



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE SHERIFF CIVILIAN  
OVERSIGHT COMMISSION MEETING HELD AT**

**William S. Hart Regional Park,  
24151 N. Newhall Avenue, Newhall, CA 91321**

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**Thursday, December 15, 2022**



Attachment: [Audio](#)

Present: Chair Sean Kennedy, Vice Chair Jamon R. Hicks, Robert Bonner, Irma Hagans Cooper, Luis S. Garcia, Patricia Giggans, Hans Johnson, James P. Harris, Lael Rubin and Executive Director Brian K. Williams.

## **1. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS & CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Call to Order:** Chair Kennedy called the Civilian Oversight Commission (COC) meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. and requested staff to call the roll. Chair Kennedy then discussed the code of conduct and moved to the consent calendar.

**Approval of Consent Calendar:** Chair Kennedy called for approval, there being no objection, the [November 17, 2022 minutes](#) were adopted.

**Family Impact Remarks:** There were no requests to provide family impact remarks. No members of the public commented on item 1, and Chair Kennedy then moved to item 2.

## **2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were 3 people who provided general public comment. View [written public comments](#).

Following public comment, Chair Kennedy inquired about SB1421 and if the public has access to documents related to deputy shootings. Inspector General Max Huntsman advised that the public should have access to Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) records, but the procedures can be challenging.

Chair Kennedy then moved to item 2a.

## **2. REPORTS & POSSIBLE ACTION**

### **2a. Chair's Report**

Chair Kennedy advised he had nothing to report and moved to item 2b.

### **2b. Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Brian K. Williams noted that he will provide comments during item 3.

## **2c. Office of Inspector General (OIG) Report**

Inspector General Huntsman advised that he met with Sheriff Robert Luna that it went well. He expressed concern with the Sheriff's failure to ensure LASD representation at the COC meetings, which is required by law, and stated that the COC should insist LASD follow the law.

Commissioner Bonner noted that the Sheriff has only been in office for two weeks and that he should be allowed time to acclimate to the position. Commissioner Bonner also suggested the Chair and Executive Director schedule a meet and greet with Sheriff Luna. Executive Director Brian Williams advised that he had spoken with Sheriff Luna's office and that the Sheriff had planned to attend today's meeting, but the meeting location change made it difficult for him to attend.

Chair Kennedy noted that he would set up a meeting with Sheriff Luna.

## **2d. Commissioner Comments / Ad Hoc Committee Updates**

Commissioner Bonner reported that Pro Bono Counsel Bert Deixler is drafting a Deputy Gangs report and recommendations that will be submitted to the full Commission possibly in January. He also stated that all the subpoenas requiring ratification have been ratified.

Commissioner Harris reported that one Budget ad hoc committee meeting was held, and another is scheduled in January. He also advised that the Sheriff reinstated the Chief Financial and Administrative Officer Assistant Sheriff position and that he is optimistic the new structure will benefit LASD and this commission.

Commissioner Giggans advised that Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) audits are being conducted in the jails and that she is waiting to hear if Family Assistance Program funding is approved.

## **3. DISCUSSION & POSSIBLE ACTION**

### **a. 2023 Meeting Schedule**

Executive Director Brian K. Williams thanked the Commissioners for their ongoing efforts and acknowledged staff members for their hard work during COVID-19. He discussed the [2023 proposed meeting schedule](#) and inquired if Commissioners would consider holding COC meetings virtually, noting the increased public participation over the past year. He discussed meeting locations and suggested hosting meetings and town halls in various locations throughout the County and alternate from in-person to virtual.

Mr. Williams advised that staff continues to search for a permanent meeting location and that the current meeting schedule may change due to the difficulty locating a venue. He noted that a poll would be conducted to determine the best meeting schedule and structure.

Commissioner Giggans and Bonner preferred having a permanent location to hold monthly COC meetings. Commissioner Rubin suggested holding a Saturday meeting. Due to the

increased amount of public participation, Commissioner Harris suggested continuing virtual meetings and periodically meeting in person with a virtual component.

Chair Kennedy inquired if the Commission could hold hybrid meetings. Mr. Williams suggested the staff would develop a proposed schedule that includes hybrid meetings and town halls to present at the next COC meeting.

Following Commissioner comments, Chair Kennedy moved to public comment. There were 2 members of the public who commented on this item.

#### **b. 2022 Commission Activities**

Mr. Williams provided an overview of COC activities for 2022 and discussed the progress that was made. He reported eight COC meetings, seven Special Hearings, two Town Halls and five NACOLE conference sessions. Mr. Williams acknowledged three new Commissioners, one new staff member and various collaborating organizations. He provided 2022 statistics on public participation at monthly COC meetings and the Deputy Gangs Special Hearings.

#### **c. Commission Goals and Priorities for 2023**

Mr. Williams discussed the Commission's goals for 2023, highlighted various ad hoc committees and advised that they are temporary. He noted that current committees will be restructured and dissolved, and the issues will continue to be monitored. Mr. Williams highlighted ongoing issues to address in 2023 that affect the community.

Mr. Williams discussed the current ad hoc committees and inquired about the top three priorities for each Commissioner. Each Commissioner shared their top three choices.

Commissioner Giggans noted how crucial it is to develop and maintain a good relationship with LASD's new administration.

Commissioner Bonner voiced concern for the need to focus on LASD's discipline process and suggested creating a discipline ad hoc committee.

Commissioner Cooper voiced concern over jail conditions and requested this issue be maintained.

Mr. Williams advised the Ad Hoc input will be reviewed, and a proposal will be submitted for a vote by the Commission in January. COC staff member Jennifer Wicks then shared information on responding to media inquiries.

### **4. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Kennedy announced the next COC meeting will be held virtually on January 19, 2023, and the meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.