



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

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

Wednesday, December 20, 2017

10:00 AM

AUDIO FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING (18-0113)

Attachments: [AUDIO](#)

Call to Order. (17-4968)

Vice Chair Grills called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

Vice Chair Grills led in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

Present: Commissioner Barbara Bigby, Chairperson Cheryl Grills Ph.D.,
Commissioner Susan Burton, Vice Chairperson Percy Duran III
and Commissioner Eleanor R. Montañó

Excused: Commissioner Johanna Arias-Bhatia and Commissioner Pauline
Bullock

Staff Present: Cesar Hernandez, Roy Sinclair and Shawna Kuhns. (18-0115)

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Approval of the November 15, 2017 Minutes. (17-5411)

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

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

2. Review and Approval of the SBC 2018 meeting schedule. (17-5688)

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

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

3. Election of the Sybil Brand Commission (SBC) Chair and Vice Chair for 2018.
(17-5689)

Chairperson

Commissioner Percy Duran, III, nominated Vice Chairperson Cheryl Grills, Ph.D., seconded by Commissioner Susan Burton, there being no further nominations, on motion of Vice Chairperson Cheryl Grills, seconded by Commissioner Barbara Bigby and unanimously carried, this item was closed. By common consent, Vice Chairperson Cheryl Grills, Ph.D, was elected to serve as Chair of the Sybil Brand Commission beginning January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018.

Vice Chairperson

Commissioner Susan Burton nominated Commissioner Percy Duran, III, seconded by Commissioner Barbara Bigby, there being no further nominations, on motion of Commissioner Barbara Bigby, seconded by Commissioner Susan Burton and unanimously carried, this item was closed. By common consent, Commissioner Percy Duran, III, was elected to serve as Vice Chairperson of the Sybil Brand Commission beginning January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018.

On the motion of Commissioner Susan Burton, seconded by Commissioner Barbara Bigby, unanimously carried, this item was approved.

II. REPORTS

4. Chairperson's Report on various items. (17-5706)

Vice Chairperson Grills, Ph.D., reported that she will collaborate with Commission Services staff, on the 2016-2017 SBC Annual report.

5. Commissioners' Reports on Group Home and/or Detention Facilities Inspections.
(17-5707)

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

Commissioner Bigby and Commissioner Duran visited:

- **Rancho San Antonio (Plummer Street, Chatsworth, CA), on November 9, 2017**

- **Mens Central Jail (Bauchet Street, Los Angeles, CA), on November 9, 2017. Commissioner Bigby discussed the various services offered to transitioning inmates.**

Commissioner Bigby visited:

- **San Gabriel Children's Center HR (East Route 66, Glendora, CA), on November 3, 2017,**
- **San Gabriel Children's Center (Nearfield, Azusa, CA), on November 14, 2017, and noted that facility was to close on December 2, 2017.**
- **San Gabriel Children's Center (South Enid Ave., Azusa, CA), on November 20, 2017 and noted that no one was home.**
- **San Gabriel Children's Center (Homerest Ave., Azusa, CA), on November 21, 2017.**
- **Altadena Sheriff Department (East Altadena Dr., Altadena, CA), on November 24, 2017 and noted that no one was there.**
- **San Gabriel Children's Center (South Enid Ave., Azusa, CA), on November 28, 2017.**
- **Altadena Sheriff Department (East Altadena Dr., Altadena, CA), on November 29, 2017.**
- **Hillsides Home for Children - Girls' Satellite Home (North Hill Avenue, Pasadena, CA), on December 15, 2017, and noted that Bedroom #3 needs a new mattress and the boys section will be closed 12/1/2017, and the girls section will be closed June 2018.**
- **Penny Lane #4 (Valjean Street, North Hills, CA), on December 14, 2017, and noted that several boys need clothes**
- **Eggleston Youth Center - Emancipation (North Westridge Avenue, Covina, CA), on December 13, 2017, and noted there was a need for more food.**
- **Hillsides Home for Children - Girls' Satellite Home (North Hill Avenue, Pasadena, CA), on December 8, 2017, and noted that no one was home**
- **San Dimas Sheriff Station (South Walnut Avenue, San Dimas, CA), on December 8, 2017**
- **David & Margaret Home (Third Street, La Verne, CA), on December 7, 2017, and noted that Bathroom #2 toilet needs to be fixed.**

