



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HELD IN ROOM 381B
OF THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012**

Tuesday, January 13, 2015

9:30 AM

2. Recommendation as submitted by Supervisor Antonovich: Approve in concept the consolidation of the Departments of Health Services, Public Health and Mental Health into a single integrated Department, including the assumption of the environmental toxicology bureau functions currently performed by the Agricultural Commissioner; and instruct the Interim Chief Executive Officer, County Counsel and the Director of Personnel in conjunction with the Department of Health Services, to report back within 60 days with a proposed structure to accomplish the consolidation as well as proposed implementation steps and a time frame for achievement of the consolidation.

Dr. Jonathan Fielding, Bruce Saltzer, Susan Mandel, Herman Debose, Herb Hatanaka, Grace Santillano, Jaime Garcia, Bob Schoonover, Oscar Valladares, Keenan Sheedy, Lilian Cabral, Shoreh Rostami-Tehrani, Herman Herman, Matthew Roychoudhary, Leonard Rose and other interested persons addressed the Board.

Dr. Mitchell Katz, Director of Health Services, Dr. Marvin Southard, Director of Mental Health, and Cynthia Harding, Interim Director of Public Health, addressed the Board and responded to questions.

Supervisor Antonovich amended recommendation No. 2 of his motion to instruct the Interim Chief Executive Officer, County Counsel and the Director of Personnel, in conjunction with the Departments of Health Services, Mental Health, Public Health and Agricultural Commission/Weights and Measures to report back within 60 days with a proposed structure to accomplish such a consolidation, as well as proposed implementation steps, time frame for achievement of a consolidation, and the benefits as well as any drawbacks to the consolidation. In addition, instruct the Interim Chief Executive Officer to establish a stakeholder/public participation process to ensure that their input is considered in the report.

Supervisor Ridley-Thomas made a motion to amend Supervisor Antonovich's motion to include the Sheriff's Department in the working group discussions on the Health Department consolidation and instruct the Departments to include in the 60-day report back, a recommendation on whether the Sheriff's Department Medical Services Bureau should be included in the consolidation, and if so, how it should be structured and accomplished. Supervisor Antonovich accepted Supervisor Ridley-Thomas' amendment.

Supervisor Knabe made a motion to also include the Los Angeles County Mental Health and Public Health Commissions' input. Supervisor Antonovich accepted Supervisor Knabe's amendment.

Supervisors Kuehl and Solis made a motion to amend Supervisor Antonovich's motion as follows:

Recommendation No. 1 - "Approve in concept the consolidation of the Departments of Health Services, Public Health and Mental Health into a single integrated department agency, ..."; and

Recommendation No. 2 - ".....as well as proposed implementation steps, time frame for achievement of a ~~consolidation~~ an agency, ..."

Supervisor Antonovich accepted Supervisors Kuehl and Solis' amendments.

After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Ridley-Thomas, seconded by Supervisor Antonovich, this item was approved as amended to:

1. Approve in concept the consolidation of the Departments of Health Services, Public Health and Mental Health into a single integrated agency, including the assumption of the environmental toxicology bureau functions currently performed by the Agricultural Commissioner;
2. Request the Interim Chief Executive Officer, County Counsel, the Director of Personnel and the Sheriff, in conjunction with the Departments of Health Services, Mental Health, Public Health and Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures to report back within 60 days with a proposed structure to accomplish such a consolidation, proposed implementation steps, time frame for

achievement of an agency, the benefits as well as any drawbacks, and whether the Sheriff’s Department Medical Services Bureau should be included in the consolidation, and if so, how it should be structured and accomplished. In addition, the Interim Chief Executive Officer was instructed to establish a stakeholder/public participation process, including the Los Angeles County Mental Health and Public Health Commissions, to ensure that their input is considered in the report. (15-0189)

Ayes: 5 - Supervisor Solis, Supervisor Ridley-Thomas, Supervisor Kuehl, Supervisor Knabe and Supervisor Antonovich

- Attachments:** [Motion by Supervisor Antonovich](#)
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The foregoing is a fair statement of the proceedings of the regular meeting held January 13, 2015, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

Patrick Ogawa, Acting Executive Officer
Executive Officer-Clerk
of the Board of Supervisors

By _____