



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

Wednesday, January 4, 2012

10:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (12-0234)

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

Present: Chairperson Montaña, Commissioner Bigby, Commissioner Grills  
and Commissioner Hall

Excused: Vice Chairperson Bacio and Commissioner Hill

**Chairperson Montaña led in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a  
moment of silence.**

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

1. Meeting to be called to order by Chairperson Montaña. (11-5535)

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

2. Approval of the December 14, 2011 Minutes. (11-5536)

**On motion of Commissioner Bigby, seconded by Commissioner Grills,  
unanimously carried, the minutes of the meeting of December 14, 2011  
were approved.**

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

**II. REPORTS**

3. Chairperson's Report on Various Items for January 4, 2012. (11-5537)

**Chairperson Montaña shared the following Newspaper Articles and  
information with the Commission.**

**Daily Breeze:**

- **Address Jail Woes Now "Reform Panel, Sheriff Baca Need to Work  
Together (Editorial - December 28, 2011)**

**Los Angeles Times:**

- **Helping L.A.'s Kids Grow Up (January 2, 2012)**
- **Innocent But in Jail (January 1, 2012)**
- **Jail Probe May Use Secret Testimony (December 30, 2011)**
- **Prison Realignment (December 30, 2011)**
- **Errant Jailing's Focus of Probe (December 28, 2011)**
- **No-Holds-Barred on Jails (December 27, 2011)**
- **Food Stamps for Foster Kids (December 19, 2011)**

Following discussion, Chairperson Montaña introduced Ms. Judeana Velasquez, 2011 Sybil Brand Commission Scholarship recipient, who informed the Commission that she is currently working as an Intern in Supervisor Antonovich's Office; she is attending California State University of Los Angeles while working with At-Risk Youth. Ms. Velasquez also provided information of a website which focuses on housing At-Risk Youths in Los Angeles County and providing them with scholarship information.

4. Treasurer's Report for January 4, 2012. (11-5538)

**There was no report given.**

5. Staff Report on Correspondence Received, and Department Representative Reports. (11-5539)

**Nyla Jefferson, staff, Commission Services, informed the Commissioners that the audio recording of the meetings will appear as a link in the minutes. She also reminded the Commissioners that Human Resources utilizes Mapquest to verify mileage to ensure accuracy in reporting their mileage claims.**

6. Review of Group Home Compliance Monitoring Audit Reports. (11-5540)

**Commissioners Bigby and Hall commented on the following Department of Children and Family Services Contract Compliance Monitoring Review Report.**

**The following Group Homes were reported as not being in compliance:**

- **Commissioners Bigby and Hill visited Children Are Our Future "Kezios" - 6 #4, on December 30, 2011; and Children Are Our Future**

**"Saticoy House", on December 15, 2011. The Commissioners noted, the grate in bathroom #1 needs to be replaced, and the dressers need to be replaced.**

**The following Group Home was visited but not inspected:**

- **Commissioners Hall and Moore visited Counseling and Research Associate/Masada Home "Newell House", on November 30, 2011, however, the facility was not inspected, as no one was home.**

**7. Commissioners' Reports on Group Homes and/or Detention Facilities Inspections from December 15, 2011 to January 3, 2012. (11-5541)**

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

- **Chairperson Montaño visited Trumont Home for Boys - 43 #2, on December 28, 2011; Children's Home of Southern California "Victory Group Home" - 9 #3, on December 27, 2011; Optimist Boy's Home "South Bay Group Home" - 30 #1; and San Fernando Branch Courthouse on December 19, 2011.**
- **Chairperson Montaño and Vice Chairperson Bacio visited Dorothy Kirby Probation Camp, on December 20, 2011.**
- **Commissioner Bigby visited Bourne Inc. - 3 #1, on December 27, 2011 and noted the mattress in Bedroom #1 needs to be replaced; Bourne Inc "San Kofa GH" - 2 #4, on December 29, 2011, however, the facility was not inspected, as no one was home. The facility was revisited on January 3, 2012 where it was noted that the dresser in Bedroom #2 needs to be replaced, and curtains need installing in the closet, and the toilet in bathroom #2 needs cleaning.**
- **Commissioners Bigby and Hill visited Ettie Lee Home "Oak Knolls Home" - 16 #3, on December 20, 2011, however, the facility was not inspected, as no one was home. The facility was revisited on December 22, 2011 and found to be in satisfactory.**
- **Commissioners Grills and Hall visited Fred Jefferson Memorial Home - 19 #1, on December 27, 2011, the Commissioners expressed their concern regarding the clients Needs and Services Plans, which were being conducted every six months instead of on a quarterly basis and a fax was received with staff's CPR IDs; Little People's World #1 - 25 #1, on December 28, 2011; Dream Catcher Foundation #3 - 13 #1, on December 22, 2011; Dangerfield Group Home #1 - 10 #4, on December 15, 2011, however, the facility**

was not inspected, as no one was home. The facility was revisited on December 29, 2011 and found to be in satisfactory condition; and Fred Jefferson Memorial Home "Compton House" - 19 #2, on December 13, 2011.

- Commissioners Hall and Moore visited Dangerfield Group Home 11 #1, on November 22, 2011. There were no personnel files on the premises.

Following discussion, Commissioner Grills expressed her concerns regarding the diagnosis by the Mental Health Service Providers of the clients of Little People's World #1; she noted that a large number of clients were diagnosed with the same conditions, and are being given the same medication in very high dosage.

### **III. 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. (11-5542)

**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. (11-5543)

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

#### **Adjournment**

10. Adjournment for the meeting of January 4, 2012. (11-5544)

**The January 4, 2012 meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.**