



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON CHILD PROTECTION
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 381B
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012**

Friday, August 9, 2013

6:00 PM

AUDIO AND VIDEO LINKS FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (13-3818)

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Present: Chair David Sanders, Vice Chair Leslie Gilbert-Lurie, Vice Chair Hon. Dickran M. Tevrizian (ret.), Commissioner Hon. Terry B. Friedman (ret.), Commissioner Gabriella Holt, Commissioner Marilyn L. Flynn, Commissioner Richard Martinez, Commissioner Andrea L. Rich, Commissioner Dan Scott and Commissioner Janet Teague

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Call to Order. (13-3703)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sanders at 6:02 p.m.

2. Approval of the August 1, 2013 meeting minutes. (13-3704)

On motion of Commissioner Holt, seconded by Commissioner Scott, and unanimously carried, this item was approved.

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II. DISCUSSIONS AND ACTION ITEMS

3. Discuss and take appropriate action on proposed time line, meeting schedule, staffing and space (continued from meeting of 8/1/13). (13-3557)

Members of the public, Denise Paz, Lori Martin and Adran Baley, addressed the Commission.

Chair Sanders introduced the proposed meeting schedule. Discussion ensued among Commissioners on the frequency of meetings, time of day and location.

After discussion, on motion of Vice Chair Tevrizian, seconded by Commissioner Holt, and unanimously carried, the proposed meeting schedule was approved.

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4. Discuss and take appropriate action on the Commission's mandate, including scope of work and goals. (13-3705)

Members of the public, Denise Paz and Adran Baley, addressed the Commission.

Chair Sanders invited Commissioners to share their views on the Commission's mandate. Each Commissioner expressed their sentiments and shared their goals for the Commission.

Vice Chair Gilbert-Lurie presented a statement prepared in conjunction with Chair Sanders that captures the Commission's mandate. Discussion ensued on including additional language to the statement.

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Rich, seconded by Commissioner Holt, and unanimously carried, the spirit and essence of the statement was supported by the Commission and assigned to Vice Chair Gilbert-Lurie to incorporate language indicating that the Commission is also in support of families and present the statement at the next meeting for adoption.

5. Discuss and take appropriate action on the roles and duties of the Executive Director and General Counsel. (13-3706)

Chair Sanders opened discussion on the role and duties of the Executive Director and General Counsel.

After discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was continued to the next meeting.

6. Discuss and take appropriate action on the organizational structure of the Commission, including town hall meetings, subcommittees, and media policy. (13-3719)

Chair Sanders addressed the Commission and proposed the following assignments and the formation of subcommittees to take immediate action and to report back to the full Commission at the next meeting:

Assignments

1. Interview clients, families and children - Commissioner Teague
2. Interview frontline practitioners to determine how they are addressing issues of safety and well-being (Physicians, Nurses, Law Enforcement Professionals, Attorneys etc.) - Commissioner Flynn

3. Review investigative process of Hotline and the criminal and social service investigative process - Commissioners Martinez and Scott
4. Organize previous recommendations for assessment - Commissioners Holt and Friedman

Subcommittees

1. Measurement and Process Analysis - Commissioners Rich and Martinez, Vice Chair Gilbert-Lurie and Chair Sanders
2. Executive Committee – Vice Chairs Tevrizian and Gilbert-Lurie and Chair Sanders

Chair Sanders proposed the Executive Committee's first task be to interview candidates for the Executive Director position. Vice Chair Gilbert-Lurie recommended that the Executive Committee narrow the list of candidates for the Executive Director position and present three finalists to the full Commission to interview at the next meeting. William T Fujioka, Chief Executive Officer, responded to questions posed by Commissioners regarding the hiring process.

On motion of Vice Chair Tevrizian, seconded by Commissioner Rich, and unanimously carried, the proposal was accepted.

Vice Chair Tevrizian recommended that in the absence of an Executive Director the Chair address the media on behalf of the Commission. Discussion ensued among Commissioners on establishing a media policy and the importance of speaking through one voice.

After discussion, on motion of Vice Chair Tevrizian, seconded by Commissioner Rich, and unanimously carried, the Chair was designated to speak on behalf of the Commission.

7. Discussion concerning Commission access to relevant child welfare information. (13-3720)

Member of the public, Lori Martin, addressed the Commission.

Katie Bowser, County Counsel, Social Services Division, provided an overview on the process of accessing information, policies and procedures relating to child welfare records.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

8. Items not on the posted agenda, to be presented and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Commission, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take immediate action came to the attention of the Commission subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (13-3707)

There were no items presented.

9. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. (13-3708)

Members of the public, Denise Paz, Lori Martin, Temo Buenrostro, Katie Anderson, Pala, Teresija Sigmund, Jordan Sigmund and Elizabeth Freebird, addressed the Commission.

IV. CLOSED SESSION

10. PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT
(Government Code Section 54957)

Consideration of candidates for the position of Executive Director of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Child Protection. (13-3584)

The Commission recessed to Closed Session at 7:57 p.m. Present were Commissioners: Marilyn L. Flynn, Hon. Terry B. Friedman (ret.), Leslie Gilbert-Lurie, Gabriella Holt, Richard Martinez, Andrea L. Rich, Dan Scott, Janet Teague, Hon. Dickran M. Tevrizian (ret.), and Chair David Sanders presiding.

The Commission reconvened to Open Session at 9:10 p.m. Present were Commissioners: Marilyn L. Flynn, Hon. Terry B. Friedman (ret.), Leslie Gilbert-Lurie, Gabriella Holt, Richard Martinez, Andrea L. Rich, Dan Scott, Janet Teague, Hon. Dickran M. Tevrizian (ret.), and Chair David Sanders presiding.

Report of Closed Session

No reportable action was taken in Closed Session.

11. Adjournment. (13-3709)

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.