



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION FOR
WOMEN
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 372
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
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Monday, November 3, 2014

10:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (14-5104)

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Present: President Becky A. Shevlin, Vice President Alice S. Petrossian, Treasurer Ana Maria Garcia, Commissioner Charlotte Lesser, Commissioner Carolyn Aoki-Hyatt, Commissioner Reiko Duba, Commissioner Norma L. Gallegos, Commissioner Veda E. Ward Ph.D., and Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez

Absent: Commissioner Gerda Govine Ed.D. and Commissioner Denita Willoughby

Excused: Commissioner Dora de la Rosa

Call to Order. (14-4903)

President Becky A. Shevlin called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m., and welcomed the Commissioners and guests to the meeting.

I. PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation to the Honorable Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky. (14-4904)

President Shevlin informed the Commissioners that due to a prior engagement Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, Third District, was unable to attend the meeting. Staff will deliver the gift and thank you card from the Commission to the Supervisor's office immediately following the meeting. On behalf of CW President Shevlin expressed gratitude to Supervisor Yaroslavsky for his years of service as a member of the Board of Supervisors and his support for CW.

Commissioner Ward also expressed gratitude to the Supervisor for his commitment to homelessness, feeding the hungry, particularly those

that are in distressed areas in the Valley, and his ability to connect with people that were in great need in the community at large.

- 2. Presentation on the role of the Sybil Brand Commission for Institutional Inspections. (14-4981)**

President Shevlin advised the Commission that representatives from the Sybil Brand Commission for Institutional Inspections (SBC) were in attendance to present on the role of SBC as requested by the Commission.

Commissioners Cheryl Grills and Susan Burton, SBC, were introduced and they presented on two focal points. First, were the concerns relating to the well-being of women and young girls in the County's group homes and secondly, the issues at the jail/lockup facilities.

Commissioner Grills started her presentation by first highlighting the duties and responsibilities of SBC which includes the inspection of group homes, probation camps and jails/lockups. Additionally, SBC holds a monthly Business meeting which is attended by representatives from various County departments, including the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), Probation Department, Internal Services Department (ISD), Department of Mental Health (DMH), Sheriff's Department and Auditor Controller Department. These business meetings are used as a forum to discuss and address issues that are identified by SBC Commissioners when they go out to conduct their inspections.

Continuing her presentation Commissioner Grills expressed the need to further look into gender responsive approach to care in Los Angeles County, especially for girls in group home facilities and foster care. There are also concerns regarding the trend of potential higher rate of sex-trafficking in the areas where there are group home, as well as re-victimization of girls in the Probation camps.

Commissioner Burton's presentation highlighted the issues facing the jails/lockups including the diminished living conditions due to over-crowding, lack of adequate medical and dental care for the female inmates, poor ventilation and plumbing issues. Other concerns included the little or no coordinated efforts between the Sheriff's Department and the community support groups to assist inmates who are being released to be re-united with their families and/or re-integrate into the society, inappropriate conditions in the mental health ward and no programming

for those remanded to stay longer in County jails due to AB109.

After conversations and several questions and answers there was a consensus that the following approach should be explored to foster collaboration between CW and SBC to address some of the concerns:

- A joint meeting with CW and SBC for the purpose of having a presentation from the Sheriff's Department
- Investigate CW's ability to accompany SBC in some of their inspections of the facilities serving women
- Further explore LA County gender responsive care

II. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

3. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of October 6, 2014 Minutes. (14-4905)

On motion of Commissioner Charlotte Lesser, seconded by Commissioner Reiko Duba, unanimously carried, this item was approved

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II. REPORTS

4. President's Report for November 3, 2014.
- Honorary letter to Jane Close Conoley, President, California State University Long Beach
 - CW representation at the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works Women Leadership Conference
 - Discussion and review of the Human Resources Report on County Workforce (14-4906)

President Shevlin reported that she prepared the draft honorary letter to Jane Close Conoley, President, California State University, Long Beach for her appointment as the first woman to be appointed as the President of the school in its 65 years history. By common consensus the letter will be sent to President Conoley as written.

President Shevlin also reported on the Human Resources (HR) report that was provided by HR per the Commission's request. After a review of the report the Commission requested staff to follow-up with HR to provide another report that details the actual job titles and pay rate by gender breakdown.

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5. Education Committee Report for November 2014. (14-4907)

Commissioner Rodriguez reported that the Education Committee will convene sometime in November to review the items that were assigned to the committee.

6. Executive Committee Report for November 2014. (14-4908)

President Shevlin reported that the Executive Committee met on October 20, 2014 to discuss topics such as inviting the SBC to come and present, as well as the letter to President Conoley.

7. Women of the Year Luncheon Committee Report for November 2014. (14-4909)

Commissioner Petrossian reported that the WOY correspondence has been reviewed, revised and approved by the WOY Committee. She also reported that there may be the need to increase the WOY budget to match last year's budget. By consensus the WOY Committee will stay within the allocated budget but if there is a need for additional funds, the WOY Committee has the Commission's approval to utilize additional \$2000.00. Additionally, the Committee requested that staff investigate any limitations or guidelines in soliciting scholarship funding "in the name of" past award recipients.

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Norma L. Gallegos, seconded by Commissioner Reiko Duba and unanimously carried, the WOY correspondence was approved.

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8. Staff Report for November 2014. (14-4910)

Staff reported that we received an email from the Los Angeles County Fire Department reaching out to the Commission for help in recruiting women. President Shevlin directed staff to invite the Fire Department to the December meeting to present.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

9. Commissioners' Announcements for November 2014. (14-4923)

Commissioner Ward reported that she attended the Racial Justice Breakfast in Pasadena, CA; she presented on human trafficking at the United Methodist Women of Thousand Oaks; she is following up with gender and women studies at CSUN from the “Phenomenal Women” event that presented and requested support and now its active at the University; she is serving on the personnel committee of the new nursing program at CSUN and she is showing the video and “Have the Sky” in Women and Leisure class that was recently recertified to be around for 10 more years.

Commissioner Lesser reported that after the December meeting she reached out to some members of the community inviting them to become members of the CW Health Committee. The Health Committee will hold its first gathering in December. The gathering will discuss how the County is structured for health; the impact of the change of healthcare opportunities for insurance and accessible health care services for women.

Commissioner Gallegos reported that she is continuing her work at the food bank and a lot of recipients are women; the cold weather shelter is beginning in the Valley areas; she is working with Catholic churches to help with AB60 that will help people be eligible to drive.

Commissioner Duba reported that she competed in the World Senior Games in Utah and won three gold medals and was invited to compete in the Nationals in Milwaukee, WI in 2015.

Commissioner Aoki-Hyatt reported that she has been working with the President of the Japan American Society and Japanese American Museum to educate women of their capabilities.

Matters Not Posted

- 10.** Matters not posted 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 Commission subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (14-4924)

The following items were introduced for future agenda:

- Presentation of a representative from the Commission for City of Los Angeles**
- Presentation for the Long Beach Commission/Commissioners**

- **Presentation from a member of the Local Governmental Services Commission who handles the tracking on AB109**

Public Comment

11. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (14-4931)

Dr. Genevieve Clavreul addressed the Commission.

Adjournment

12. Adjournment for the meeting of Monday, November 3, 2014. (14-4932)

The November 3, 2014 meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m.