



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
COMMISSION FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES  
HELD AT 222 SOUTH HILL STREET, 5<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
CONFERENCE ROOM, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012**

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**Monday, August 15, 2011**

**10:00 AM**

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Curry, Vice Chair Friedman, Vice Chair Olivas, Vice Chair Savelle, Commissioner Berger, Commissioner Biondi, Commissioner Franzen, Commissioner Kang, Commissioner Kleinberg, Commissioner Murray, Commissioner Rudnick, Commissioner Sorkin, Commissioner Trevino-Powell and Commissioner Williams

Excused: Commissioner McClaney

1. Call to Order (11-3544)

**The meeting was called to order by Chair Curry at 10:09 a.m.**

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

2. Introduction of August 15, 2011, meeting attendees. (11-3545)

**Self-introductions were made.**

3. Approval of the Agenda of August 15, 2011. (11-3566)

**On motion of Commissioner Savelle, seconded by Commissioner Berger (Commissioners McClaney and Kang being absent), the agenda for the August 15, 2011, was approved.**

4. Approval of the Minutes from July 18, 2011. (11-3546)

**On motion of Commissioner Trevino-Powell, seconded by Commissioner Olivas (Commissioners McClaney and Kang being absent) the minutes for July 18, 2011, were approved.**

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## II. REPORTS

5. Chair's Report by Patricia Curry, Chair, for August 15, 2011. (11-3548)

**Chair Curry reported the following:**

- **The MTA and the County of Los Angeles jointly developed a program spearheaded by Mayor Antonovich, that offers free EZ Transit Passes to a defined set of foster and probation youth between the ages of 18 and 24, in support of the County's "Youth Self-Sufficiency" program. The EZ Transit Pass provides service for virtually the entire County bus and rail system. A workgroup has been assembled to determine the guidelines and procedures for administering the program.**
- **Commission staff is contacting Commissioners who must complete the AB 1234 Ethics Training. This training may be completed online, or through an instructor-led course. The next instructor-led course is scheduled for September 12, 2011; and Commissioners should contact staff to schedule the course.**
- **Chair Curry and Commissioner Rudnick have been reappointed to the Commission by their respective Supervisors.**

**After discussion, Chair Curry's verbal report was received and filed.**

6. Review and discussion of processes and changes to Commission Policies and Procedures (Bylaws and Operating Procedures).
- Commissioner Kleinberg (11-3472)

**Commissioner Kleinberg reported the following:**

- **The Commission Bylaws and Operating Procedures govern the election of the Commission Chair and Vice-Chairs. The Commission considered a proposal to revise the bylaws as it relates to the election and term limits for the Commission Chair.**
- **The Bylaws currently restrict Commissioners from serving more than two consecutive terms as Chair. The two term restriction was established due to concerns that a Commissioner may hold the Chair position for an extended period. There were also concerns that if a Chair were to hold the position for an extended period of time, those Commissioners with disparate views may not have the opportunity to participate.**

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- In addition, the Commission was previously staffed by an Executive Director which has since been removed. Although the Executive Office does an excellent job staffing the Commission, the responsibility of the Chair has grown significantly. Therefore, Commissioner Kleinberg suggested revisions to the Commission's Bylaws.
  - Any amendments or revisions to the Commission's Bylaws require a 30-day notice and a 2/3 majority vote at a subsequent Commission meeting.

County Counsel, Christina Salseda, directed the Commission's attention to page 3 of the Bylaws, under the section titled, "Commission Officers and Elections," Item Nos. 5 and 6, as indicated below, and suggested that these items be amended.

5. A Chair may be recommended for election to a second consecutive term.
6. No Commissioner shall be eligible for recommendation for election to the Chair's office for more than two consecutive terms.

Ms. Salseda advised that the Commission could set consecutive term limits with the option to seek approval for additional terms subject to a 2/3 vote of the Commission.

Therefore, the Commission instructed County Counsel to draft an amendment to the Commission's Bylaws setting consecutive term of limits for the Chair's position from two to four years with the option to seek approval of additional terms by a 2/3 vote of the total number of Commissioners then appointed regardless of the number of Commissioners present.

Ms. Salseda agreed to draft the amendments to the Bylaws, and work with Commission staff in order to distribute the 30-day notice to Commission members on the proposed amendments to the Bylaws. The Commission is slated to place an item on its agenda to consider the proposed amendments at the next regular Commission meeting scheduled for September 19, 2011.

After discussion, by common consent there being no objection, the Commission instructed County Counsel to:

1. Draft an amendment to the Commission's Bylaws setting consecutive term of limits for the Chair's position from two to four years with the option to seek approval of additional terms by a 2/3 vote of the total number of Commissioners then appointed regardless of the number of Commissioners present; and

2. **Prepare and work with Commission staff to send a 30-day notice to the Commission members of the Commission's intent to consider proposed amendments to the Bylaws at the September 19, 2011 regular Commission meeting.**

**Said motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 13 - Chair Curry, Vice Chair Friedman, Vice Chair Olivas, Vice Chair Savelle, Commissioner Berger, Commissioner Biondi, Commissioner Franzen, Commissioner Kang, Commissioner Kleinberg, Commissioner Murray, Commissioner Rudnick, Commissioner Trevino-Powell and Commissioner Williams

**Noes:** 1 - Commissioner Sorkin

**Excused:** 1 - Commissioner McClaney

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### **III. DISCUSSIONS**

7. Discussion by Chair Curry on future Commission Planning. (11-3322)

**Chair Curry noted that in light of the recent changes in DCFS that have taken place, perhaps the Commission can conduct meetings differently; specifically regarding the presentations that take place, and how the Commission can be more constructive, helpful, and supportive to the Department. The top two priorities for Chief Executive Office (CEO) and Board offices are the Title IV-E Waiver and Assembly Bill (AB) 12.**

**Commissioners noted their respective suggestions on future Commission planning.**

**After discussion, by common consent and there being no objection, this item was received and filed.**

8. DCFS Acting Director's Report by Dr. Jackie Contreras, Acting Director, DCFS. (11-3549)

**There was no discussion or action taken.**

9. Discussion and approval of a memorandum to the DCFS Acting Director regarding the Title IV-E Waiver (Continued from the meeting of 7/18/11). (This item was taken off calendar at the request of the Chair). (11-3341)

**This item was taken off calendar at the request of the Chair.**

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#### **IV. MISCELLANEOUS**

##### **Matters Not Posted**

10. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Commission, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (11-3560)

**There were none.**

##### **Announcements**

11. Announcements for the meeting of August 15, 2011. (11-3562)

**There were none.**

##### **Public Comment**

12. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (11-3563)

**No members of the public addressed the Commission.**

##### **Adjournment**

13. Adjournment for the meeting of August 15, 2011. (11-3564)

**The meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m.**