, Los Angeles, CA) on February 1, 2017.**

Commissioner Bigby visited:

- **Penny Lane #7 - (Wilbur Avenue, Northridge, CA) on January 31, 2017, and noted that this was a follow-up to the January 17, 2017 inspection.**
- **Human Services Network - Shadow Hills - (Orcas Avenue, Shadow Hills, CA) on January 27, 2017, and noted that this was a follow-up to the January 12, 2017 inspection.**

III. DISCUSSIONS

5. Discussion and recommendation to invite a representative from the Sheriff's Department to address the SBC regarding access to a full range of Education Based Incarceration programs by women at Twin Towers Correctional Facility. (17-0515)

Vice Chairperson Grills, Ph.D., stated that she has been in contact with the Sheriff's Department regarding getting a representative to come and present information regarding the Education Based Incarceration (EBI) program at Twin Towers and other Correctional Facilities in Los Angeles County. She was informed that Sergeant Dexter Carter would be the best source to contact regarding the EBI program.

Staff was instructed to contact Sergeant Carter and invite him to present at a future SBC meeting.

6. Discussion and recommendations of the SBC goals for 2017. (Continued from the meeting of January 25, 2017) (17-0293)

Following a brief discussion, this item was continued to a future meeting.

7. Discussion and appointments to the SBC Ad-Hoc Annual Reports Committee. (Continued from the meeting of January 25, 2017) (17-0294)

After a brief discussion, Chairperson Bhatia, Vice Chairperson Grills, Ph.D., and Commissioner Burton will serve as members of the Ad-Hoc Annual Reports Committee.

8. Discussion on advance questions to submit to the Office of Child Protection. (Continued from the meeting of January 25, 2017) (17-0481)

In preparation for their meeting with the Office of Child Protection, the SBC identified the following areas of interest that they would like the OCP to provide status of their efforts and any progress related to:

- 1. Relative care givers' access to resources and approvals to provide care for child family members;**
- 2. The new County transition to Short Term Residential Treatment Centers (STRTC) and the access to and provision of services to children post placement to support reunification;**
- 3. Medication procedures and overmedication concerns related to children in group home placements (Please refer to letter submitted to the Acting Director of OCP by the SBC.);**

4. **Coordination of County Departments' child protection efforts (e.g., DCFS, Sheriff's Dept, Probation Dept, DPH, DMH etc.);**
5. **Current priorities and initiatives of the OCP;**
6. **County procedures, policies, services, and support related to Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC); and**

Finally, the commission would like to determine if there are any issues that the OCP would like the commission to pay particular attention to in its inspections of group homes, children in juvenile hall and probation camp placements that could provide additional information to aid the OCP in its current efforts.

Staff was instructed to forward the questionnaire to the OCP, to help them prepare for the meeting.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

9. **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. (17-0516)**

There were no items presented for a future agenda.

Public Comment

10. **Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (17-0517)**

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

Adjournment

11. **Adjournment for the meeting of February 1, 2017. (17-0518)**

There being no further business, Chairperson Bhatia adjourned the meeting of February 1, 2017 at 11:22 a.m., in the memory of former Commissioner Anne Hill.