



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE SHERIFF CIVILIAN
OVERSIGHT COMMISSION MEETING
ST. ANNE'S CONFERENCE CENTER
Thursday, April 18, 2024**



Attachment: [Audio](#)

Commissioners Present:

Chair Sean Kennedy
Robert Bonner
Irma Hagans Cooper
Luis S. Garcia
Patricia Giggans
Hans Johnson

Commissioners Absent:

James Harris
Vice Chair Jamon Hicks

Staff Present:

Sharmaine Moseley, Executive Director
Bikila Ochoa, Deputy Executive Officer
Starlet Atkins
Tracy Jordan
Nune Petrosyan
Amara Kirby, County Counsel

I. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Chair Sean Kennedy called the Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission (Commission) meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. He provided an overview of the Commission's duties/responsibilities and items on the meeting agenda.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT RULES: Chair Kennedy briefly discussed the Commission's code of conduct, and announced how the community can comment on an item during the meeting.

III. ROLL CALL: Staff member Tracy Jordan conducted the roll call. The quorum requirement was met.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR:

The Commissioners reviewed the items on the consent calendar. There were no questions. Commissioner Hans Johnson moved for approval of the March 7, 2024, Special Hearing meeting minutes and the March 13, 2024, Commission meeting minutes on the consent calendar. Commissioner Irma Hagans Cooper seconded the motion. The meeting minutes were adopted as there were no objections to the consent calendar.

No members of the community signed up to comment on this item.

V. FAMILY IMPACT REMARKS:

Cindy Nunez, sister of Francisco Nunez, shared comments about the activities surrounding the unexplained death of her brother, Francisco Nunez, and her belief about the Los Angeles

County Sheriff's Departments (LASD) attempt to cover it up. Ms. Nunez reported that since her brother's death, her family has experienced ongoing harassment from Los Angeles County Sheriff Deputies. Ms. Nunez reported that Sheriff Deputies drove by during the vigil for her brother, yelled comments and that patrol vehicles were present at the viewing for her brother. Ms. Nunez advised that she has reported the ongoing harassment and intimidation to Captain Bartlett but that the harassment has continued. Ms. Nunez requested the Office of Inspector General to monitor the investigation surrounding the death of Francisco Nunez and allegations of intimidation and harassment of the family.

Chair Kennedy expressed sympathies to the Nunez family and moved to public comment.

VI. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENTS

Community member Selena Coleman spoke about the Nunez family and the ongoing harassment by LASD. She noted that she attended the vigil for Mr. Nunez and witnessed the LASD patrol vehicles. Ms. Coleman also shared her daughter's experience with LASD.

Community member Julia Martinez commented about the Francisco Nunez case and requested an investigation be conducted to determine his cause of death. She also shared comments about her grandson who died at the hands of LASD, and her granddaughter who was arrested by LASD.

Community Member Vanessa Rodriguez, mother of Francisco Nunez' children, shared comments about the death of Mr. Nunez and the visible trauma that she witnessed on his body. Ms. Rodriguez requested an investigation be conducted to determine the cause of death.

Community member Stephanie Luna shared concerns about Francisco Nunez who was killed by LASD and the ongoing trauma and harassment by LASD. She reported that this has been ongoing problem and that LASD must be held accountable.

Chair Kennedy inquired if the body worn camera is available and if OIG can investigate the matter.

Inspector General Huntsman advised that OIG has limited investigative abilities and that OIG cannot interfere during an active criminal investigation. Mr. Huntsman stated that he has requested one of OIG Attorney's to contact LASD for an update on the investigation and to allow OIG to continue monitor the case. Mr. Huntsman informed the Nunez family his office will continue to monitor the issue to find out what happened.

Commissioner Cooper inquired about access to pictures of Francisco Nunez' body and a copy of the Medical Examiners report.

Chair Kennedy inquired if Sheriff Luna has investigated the issue.

