



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

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

**Wednesday, May 17, 2017**

**10:00 AM**

**Present:** Commissioner Percy Duran III, Commissioner Eleanor R. Montaña, Commissioner Pauline Bullock, Vice Chairperson Cheryl Grills Ph.D. and Chairperson Johanna Arias-Bhatia

**Absent:** Commissioner Barbara Bigby and Commissioner Susan Burton

Call to Order. (17-2250)

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

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

**Staff Present: Cesar Hernandez and Roy Sinclair.**

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER**

1. Approval of the May 3, 2017 Minutes. (17-2251)

**On motion of Board Member Duran, seconded by Vice Chair Grills, unanimously carried ( Board Members Burton and Bigby being absent), the Commission approved the meeting minutes of May 3, 2017.**

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

## **II. REPORTS**

2. Department of Auditor-Controller (AC). (17-2252)

**Ms. Michele Day, AC, Group Home Ombudsman, reported on the Children's Group Home Ombudsman Activity Report during the month of February March and April 2017.**

**There were a total of 60 Hotline Request for Assistance Calls and there were a total of 37 Outreach visits. Ms. Day informed the Commission there were no significant findings and that the Ombudsman will increase visits to Group Homes.**

**Ms. Day also provided the Commission a brief overview of the Children's Group Home Ombudsman Semi-Annual Report July 1 through December 31, 2016.**

3. Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS).
- Update on Short Term Residential Therapeutic Programs (STRTP) and Small Group Home Providers (17-2253)

**Diana Flaggs, DCFS, provided the Commission with an update on Short Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP) and Small Group Home Providers.**

**Ms. Flaggs proceeded to address the concerns and answer questions posed by the Commission in conjunction with Probation Staff.**

4. Internal Services Department (ISD). (17-2254)

**There was no report presented.**

5. Probation Department (PD). (17-2255)

**Ms. Mikesha Taylor , Program Analyst , PD, provided the status of group home AWOLs during the months of February, March and April as follows:**

**February 2017 there were 140 AWOLs involving 97 youth:**

- **52 Remain AWOL**
- **35 Returned to the Group Home**
- **10 Placed in Juvenile Hall**

**March 2017 there were 119 AWOLs involving 99 youth:**

- **58 Remain AWOL**
- **22 Returned to the Group Home**
- **17 Detained in Juvenile Hall**
- **1 Detained in Camp**
- **1 Home on Probation**

**April 2017 there were 134 AWOLs involving 107 youth:**

- **50 Remain AWOL**
- **39 Returned to Group Home**
- **17 Detained in Juvenile Hall**
- **1 Home on Probation**

**Ms. Taylor also reported that there CSEC AWOLs for the months of February, March and April 2017 as follow:**

**February 2017 there were 18 CSEC AWOLs involving 11 youth:**

- **6 Remain AWOL**
- **4 Returned to the Group Home**
- **1 Detained in Juvenile Hall**

**March 2017 there were 23 CSEC AWOLs involving 14 youth:**

- **6 Remain AWOL**
- **4 Returned to the Group Home**
- **4 Detained in Juvenile Hall**

**April 2017 there were 14 CSEC AWOLs involving 9 youth:**

- **6 Remain AWOL**
- **3 Returned to the Group Home**

**Ms. Taylor proceeded to answer questions posed by the Commission.**

- 6. Office of the Inspector General (OIG). (17-2256)**

**There was no report presented.**

- 7. Sheriff's Department (SD). (17-2257)**

**Commander Christy Guyovich, LASD, introduced herself to the Commission and informed the Commission that she is the new liaison for the Commission.**

**Sergeant April Carter, LASD, updated the Commission on previous concerns as follow:**

- **Main control panel at the Airport Courthouse, a new panel has been ordered**
- **Number of new voter registrations since the November 2016 election is 989 new registered voters.**
- **Number of AB109 inmates in LA County 4,303.**
- **Also the difference in EBI programs between men and women is based on popularity of the program.**

**Sergeant Carter proceeded to answer questions posed by the Commission.**

### **III. COMMISSION REPORTS**

- 8. Chairperson's Report on various items. (17-2258)**

**There was no report presented.**

- 9. Staff Report on Correspondence Received and Department Representative Reports. (17-2259)**

**There was no report presented.**

10. Commissioners' Reports on Group Home and/or Detention Facilities Inspections. (17-2260)

**Commissioner Montano Visited**

- Torrance Courthouse – (825 Maple Ave., Torrance, CA 90503)
- Bellflower Courthouse – (10025 East Flower Street, Bellflower, CA 90706)
- Norwalk Sherriff Station – (12335 Civic Center Drive, Norwalk, CA 90650)
- Norwalk Courthouse – (12720 Norwalk Blvd, Norwalk, CA 90650)
- Orange County Children's Foundation – (1691 Grandmercy Ave, Torrance, CA 90501)

**Not Home**

- Olive Crest Treatment Center – (15235 Cornuta Ave., Bellflower, CA 90706)
- Turnout Home for Boys – (741 East Turnout St., Carson, CA 90746)

**Commissioner Duran III Visited**

- Twin Towers Section K10 and 171-172 Medical 7th Floor – (450 Bauchet St, Los Angeles, CA 90012)

**IV. MISCELLANEOUS**

**Matters Not Posted**

11. 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. (17-2261)

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

**Public Comment**

12. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (17-2262)

**There was none.**

**Adjournment**

13. Adjournment for the meeting of May 17, 2017. (17-2263)

**There being no further business, Chairperson Bhatia adjourned the meeting of May 17, 2017 at 12:03 p.m.**