



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

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Wednesday, September 10, 2014

10:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (14-4189)

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

Call to Order. (14-4089)

**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.**

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

Excused: Commissioner Anne S. Hill

Staff present: Bolaji Famuyiwa and Roy Sinclair. (14-4197)

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER**

1. Approval of the September 3, 2014 Minutes. (14-4090)

**On motion of Commissioner Barbara Bigby, seconded by Commissioner Donald S. Andrews, unanimously carried, this item was approved.**

**Attachments:** [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

**II. REPORTS**

2. Chairperson's Report on various items for September 10, 2014. (14-4091)

**Chair Montaña shared the following articles with the Commissioners:**

**Los Angeles Times:**

- **Kindler, Gentler Probation (September 10, 2014)**
- **Putting Families back Together (September 9, 2014)**
- **A Foster Care Fix (September 7, 2014)**
- **Boy, 2, Dies in Mom's Custody (September 4, 2014)**

**Daily Breeze:**

- **Together Again (September 10, 2014)**

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3. Treasurer's Report for September 10, 2014. (14-4092)

**Vice Chairperson Bacio reported that the current bank statement balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund is \$1,415.15.**

4. Staff Report on Correspondence Received, and Department Representative Reports for September 10, 2014. (14-4093)

**Staff reported and distributed DCFS' email response to Commissioner Bigby's inquiry regarding the storage of medication at group homes.**

5. Review of Group Home Compliance Monitoring Audit Reports presented on September 10, 2014. (14-4094)

**In Compliance:**

**Chairperson Montaña and Commissioner Andrews visited:**

- **Children Are Our Future "Terry House" - (Ballinger Street, Northridge, CA.), on September 5, 2014**

**Commissioner Burton Re-visited:**

- **Dangerfield Group Home III - (West 73rd Street, Los Angeles, CA.), on August 28, 2014**

6. Commissioners' Reports on Group Home and/or Detention Facilities Inspections from September 4, 2014 to September 9, 2014. (14-4095)

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

**Chairperson Montaña and Commissioner Andrews visited:**

- **Penny Lane "Main Facility (1)" - (Rayen Street, North Hills, CA.), on September 9, 2014**

- **Children's Home of Southern California "Shoup" - (Shoup Avenue, West Hills, CA.), on September 8, 2014**

**Vice Chairperson Bacio visited:**

- **Heritage Group Homes Inc (1) - (Country Wood Drive, Phillips Ranch, CA.), on September 9, 2014**
- **Camp Afflerbaugh - (North Stephen's Ranch Road, La Verne, CA.), on September 4, 2014**

**Commissioner Bigby visited:**

- **Hathaway-Sycamores Children and Family Services - (North El Nido Drive, Altadena, CA.), on September 9, 2014 and noted that Bedroom #1 needs a mattress, Bedroom #2 needs two pillows and Bedroom #4 needs painting**
- **Camp Paige - (North Stephen's Ranch Road, La Verne, CA.), on September 4, 2014**

**Commissioner Grills visited:**

- **Century Regional Detention Center (CRDF) - (South Alameda Street, Lynwood, CA.), on September 5, 2014 and noted it was a follow-up visit and she focused on the educational programs. She met with the leaders of both the Impact Drug Treatment and the Education Based Incarceration (EBI) programs. She reported that due to AB109, the inmates length of stay have increased significantly and CRDF is not equipped to provide adequate programming to accommodate the over 2,000 inmate population or to address the high recidivism.**

**Commissioner Grills further reported that she took twelve (12) Loyola Marymount University graduate students with her to tour the facility, and discuss and recommend program activities that could be provided for free, as well as conduct a needs assessment for the institution. She will facilitate a follow-up meeting to solidify the program recommendations. She also informed the Commission that a consortium of Southern California Universities have expressed an interest to offer classes during fall.**

**Commissioners Grill and Burton visited:**

- **Fred Jefferson Memorial Home - (152nd Street, Compton, CA), on September 9, 2014 and noted that the Needs and Service plans were not signed off dates were not in compliance, smoke detectors were not working in 1st and 2nd bedrooms and there were major psychotropic medication being administered to several children. She also noted it is important to manage and track the length of time of the medication usage.**

### **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. (14-4096)

**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. (14-4097)

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

#### **Adjournment**

9. Adjournment for the meeting of September 10, 2014. (14-4098)

**There being no further business, Chairperson Montaña adjourned the meeting of September 10, 2014 at 11:31 a.m.**