Sheriff Luna expressed condolences to the family and voiced concern with the family's comments about LASD deputies appearing at the vigil and the public viewing for Francisco Nunez. Sheriff reported that the behavior of the deputies reported by the Nunez family is unacceptable and requested the family to provide any videos, witnesses, dates, and times of the incident. Sheriff Luna reported that homicide detectives have been communicating with the father of Francisco Nunez and that they have been directed to be completely transparent. He advised that a thorough investigation will be conducted and that the video and any reports related to the incident will be made available at the conclusion of the investigation. Sheriff Luna asked what would happen if the investigation shows that the death was caused by other means and added that "we have heard a lot of stuff in here and the bell cannot be unrung."

Chair Kennedy reminded the Commission that LASD has a right to place a hold on autopsy reports when an incident is being investigated and that the Commission will try to provide the Nunez family with the information they requested. Chair Kennedy thanked Sheriff Luna for his concern and for addressing the issue.

Commissioner Cooper expressed concern with the body being left in the street for 5 days and not reported. Commissioner Cooper requested that the medical examiner document the date that the body was received and the estimated time of death.

VII. COMMISSION/AGENCY REPORTS

1. Chair's Report

- A. Chair Kennedy announced the ad hoc committee's investigation on Deputy Gangs Special Hearings and called on Commissioner Bonner to update the Commission.

Commissioner Bonner reported on the advice of County Counsel that the Deputy Gangs ad hoc committee recommends reissuing a subpoena on Mr. Lilienfeld who did not appear pursuant to an earlier subpoena, to provide testimony about his knowledge of deputy gangs, cliques, and exclusionary sub-groups and requested a vote on the matter. Chair Kennedy advised that, per Counsel, the previous vote on this item will be sufficient to move forward with reissuing a subpoena. Commissioner Bonner went on to report that the Commission was tasked by the Board of Supervisors (BOS) to report back on information related to the existence and activities of a group calling themselves the Industry Indians. Commissioner Bonner reported that the Commission is unable to get information based on Undersheriff April Tardy's comments that "the Sheriff is not able to share information that implicates potential privacy or confidential interest of Deputy Sheriffs." Commissioner Bonner reported that the Commission's inability to get information from LASD on their investigation into the Industry Indians is an ongoing problem and that the ad hoc committee recommends additional Special Hearings by this Commission to investigate at public hearings through subpoenas. Bonner advised that the ad hoc committee has consulted with lead special Counsel Bert Deixler on the matter but will need to select a new individual from the special counsel group to lead the investigation.

Chair Kennedy agreed that additional Special Hearings are needed.

- B. Chair Kennedy reported that the Commission is seeking a new appointee to fill the vacant seat of the Commissioner. Chair Kennedy advised that there are four candidates who will be interviewed on Friday, April 19, 2024, and that a new Commissioner will be selected soon.

No members of the community provided comment on this item.

2. Executive Director's Report

- A. Update on Executive Director & Staff Activities

Ms. Moseley introduced herself and thanked the Nunez family for attending. Ms. Moseley informed the family that she is working on restructuring the Commission to be more efficient and encouraged them to continue attending the meetings. She went on to thank County partners, community members and staff from Constitutional Policing for their presence, as well as staff who are working twice as hard to provide administrative support to the commission. Ms. Moseley reported as part of the Commission's restructuring, staff will be scheduling a meeting with the Rules ad hoc committee to review and discuss the Commission's bylaws and the draft amendment to the ordinance that created this commission and that she will continue to meet with stakeholders to build relationships. Ms. Moseley reported on internal changes and reported that the Commission currently has two vacancies: Communications Manager and Community Engagement Specialist. She also reported that two staff members are out on extended leave and expressed gratitude to the Commissioners for their patience and to staff for taking on the additional work. Ms. Moseley reported that the Commission will be relocating and is currently searching for a new office space. She reported that she, along with staff, visited two County facilities that are available for consideration.

