



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL  
INSPECTIONS  
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION  
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 372  
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012  
<http://sbc.lacounty.gov>**

**Wednesday, January 29, 2014**

**10:00 AM**

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (14-0618)

**Attachments:** [AUDIO](#)

Present: Chairperson Eleanor R. Montaña, Vice Chairperson Frank S. Bacio, Commissioner Barbara Bigby, Commissioner Cheryl Grills Ph.D., Commissioner Donald S. Andrews, Commissioner Susan Burton and Commissioner Maxine Russell M.A., M.S.

Excused: Commissioner Anne S. Hill

Staff Present: Bolaji Famuyiwa and Jenny Kimbell. (14-0444)

Call to Order. (14-0460)

**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.**

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER**

1. Approval of the January 22, 2014 Minutes. (14-0461)

**On motion of Commissioner Donald S. Andrews, seconded by Vice Chairperson Frank S. Bacio and unanimously carried, the minutes of January 22, 2014 were approved.**

## II. DISCUSSIONS

2. Introduction of Commissioner Janet Teague, Blue Ribbon Commission on Child Protection.

Discussion on the activities of the Sybil Brand Commission. (14-0459)

**Commissioner Grills introduced Commissioner Janet Teague of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Child Protection (BRCCP), and gave a brief overview of her role as a BRCCP Commissioner. She continued that Commissioner Teague wanted the opportunity to meet with Commissioners (SBC) to gain feedback on their observations and experiences with the group homes when they conduct their regular inspections. Commissioner Grills deferred to Commission Teague who in turn gave a synopsis of her experiences as a former Commissioner for the Commission for Children and Family Services.**

**Commissioner Teague further briefed the SBC on a few of the activities of the BRCCP and their ongoing interviews of the youth in the foster and group homes in Los Angeles County. She explained and handed out copies of the protocol that the BRCCP follows when conducting the youth interviews pointing out that the questions are only related to safety, permanency and the well-being of the youth.**

**In continuing the discussions regarding SBC's observations and experiences during their inspection of the group homes, the SBC expressed a couple of concerns including, the Social Workers (SWs) responsiveness to the concerns reported by the staff at the group homes (the SWs are not visible, present and/or consistent with their engagement with the youth); the youth are not exposed to recreational and extra-curricular activities; youth are excessively medicated; the Needs and Services Plans (NSP's) are not properly documented and the youth are not receiving the adequate therapy that they need.**

**Commissioner Teague encouraged SBC to prepare their concerns and written recommendations for BRCCP's review and consideration. SBC will dedicate the February 5, 2014 meeting preparing their recommendations.**

**III. REPORTS**

3. Chairperson's Report on various items for January 29, 2014. (14-0462)

**Chairperson Montaña shared the following Newspaper Articles:**

**Daily Breeze:**

- **Ridley-Thomas Editorial Based on Spurious Reports (January 28, 2014)**
- **OC Official to Replace Sheriff Baca (January 29, 2014)**

**Los Angeles Times:**

- **Cameras in L.A. Jails Praised (January 24, 2014)**
- **Foster Care Reform Plans Offered (January 25, 2014)**
- **Sheriff Reform? Look to LAPD (January 28, 2014)**
- **Veteran to Fill in For Baca (January 29, 2014)**
- **L.A. County Delays Foster Care Changes (January 29, 2014)**
- **Remains of 55 Found at Ex-Reform School (January 29, 2014)**

**Commissioner Russell also shared the following article with the Commissioners:**

**Los Angeles Times:**

- **Homeboy Industries is a Struggling Success Story (January 26, 2014)**

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4. Treasurers Report for January 29, 2014. (14-0467)

**Vice Chairperson Bacio reported that the current bank statement balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund remains at \$718.96.**

5. Staff Report on Correspondence Received, and Department Representative Reports for January 29, 2014. (14-0468)

**There was no report.**

6. Review of Group Home Compliance Monitoring Audit Reports presented on January 29, 2014. (14-0469)

**There was no report.**

7. Commissioners' Report on Group Home and/or Detention Facilities Inspections from January 23, 2014 to January 28, 2014. (14-0470)

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

- **Chairperson Montaña and Commissioner Andrews visited Children's Home of Southern California, Page 7, #3, on January 23, 2014.**
- **Chairperson Montaña and Commissioner Andrews visited Children Are Our Future, Page 6, #2, on January 27, 2014.**
- **Commissioners Bigby and Hill revisited Children Are Our Future, Page 7, #1, on January 24, 2014 and reported that all of the items cited for corrective actions have been corrected.**
- **Vice Chairperson Bacio and Commissioner Russell visited Century Regional Detention Center on January 28, 2014.**

**During the reporting period, the following Group Homes were visited but not inspected:**

- **Chairperson Montaña and Commissioner Andrews visited Optimist Boy's Home, Page 29, #3, on January 28, 2014 and reported that no one was at home.**
- **Commissioner Bigby visited Bourne Inc, Page 2, #3, on January 28, 2014 and reported that no one was at home.**

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#### **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. (14-0472)

**There were no matters presented for a future agenda.**

##### **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. (14-0473)

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

**Adjournment**

10. Adjournment for the meeting of January 29, 2014. (14-0474)

**There being no further business, Chairperson Montaña adjourned the meeting of January 29, 2014 at 11:34 a.m.**