



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON CHILD PROTECTION
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
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Friday, December 6, 2013

9:00 AM

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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 Andrea L. Rich, Commissioner Dan Scott and Commissioner Janet Teague

Absent: Commissioner Richard Martinez

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Call to Order. (13-5629)

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sanders at 9:07 a.m.

2. Approval of the November 26, 2013 regular meeting minutes. (13-5630)

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

Ayes: 9 - 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 Andrea L. Rich, Commissioner Dan Scott and Commissioner Janet Teague

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Richard Martinez

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

II. PRESENTATIONS

3. Presentation by (times listed are approximate and may vary):

9:00 a.m. - Los Angeles County Inter-Agency Council on Child Abuse and Neglect (ICAN) - Deanne Tilton, Executive Director

9:45 a.m. - Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department - Robert C. Esson, Captain, Detective Division, Special Victims Bureau

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department - Steven Katz, Operations Lieutenant, Detective Division, Special Victims Bureau

10:15 a.m. - Child Welfare Initiative - Andrew Bridge, Executive Director (13-5631)

Deanne Tilton, Executive Director, Inter Agency Council on Child Abuse and Neglect (ICAN), presented an overview of ICAN. Ms. Tilton responded to questions posed by the Commission regarding ICAN's collaboration with other agencies, access to information, reports, and their organizational structure. Ms. Tilton presented recommendations for the Commission to consider.

Captain Robert C. Esson, Special Victims Bureau, Sheriff's Department, addressed the Commission and presented an overview of the Bureaus' background and investigation of cases and training. Captain Esson responded to questions posed by the Commission and identified cross reporting, training and education as key recommendations in creating a safety net to protect children. Operations Lieutenant Steven D. Katz responded to questions posed by the Commission regarding the access of information by the different agencies and cross reporting. Lieutenant Silverio Rivas responded to questions posed by the Commission regarding what triggers an investigation and first responders.

Andrew Bridge, Executive Director, Child Welfare Initiative (CWI), presented an overview of CWI's proposals for change and improvement in the County's child welfare system. Mr. Bridge responded to questions posed by the Commission and was asked to submit his recommendations in writing.

Members of the public, Patrick O'Rourke, Rodica Moody, and Denise Paz, addressed the Commission.

III. DISCUSSIONS

4. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding December 2013 Interim Recommendation. (13-5632)

Chair Sanders read the charge of the Commission approved by the Board of Supervisors and the mandate approved by the Commission. Chair Sanders also presented an overview of the Commission's work and identified interim recommendations to be considered by the Commission.

Commissioner Scott identified 12 recommendations directed to Law Enforcement, the District Attorney and the Department of Children and Family Services concerning cross reporting.

After discussion, Chair Sanders instructed Staff to finalize the draft recommendations in writing and share them with Commissioners. Chair Sanders indicated the interim recommendations should capture the interest of the Commissioners, within the scope and structure of the final report, and the recommendations should be high level impactful recommendations.

5. Discuss and take appropriate action on the Commission meeting schedule. (13-5638)

Chair Sanders reported that the next meeting is scheduled for December 13, 2013. Moving forward, meetings in January through April 2014 will be held monthly; and the schedule will be set at a future meeting.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

6. Items not posted to the 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. (13-5633)

At the request of Commissioner Flynn, research of other Commissions with successful outcomes should be reviewed to acquire a sense of how the Commission can ensure recommendations are acted on without adding new structures or continuing costs. (13-5795)

7. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission.
(13-5634)

Members of the public, Irene Vazquez, James Rutkowski, Patrick O'Rourke, Rodica Moody, Denise Paz and Lori Martin, addressed the Commission.

8. Adjournment. (13-5636)

There being no further business to discuss, on motion of Vice Chair Tevrizian, seconded by Commissioner Scott, and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 12:17 p.m.

Ayes: 7 - Chair David Sanders, Vice Chair Hon. Dickran M. Tevrizian (ret.), Commissioner Hon. Terry B. Friedman (ret.), Commissioner Gabriella Holt, Commissioner Marilyn L. Flynn, Commissioner Dan Scott and Commissioner Janet Teague

Absent: 3 - Vice Chair Leslie Gilbert-Lurie, Commissioner Richard Martinez and Commissioner Andrea L. Rich