- B. Community Engagement Efforts

Ms. Moseley reported that commission plans to collaborate with the city of Compton to discuss Civilian Oversight and that a joint meeting with the Probation Oversight Commission (POC) is tentatively scheduled for June 6, 2024. Ms. Moseley informed the Commission about a virtual conference hosted by POC on the complaint process for School Resource Deputies and advised that this topic will be discussed at the joint meeting. In addition, a representative from the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) will be invited to conduct a presentation on "What is Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement" and "What it should look like" and, if time permits, include discussion on the LASD discipline process. Ms. Moseley advised that the Commission plans to invite LASD to provide an overview of the complaint database system at the next meeting. She went on to announce that the Commission will be hosting a mini conference in July or August that will include various oversight agencies throughout California to share how their agency operates and that this will assist with restructuring of this Commission. Ms. Moseley reported that staff has continued to attend the Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meetings as an observer and then shares the community's concerns with the Commission.

Following Ms. Moseley's comments, Chair Kennedy moved to public comment.

Community member Vanessa Perez expressed concern that deputies who beat her son received awards from ALADS and were also promoted by LASD.

Raquel Derfler expressed concern with comments made by Sheriff Luna to the Nunez family and the ongoing harassment by LASD deputies that the family continues to endure.

Community Member L.J. Guillory, Chairman of the Public Safety Commission for the City of Compton, expressed condolences to the Nunez family and expressed reassurance that the Commission will exhaust all efforts to expose the truth.

Community member Michelle Infante expressed condolences to the Nunez family and commented on the statement made by Sheriff Luna related to the Francisco Nunez investigation. Ms. Infante also shared comments about LASD deputies falsifying documents, planting evidence, retaliating against family members, and the lack of support given to the families by LASD.

Community member Vanessa Rodriguez also commented on Sheriff Luna's comments to the Nunez family regarding the investigation into the death of Francisco Nunez and that the family is being harassed by LASD. Ms. Rodriguez called on Sheriff Luna to investigate his deputies.

Community member Dana Moore spoke about her son who was assaulted by LASD while housed at Pitchess Detention center and that she requested his medical records and was denied. She complained about the lack of consequences issued to deputies when they break the rules and expressed concern with LASD conducting their own investigations resulting in a lack of transparency. Ms. Moore expressed concern with retaliation of incarcerated people when they make complaints against the deputies.

Community member Maryana Nunez, daughter of Francisco Nunez, expressed concern with Sheriff Luna's comments and with the ongoing harassment that her family is experiencing from LASD.

Chair Kennedy acknowledged and advised that all reports will be heard and followed by comments from Commissioners and the public. He then moved to item 3.

Commissioner Hans Johnson advised that this is the second comment received about Pitchess Detention center and expressed concern about the "abuse and conditions that may under-cut accountability and safety of incarcerated people there and the possibility that visits may be used to intimidate detainees in North County facilities" and suggested, if appropriate, for this Commission to speak with supervising officers at the facility and for record keeping purposes send a letter to Supervisorial District 5 (SD5) notifying them of the concerns.

Chair Kennedy agreed to send a letter to SD5 regarding Pitchess Detention center and the concerns raised today and noted that a representative from Sybil Brand is present today, and that they may be able to provide some suggestions.

Following public comment, Chair Kennedy called for a 10-minute break at 10:31a.m. The meeting resumed at 10:46 a.m. Chair Kennedy, Commission Bonner, Commission Cooper, Commissioner Garcia, Commissioner Giggans, Commission Johnson present were at the restart of the meeting.

Following the break, Chair Kennedy moved to item 3.

3. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Sheriff Robert Luna reported that he believes this Commission made 73 requests in 2023 and that 71 of the requests have been completed by LASD. He mentioned that one of the requests was related to deputy gangs at the Industry Station and advised that an active investigation is being conducted by LASD. Sheriff Luna went on to report that historical concerns continue to be a problem and that some progress has been made. Sheriff Luna informed the Commission that he will continue to work with OIG and stated that he agrees that "oversight is needed." Sheriff Luna reported training has been conducted related to systematic change in training and the internal affairs investigative process when interviewing to ensure truthful information is attained. Sheriff went on to report that 24 requests were made this year and that three or four requests are still outstanding due to technology. Sheriff Luna shared 2023 use of force statistics and reported a reduction in Deputy involved shootings by 35% working towards 0, Use of Force by 13.8% and in-custody Use of Force is down by 25.6%. Sheriff reminded the Commission that there are four court agreements at the LASD custody facilities and reported that they are working with federal monitors to make sure they stay in compliance.

