



**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, April 12, 2017

10:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (17-1828)

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Call to Order. (17-1747)

Chairperson Bhatia called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

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

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

Excused: Commissioner Susan Burton

Staff Present: Cesar Hernandez, Roy Sinclair and April Williams. (17-1829)

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

1. Approval of the April 5, 2017 Minutes. (17-1748)

On motion of Commissioner Percy Duran, III, seconded by Commissioner Barbara Bigby, (Vice Chairperson Grills, Ph.D. and Commissioner Burton being absent), unanimously carried, this item was approved.

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II. REPORTS

2. Chairperson's Report on various items. (17-1749)

There was no report presented.

3. Staff Report on Correspondence Received and Department Representative Reports. (17-1750)

There was no report presented.

III. PRESENTATION

4. Presentation on the role and functions of the Department of Children and Families Services Department's (DCFS) Out of Home Care Investigation Section (OHCIS); and a summary of the Group Home violation allegations.

- Aldo Marin, Board Liaison, Department of Children & Family Services (17-1751)

Nancy A. Billin, M.A., Children Services Administrator III, OHCMD/Out-of-Home Care Investigation Section, DCFS, provided an overview on the role and functions of the DCFS OHCIS. She stated that the OHCIS conducts supplementary investigations of Emergency Response referrals alleging abuse, neglect, and/or exploitation of foster children in order to determine the ongoing suitability of the subject homes/facilities as placement resources for DCFS-supervised youth. She also stated that OHCIS investigates referrals involving placements in foster family agency certified homes, group homes and state licensed foster homes.

She concluded by stating that in 2016 OCHIS completed 1,158 investigations of the aforementioned homes. She looks forward to working with the SBC on issues of common interests in the near future.

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IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

5. 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. (17-1753)

There were no items presented for future agenda.

Public Comment

6. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (17-1754)

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

Adjournment

7. Adjournment for the meeting of April 12, 2017. (17-1755)

There being no future business, Chairperson Bhatia adjourned the meeting of April 12, 2017 at 11:33 a.m.