



VIRTUAL MEETING
STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
BUSINESS MEETING OF THE
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR
INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS

500 WEST TEMPLE STREET
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

<http://sbc.lacounty.gov/>

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

10:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (22-1487)

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Call to Order and Roll Call. (22-1430)

Chairperson Dr. Cheryl N. Grills called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Present: Chairperson Dr. Cheryl N. Grills, Vice Chairperson Mark-Anthony Clayton Johnson, Commissioner Ingrid Archie, Commissioner Bob Frutos, Commissioner Alexander Sherman, Commissioner Eric Miller, and Commissioner Mary Veral

Excused: Commissioner Eleanor R. Montaña

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of March 16, 2022. (22-1431)

On motion of Commissioner Eric Miller, seconded by Commissioner Ingrid Archie, this item was approved with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: 5 - Vice Chairperson Mark-Anthony Clayton Johnson, Commissioner Alexander Sherman, Commissioner Eric Miller, Commissioner Mary Veral and Commissioner Bob Frutos

Abstentions: 2 - Chairperson Cheryl Grills Ph.D. and Commissioner Ingrid Archie

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Eleanor R. Montaña

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2. Sub-Committee Recommendations to the Inspection Tool. (22-1432)

A discussion was held, and the Ad Hoc Committee had no recommendations to change the Inspection tool.

On motion of Commissioner Alexander Sherman, seconded by Commissioner Bob Frutos, the Sub-Committee created to review and make recommendations to the inspection tool has sunset with the following roll

Ayes: 7 - Chairperson Dr. Cheryl N. Grills, Vice Chairperson Mark-Anthony Clayton Johnson, Commissioner Ingrid Archie, Commissioner Bob Frutos, Commissioner Alexander Sherman, Commissioner Eric Miller, and Commissioner Mary Veral

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Eleanor R. Montaña

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3. Discussion and Action on the 2022 SBC focus goals and objectives. (Continued from the meeting of March 2, 2022.) (22-0963)

Discussion was held on the SBC focus goals and objectives and the SBC decided on the following:

1. **Engage entities responsible for enforcement of existing State/County standards for humane and constitutional conditions inside the county jails, including:**
 - a. **Civilian Oversight Commission (with special attention to the education assessment)**
 - b. **Office of Inspector General (with special attention to use of force policies and incidents; retaliatory practices; and concerns related to racial discrimination against those in custody)**
 - a. **County Public Health Departments (with specific attention to COVID conditions and concerns)**
 - b. **Board of State and Community Corrections**
 - c. **Jail Closure Implementation Team (with specific attention to monitoring jail closure procedures with an emphasis on treatment of and well-being of those in custody)**
2. **In-Custody Deaths Review**
 - a. **Identify and summarize trends related to occurrences of in-custody deaths from 2018 -2022**
3. **Identify and develop strategies for enhancing public engagement**
 - a. **Improvements to SBC Website to emphasize current work and interest in receiving public input**

On motion of Commissioner Eric Miller, seconded by Commissioner Bob Frutos the SBC approved the 2022 goals with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: 7 - Chairperson Dr. Cheryl N. Grills, Vice Chairperson Mark-Anthony Clayton Johnson, Commissioner Ingrid Archie, Commissioner Bob Frutos, Commissioner Alexander Sherman, Commissioner Eric Miller, and Commissioner Mary Veral

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Eleanor R. Montaña

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4. Discussion regarding the SBC Website (22-1434)
a. Inspection Report accessibility on the SBC Website.

On motion of Commissioner Eric Miller, seconded by Vice Chairperson Clayton Johnson the SBC approved that the inspection reports be discoverable on the SBC website from 2019 to the present starting with 2022, and that prior reports be available by request with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: 7 - Chairperson Dr. Cheryl N. Grills, Vice Chairperson Mark-Anthony Clayton Johnson, Commissioner Ingrid Archie, Commissioner Bob Frutos, Commissioner Alexander Sherman, Commissioner Eric Miller, and Commissioner Mary Veral

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Eleanor R. Montaña

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5. Discussion on Deaths while in Custody. (22-1437)

A discussion was held on deaths while in custody in which the SBC established an Ad hoc committee to operate through the end of the year. Members include Commissioner Alexander Sherman (Chair), Vice Chairperson Mark – Anthony Clayton Johnson, and Commissioner Sherman. The Ad Hoc will examine the death notification process, trends surrounding deaths and the findings of the Medical Examiner’s office. On motion of Commissioner Sherman seconded by Commissioner Eric Miller this item was approved with the following roll call vote:

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II. REPORTS

6. Chairperson's Report on Correspondence received and update on Board motion, IWF funds and programming survey. (22-1435)

Chairperson Grills held a discussion on the LASDs EBI programming video and possible SBC participation. She gave an update on the SBC IWF programming survey announcing that it has been translated to Spanish. And that it is pending vendor payment and approval. Lastly, that LMU faculty and students will be assisting commissioners with the surveying.

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7. Staff Report on Correspondence Received and Department Representative Reports. (22-1438)

There was no staff report.

8. Commissioners' Reports on Detention Facilities. (22-1436)

Commissioner Bob Frutos and Commissioner Mary Veral

- North County Correctional Facility (NCCF), 29340 The Old Rd, Castaic, Ca. 91384, February 25, 2022

Commissioner Alexander Sherman and Commissioner Mary Veral

- Twin Towers Correctional Facility (TTCF), 450 Bauchet St., Los Angeles, CA. 90012, February 27, 2022

Commissioner Alexander Sherman

- Men's Central Jail (MCJ), 41 Bauchet St., Los Angeles, CA. 90012, March 9, 2022

The SBC held a discussion on inspection report due dates. Commissioner Sherman reported on his recent MCJ inspection and had concerns of the housing conditions and the behavior of the LASD staff.

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III. MISCELLANEOUS

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. (22-1439)

There were no public comments.

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Adjournment

10. Adjournment for the meeting of April 6, 2022. (22-1440)

Vice Chairperson Clayton Johnson adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.