Following Sheriff Luna's comments, Chair Kennedy moved to Commission questions.

Commission Bonner suggested submitting information that is subject to privacy protection under State statute be provided to an ad hoc committee and not the full commission and that the ad hoc would ensure the information is confidential. Bonner advised that Eileen Decker informed him that Sheriff Luna was in support of a Memorandum of Understanding on the issue (MOU) and thanked the Sheriff for his support and that it would have to go through a meet and confer process with Labor and confirmed that some progress is being made.

Sheriff Luna agreed that progress is being made and reported that a law firm has been identified to draw up the paperwork to allow some information to be shared with the ad hoc committee.

Commissioner Bonner confirmed that he has received and reviewed the draft MOU and proposed confidentiality agreement that the ad hoc members would be required to sign and that they appeared to be in order. Commissioner Bonner commended the Sheriff for his quick response to the incident involving the misconduct of two deputies from the LASD Industry station. Commissioner Bonner went on to inquire about the 13 items that the Commission requested from LASD related to the Discipline Process that have not been received.

Sheriff Luna advised that the Commission has multiple requests and that he would confer with his staff to determine the Commission's priority.

Commissioner Luis Garcia inquired about the Board's motion to increase the Mental Health Assistance Program for inpatient care and the partnership with the drug and alcohol center to provide certification to the mental health assistants.

Sheriff Luna reported that the program is doing very well, is nationally recognized within the custody division and that there have been multiple requests to expand it. Sheriff Luna advised that staffing shortages continue to be a challenge with sworn and professional personnel and that employee wellness is a top priority. Sheriff Luna stated, "We have a moratorium right now on additional staff for new units until my chiefs throughout the department can reduce the overtime that our employees are working because it has a direct negative impact on employee wellness." He advised that staff is looking into other alternatives and that he will continue to monitor.

Commissioner Johnson inquired about an incident that took place in February 2023, involving a traffic stop and deputies falsifying a report.

Sheriff Luna confirmed that LASD has some systematic deficiencies within the Department that they are working on to ensure deputies are trained properly.

Chair Kennedy inquired about the Deputy Involved Shootings (DIS) and expressed the importance of reducing the number. He went on to thank the Sheriff for efforts made to reduce the number of DIS by 35%.

Commissioner Cooper inquired if body scanners would help with the inappropriate in-custody body searches.

Sheriff Luna confirmed that body scanners are helpful and reported that a request was submitted to upgraded technology within LASD to reduce the number of narcotics entering the custody facilities. He noted that scanners are only in the seven major custody facilities and not in the station jails.

Office of the Inspector General (OIG) Report

Inspector General Huntsman acknowledged Deputy Inspector General Krithika Vasudevan and advised that she is available to answer any questions related to Senate Bill 1421, (SB1421). Ms. Vasudevan introduced herself and reminded the Commission that a presentation was conducted by County Counsel (CoCo) on the status of SB1421 back in October of 2023, and that CoCo is still working on the issue and that there is no new information to report. Ms. Vasudevan stated that "CoCo have moved forward on their first MOU regarding CoCo and the Sheriff's Department in regard to the security clearance" and that they're "working to get a second MOU signed and rectified in regard to the technical aspect of where the data will be stored," and that the current challenge

for CoCo is staffing the Department. She reported that out of 150 people only 25 have been approved.

Commissioner Cooper questioned if a data analysis person will be on board to decipher what the data is saying.

Ms. Vasudevan agreed to forward the Commission information on the staffing breakdown. Mr. Huntsman reported that the OIG is tasked with oversight and reporting, and that CoCo will decide what is reported to the public.

Chair Kennedy inquired about when the change will take place and questioned if the MOU had to go through the meet and confer process with ALADS. Ms. Vasudevan advised that she could not confirm a date for the change and that she will confer with CoCo if a meet and confer was held.

