



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

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Wednesday, February 10, 2016

10:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (16-0925)

Attachments: [AUDIO](#)

Present: Chairperson Barbara Bigby, Commissioner Donald S. Andrews, Commissioner Johanna Arias-Bhatia, Commissioner Susan Burton, Commissioner Percy Duran III, Commissioner Eleanor R. Montañó and Commissioner Theresa Zhen

Excused: Vice Chairperson Cheryl Grills Ph.D. and Commissioner Anne S. Hill

Staff present: Roy Sinclair and Jenny Kimbell. (16-0926)

Call to Order. (16-0832)

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

Chairperson Bigby led in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

1. Approval of the February 3, 2016 Minutes. (16-0116)

On motion of Commissioner Percy Duran, seconded by Commissioner Donald S. Andrews and unanimously carried, this item was approved.

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

II. REPORTS

2. Chairperson's Report on various items. (16-0833)

Chairperson Bigby reported that the Facilities Inspection Scheduling Tool (FIST) has been updated and reminded Commissioners to adhere to their assignments.

3. Staff Report on Correspondence Received and Department Representative Reports. (16-0834)

There was no report presented.

4. Commissioners' Reports on Group Home and/or Detention Facilities Inspections from February 4, 2016 to February 9, 2016. (16-0835)

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

Commissioner Bhatia visited:

- **Eggleston Youth Center (Saint Malo St., West Covina, CA) on February 8, 2016.**

Commissioner Duran visited:

- **Casa Eperanza Treatment Center (Mcleod, Pomona, CA) on February 9, 2016.**

Commissioners Andrews and Montañó visited:

- **Optimist Boys Home and Ranch - Main (Figueroa St., Los Angeles, CA) on February 4, 2016.**
- **Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall (Quill Dr., Downey, CA) on February 9, 2016.**

During the reporting period, the following group facility was reported as being in unsatisfactory condition:

Chairperson Bigby and Commissioners Bhatia, Duran and Zhen visited:

- **Men's Central Jail - Section 3500 A-D (Bauchet St., Los Angeles, CA) on February 4, 2015 and reported the following:**
 - **The cells are dark.**
 - **The inmates complain that it is cold.**
 - **The vents, pipes and walls are rusted.**
 - **The walls need painting and the inside of the cells are narrow and very dirty.**
 - **County plumbers are constantly coming to fix plumbing issues.**
 - **The pipe room leaks water and the pipes leak behind the toilet and sinks.**
 - **A Deputy has had frequent asthma attacks and was out for a**

i.e. bronchitis.

- **Due to overcrowding there is not enough staff to evacuate inmates in an emergency situation.**

5. Report from Sybil Brand Commission's Ad-Hoc Committees. (16-0881)

Commissioner Zhen recommended that the Annual report Ad-Hoc committee report be continued to the February 24, 2016 meeting.

Commissioner Bhatia reported that the By law Ad-Hoc committee met and will draft a report for the Commissions review.

III. DISCUSSIONS

6. Discussion and appropriate action to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors regarding the conditions at Century Regional Detention Facility (CRDF). (16-0839)

Commissioner Zhen recommended that the Commissioners review the correspondence to CRDF. After discussion, the Commissioners added additional information and revisions to the letter. Commissioner Zhen requested that this item be placed on the February 17, 2016 agenda for approval.

7. Discussion regarding holding a Town Hall meeting. (16-0884)

Commissioner Bhatia recommended that the SBC host two Town Hall meetings, one for inmates and one for their families. After discussion the Commission agreed to hold meetings in the month of March 2016.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

8. 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. (16-0836)

The following item was introduced for discussion and is to be placed on a future agenda:

- **Discussion on tracking legislation that impacts the Special Handling Unit (SHU) on the federal and state level.**

Public Comment

9. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (16-0837)

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

Adjournment

10. Adjournment for the meeting of February 10, 2016. (16-0838)

There being no further business, Chairperson Bigby adjourned the meeting of February 10, 2016 at 11:55 a.m.