



**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, July 19, 2017**

**10:00 AM**

Call to Order. (17-3241)

**Chairperson Bhatia called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.**

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

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (17-3390)

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

Staff Present: Cesar Hernandez, Roy Sinclair and Shawna Kuhns. (17-3397)

Present: Commissioner Barbara Bigby, Johanna Arias-Bhatia,  
Commissioner Percy Duran III, Commissioner Eleanor R.  
Montaño and Commissioner Pauline Bullock

Excused: Vice Chairperson Cheryl Grills Ph.D. and Commissioner Susan  
Burton

**I. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

1. Department of Auditor-Controller (AC). (17-3244)

**Ms. Michele Day, AC, Group Home Ombudsman, distributed copies and reported on the Children's Group Home Ombudsman Activity Report during the month of June 2017.**

**There were a total of 14 Hotline Requests for Assistance Calls and there were a total of 7 Outreach visits.**

2. Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS). (17-3245)

**Edyth Yates Redmond, Program Manager, Out of Home Care Management Division, DCFS, reported that during the month of June 2017 there were a total of 712 Absent Without Leave (AWOL) and the child abuse hotline received a total of 24 referrals in the following categories:**

- **9 General Neglect**
- **13 Sexual Abuse**
- **1 Physical Abuse**
- **1 Emotional Abuse**

**During the same reporting period 25 investigations were completed in the following categories:**

- **5 General Neglect**
- **7 Physical Abuse**
- **12 Sexual Abuse**
- **1 Exploitation (CSEC)**

**During the same reporting period 25 referrals were closed for the following reasons:**

- **7 Inconclusive**
- **10 Evaluated Out**
- **7 Unfounded**
- **1 Substantiated**

**Ms. Redmond also reported that during the month of June 2017 no group homes were placed on an Investigative Hold.**

3. Internal Services Department (ISD). (17-3246)

**No report was presented.**

4. Probation Department (PD). (17-3247)

**Ms. Mikesha Taylor, Program Analyst, PD, provided the status of group home AWOLs during the month of June 2017 as follows:**

**There were 94 AWOLs involving 80 youth; 13 youth AWOLed more than once.**

- 32 Remain AWOL
- 27 Returned to group homes
- 16 Placed in Juvenile Hall
- 3 Home on Probation
- 1 Jurisdiction terminated
- 1 Placed in Camp

Ms. Taylor also reported that there were 12 CSEC AWOLS involving 9 youth.

- 2 Remain AWOL
- 6 Returned to group homes
- 1 Home on Probation

Ms. Taylor concluded by reporting that there were four full investigations in June 2017; two findings were unfounded (Optimist (Main) - Staff Misconduct, and San Gabriel Children's Center - Staff Misconduct) and two (Rosemary's (Green House) - General Neglect: There were no follow up investigations in June 2017. There was one unfounded Child Abuse investigation in June 2017 (David and Margaret) - General Neglect.

5. Office of the Inspector General (OIG). (17-3248)

**No Report was Presented.**

6. Sheriff's Department (SD). (17-3249)

Sergeant April Carter, LASD, provided updates to the Commission's inquiries during the June 2017 SBC Business meeting regarding inmates at Men's Central Jail, Twin Towers Correctional Facility and Century Regional Detention Facility EBI programs and also access to the Law Library. She also provided clarification for the meal distribution at the Burbank Courthouse and the inmates' complaint of being cold in their cells. All incidents were reviewed and resolved.

## **II. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER**

7. Approval of the July 5, 2017 Minutes. (17-3242)

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

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

**III. COMMISSION REPORTS**

8. Chairperson's Report on various items. (17-3250)

**Chairperson Bhatia reported that the SBC Scholarship presentation and program held on July 11, 2017 was a success.**

9. Staff Report on Correspondence Received and Department Representative Reports. (17-3251)

**No report was presented.**

**IV. MISCELLANEOUS**

**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. (17-3252)

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

**Adjournment**

11. Adjournment for the meeting of July 19, 2017. (17-3253)

**There being no further business, Chairperson Bhatia adjourned the meeting of July 19, 2017 at 11:21 a.m.**