Sheriff Luna stated that he will follow up to confirm the anticipated date for the change and report back to the Commission.

Following the OIG report, Chair Kennedy moved to public comment.

Community member Mia Kae shared comments about impacted families.

Community member Raquel Derfler commented on the incident surrounding the death of Francisco Nunez, she also commented about multiple Sheriff Deputies arriving at a school board meeting.

Community member Bishop L.J. Guillory, Chairman of the Public Safety Commission for the City of Compton, commented and praised the work of the Commission and OIG and encouraged the public to give Sheriff Luna a chance to change the culture of the LASD.

Community member Salena Coleman commented on the mental health crisis in the United States and LASD training and suggested revising the training academy.

Community member Julia Martinez commented on criminal justice reform and the tough job with which the Sheriff is faced. She also commented on complaints made by the community regarding criminal activities by Sheriff Deputies.

Community member Dana Moore commented on grievances made by inmates against the deputies that are not addressed and inquired if the complaints are reviewed by the Commission. She also commented on sanitation of the mental health unit where incarcerated people have severe mental health problems and if deputies are being trained on how to deal with them.

Community member Marianna Nunez commented about deputies turning on and off their body worn camera and about the death of her father Francisco Nunez and the trauma to his body.

Following public comment, Chair Kennedy moved to item 5.

5. Ad Hoc Committee Update/Commissioner Comments

Chair Kennedy tabled this item until the next Commission meeting and moved to item 6.

6. Sybil Brand Commission

Erick Miller, Vice Chair of the SBC, gave an update on the Sybil Brand Commission (SBC) and reported that the SBC has not been adding reports to the website and that they are trying to make them more available to the public. He went on to report that there is a significant delay with Commissioners receiving accreditation from LASD. Mr. Miller reported on the mental health crisis in the jails and reported that two of the reports on the SBC website show concerns from visits made to Pitches Detention Center North. He reported that Pitches North had been rededicated from a general population jail to a moderate observation housing jail for people who are receiving medication for specific health conditions and that the facility is not designed for that. Mr. Miller reported that the number of incarcerated people in the Pitches North dorm is 80 and that the maximum number according to Title 24 is 64. Mr. Miller reported that during his visits to one of the dorms the housed population was 75. Mr. Miller reported during one of his visits to module 2, Sheriff Deputies shared concern with him about the challenges they face with the increased population, inadequate staffing, and the dorm not having an on-site medical facility, requiring deputies to transport the inmates by car to another facility in the Pitches complex for medical treatment. Mr. Miller also reported on visits to the Twin Towers Forensic Inpatient stepdown unit and reported that the facility is run by long term incarcerated people who have been trained as mental health assistants and that the facility is very clean, and well run and that incarcerated people have significant time outside of their cell. He also reported on visits to Men's Central Jail (MCJ) and reported that the facility was "disgraceful" and unsanitary. He reported that in his presence, incarcerated people had complained about lack of air circulation and that the area where they are housed, makes it difficult for the Deputies to hear when someone is in distress. Mr. Miller also reported during that unannounced visit six Sheriff Deputies appeared to do a unit check and that one of the deputies stated, "If they can't be heard then we'll just turn the televisions off" as a form of retaliation, which was reported to the watch commander. Mr. Miller reported that MCJ has some serious issues.

Following Mr. Miller's comments, Ray Regalado, Chair of SBC, reported that SBC is authorized to conduct unannounced and unescorted inspections anytime during the year and is limited to conducting two inspections per month at different facilities, and that all the main jails are visited, including Inmate Reception Center, Twin Towers, MCJ, North County Facilities CRDF. He added that they also have authority to visit all the facilities under the Sheriff's Department. Mr. Regalado reported that SBC is cleared by the LASD to conduct these visits and that they need support to get clearance for the individuals waiting for Sheriff Department accreditation. Mr. Regalado advised that the conditions in some of the facilities need significant work. Mr. Regalado also reported problems with medical care, bus transportation and transporting incarcerated people to court and the meals that are distributed to incarcerated individuals with special diets.

