



STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL
INSPECTIONS
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
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Wednesday, August 28, 2013

10:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (13-4071)

Attachments: [AUDIO](#)

Present: Chairperson Eleanor R. Montaña, Vice Chairperson Frank S. Bacio, Commissioner Barbara Bigby, Commissioner Cheryl Grills Ph.D., Commissioner Anne S. Hill and Commissioner Donald S. Andrews

Excused: Commissioner Susan Burton

Called to Order. (13-3970)

Chairperson Montaña called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Chairperson Montaña led in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence. Commissioners Bigby and Grills joined the meeting at 10:08 a.m. and 10:13 a.m.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

1. Approval of the August 21, 2013 Minutes. (13-3971)

On motion of Commissioner Donald S. Andrews, seconded by Commissioner Barbara Bigby and unanimously carried, the minutes of August 21, 2013 were approved.

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

II. REPORTS

2. Chairperson's Report on various items for August 28, 2013. (13-3972)

Chairperson Montaña shared the following Newspaper Articles:

Los Angeles Times:

- **Two Jail Workers Cited In Coverup (August 23, 2013)**
- **Social Workers Struggle to Arrange Foster Homes (August 26, 2013)**
- **County Foster Care at Crisis Point (August 26, 2013)**

Daily Breeze:

- **Gardena Mayor Stumps For Sheriff's Job (August 23, 2013)**
- **Foster Agency Faces Big Fines (August 27, 2013)**

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3. Treasurer's Report for August 28, 2013. (13-3973)

Vice Chairperson Bacio reported that as of August 21, 2013 the current bank statement balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund remains at \$625.96.

4. Staff Report on Correspondence Received and Department Representative Reports for August 28, 2013. (13-3974)

There was no report presented.

5. Review of Group Home Compliance Monitoring Audit Reports presented on August 28, 2013. (13-3975)

In Compliance:

- **Vice Chair Bacio visited Touch of Life Foundation, Page 39, #4, on August 22, 2013.**
- **Vice Chair Bacio visited Trinity, Page 40, #2, on August 27, 2013.**
- **Commissioners Bigby and Hill visited Rosemary Children's Services, Page 36, #1, on August 23, 2013.**

Unavailable:

- **Chairperson Montañó and Commissioner Andrews visited Pennacle Foundation, Page 31, #2, on August 26, 2013 and reported that**

Pinnacle Foundation no longer resides at this location.

6. Commissioners' Reports on Group Home and/or Detention Facilities Inspections from August 22, 2013 to August 27, 2013. (13-3976)

During the reporting period, the following Group Homes were reported as being in satisfactory condition:

- **Chairperson Montaña and Commissioner Andrews visited Penny Lane, Page 31, #4, on August 27, 2013.**
- **Commissioners Bigby and Hill visited Rosemary Children's Service, Page 36, #1, on August 23, 2013 and reported that the facility was in satisfactory condition; however, bedroom two and three needs new mattresses and more towels are needed in the linen closet.**

Following the group home reports, Commissioner Grills reported that she was recently contacted by Ms. Tina Robinson of Teen's Happy Home regarding the hold on her group home contract. Ms. Grills directed staff to inquire which contract was pulled for Teen's Happy Home.

Commissioner Grills also reported that previously she spoke with Mr. Gregory McCovey, Director, Central Juvenile Hall, regarding the discontinuation of the Youth Yoga program due to a lack of funds. Commissioner Grills informed the Commissioners that she was successful in gaining a resource consisting of graduate students. Commissioner Grills directed staff to obtain the contact information for Mr. McCovey and report back to her.

Commissioner Grills further reported that during her visit to Washington D.C., she was approached by a Camp Munz staff member and requested that the Commission perform an inspection on the facility due to some behavior issues with the youth and provide training for staff on the proper approach.

Chairperson Montaña advised that two Commissioners conduct an inspection and report back to the Commission.

Additionally, Commissioner Grills reported that she attended a meeting at the Annie E. Casey Foundation in Baltimore, Maryland, a private charitable organization, dedicated to helping build better futures for disadvantaged children in the United States. The organization is in the process of forming a task force consisting of the four ethnic psychiatric

associations in the country to set standards nationally on juvenile detention facilities. Commissioner Grills retrieved two reports that she will email to staff to share with the Commissioners.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

7. 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. (13-3978)

There were no matters presented for a future agenda.

Public Comment

8. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (13-3980)

Ms. Twila P. Kerr, Acting Chief and Ms. N'nette Williams, Assistant Chief, stated that they were present to observe the meeting and are available to provide assistance.

Adjournment

9. Adjournment for the meeting of August 28, 2013. (13-3981)

There being no further business, Chairperson Montañó adjourned the meeting of August 28, 2013 at 10:56 a.m.