Commissioner Bigby and Vice Chair Grills visited:

- **Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall (Filbert St., Sylmar, CA), and noted the escort who was hired to address issues with fighting and education problems called some of the juveniles that are waiting to be tried as adults "the unfits".**

Vice Chair Grills also noted all the juveniles on the separate compound were male and is waiting on a response to her inquiry on if there are females placed at a different facility. It was noted that the juvenile hall has "hope centers", being used as an alternative for isolation and is requesting follow up on this as well as the request to how many youth are in the hope centers and how long they are placed there. Vice Chair Grills noted the same worksheets were being used for all students at all levels of education and requested follow up from Mr. Sandoval and Los Angeles County Office of Education regarding the education standards. There is a concern regarding the quality of mattresses, and lack of needed physical therapy for a youth that is disabled, more fatherhood classes are needed and there is not enough recreation space or equipment for the youth.

Vice Chair Grills visited:

- Humanistic Foundation (West Street, Los Angeles, CA), on December 6, 2017 and noted some NSP's are still not in compliance.
- Dreamcatcher Foundation #3 (2nd Avenue, Los Angeles, CA), on December 18, 2017.
- Dreamcatcher Foundation #2 (W. 49th Street, Los Angeles, CA), on December 18, 2017.

Commissioner Montaña visited:

- Turmont Home for Boys (E. Turmont Street, Carson, CA), on November 6, 2017.
- Dream Home Care #1 (Newkirk Ave. Carson, CA) on November 6, 2017 and noted no one was home.
- Dream Home Care #3 (Gaviota Ave., Long Beach, CA), on November 6, 2017.
- Dream Home Care #2 (Allington Ave., Long Beach, CA), on November 13, 2017
- Dream Home Care #1 (Newkirk Ave., Carson, CA), on November 13, 2017
- Lomita Sheriff Dept. (Narbonne Ave., Lomita, CA), on November 30, 2017
- Dimondale #1 (Anaheim Pl., Long Beach, CA), on November 21, 2017
- Dorothy Kirby Center (Mc Donnell Ave., Commerce, CA), on November 21, 2017
- South Bay Bright Future #3 (S. Pacific Ave., San Pedro, CA), on November 27, 2017
- South Bay Bright Future #2 (245th Street, Harbor City, CA), on November 27, 2017

- **Children's Homes of Southern California (Shoup Ave., West Hills, CA), on December 4, 2017 and noted no one was home**
- **Children's Homes of Southern California (Victory Blvd., West Hills, CA), on December 4, 2017**
- **Long Beach Courthouse (Magnolia, Long Beach, CA), on December 7, 2017**
- **Airport Courthouse (La Cienega, Los Angeles, CA), on December 11, 2017**
- **Marina Del Rey Sheriff (Fiji Way, Marina del Rey, CA), on December 11, 2017**
- **Norwalk Courthouse (Civic Center Drive, Norwalk, CA), on December 12, 2017**
- **Orange County Children's Foundation - Emancipation Institute (Gramercy Avenue, Torrance, CA), on December 18, 2017**
- **Optimist - South Bay (Tillman Avenue, Carson, CA), December 18, 2017**

III. MISCELLANEOUS

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. (17-5709)

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

Adjournment

7. Adjournment for the special meeting of December 20, 2017. (17-5710)

There being no further business, Chairperson Grills, Ph.D., adjourned the meeting of December 20, 2017 at 11:07 a.m.