Chair Kennedy suggested collaborating with SBC to try to resolve some of the issues discussed.

Commissioner Bonner inquired about the number of staff members assigned to SBC and questioned if the COC and SBC have the same oversight responsibility or if SBC should have oversight of the County jails and that the BOS should look at one unit as the responsible party aside from the LASD.

Mr. Regalado advised that the meetings usually have 3-4 staff members, and that each Supervisor can assign two Commissioners. He advised that both Commissions have the same desire and that there is a lack of communication between the COC and SBC.

Chair Kennedy informed Mr. Regalado that he will be attending the SBC meetings in the future.

Following Mr. Regalado's presentation, Chair Kennedy moved to the next item.

VIII. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Chair Kennedy introduced staff member Tracy Jordan, who presented a staff report on the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's compliance. Ms. Jordan provided a brief overview of the history of PREA and its inception, statistics on the population. Ms. Jordan reported that in 2023, LASD Custody Services Division generated a 4th quarter report which identified 13 sexual abuse allegations related to incarcerated person against incarnated person and 13 allegations of sexual abuse of incarcerated people by staff and that both investigations are still pending. Ms. Jordan advised that an audit was conducted at four LASD stations and that 16 unmet standards were identified. Ms. Jordan concluded her presentation with two recommendations. The first recommendation is, effective November 1, 2024, is for LASD to report back to this Commission within 30 days "list[ing] all PREA policies, new and revised, and to upload them to the LASD public website, provide PREA pre-education curricula for incarcerated people with established procedures and upload them to the LASD public website, and conduct a self-assessment through facility-specific PREA teams to identify and address PREA related deficiencies." The second recommendation requests LASD to report back to this Commission within 120 days and include "a breakdown of the staff model for PREA Bureau and an operation plan to fill any vacant PREA positions, and to revise all LASD quarterly and annual PREA reports to include general definitions and acronyms for terms commonly used in the documents and develop a corrective action plan." Following her presentation, Ms. Jordan announced the presence of subject matter experts Linda McFarland, Executive Director Just Detention International (JDI), Catherine Wright, Assistant Inspector General, OIG, and John Barkley, Assistant Director LASD PREA Operations, who will speak on issues related to PREA.

Linda McFarland, Executive Director at JDI, introduced herself and shared a PowerPoint presentation on the creation of PREA and its purpose. She provided

information about JDI and reported that their goal is “to end sexual abuse in all forms of detention.” Ms. McFarland discussed PREA standards, rules and guidelines and noted that one of the challenges with the standards is that they’re the same for all adult facilities with as few as three incarcerated people and as many as 12,000 incarcerated people. Ms. McFarland expressed the need for each facility to develop policy and procedures and discussed the importance of maintaining safety and basic human rights of incarcerated individuals. She also discussed the importance of identifying preventive measures in the PREA standards to ensure individuals who are harmed get the mental and physical care that they need, and that PREA audits are conducted to maintain accountability. She recommended selecting other County agencies to conduct audits rather than an outside agency based on the selection process and the amount of time spent conducting the audit. Ms. McFarland expressed concern with LASD’s pending investigations of sexual abuse of incarcerated persons by other incarcerated persons and staff. Ms. McFarland shared information on individuals with increased risk of being sexually violated. In closing, Ms. McFarland shared the guidelines identified by the US Department of Justice and expressed the need for all Correctional facilities to develop and enforce policies, practices, and protocols for their staff to follow.

Catherine Wright, Assistant Inspector General, thanked Ms. McFarland for her presentation and the Commission for providing the space for this important issue. Ms. Wright stated that she oversees the OIG custody and PREA team. She reported OIG conducted pre-audits at four LASD Patrol Station carceral facilities and provided a brief overview of the audit process and the findings. Ms. Wright informed the Commission that OIG currently has three auditors and that other staff members are working towards becoming a certified auditor. She gave an overview of the audit process which has three phases. The first, which is pre-onsite, is very thorough and includes notices to the facility informing them of the audit. Advocacy groups are contacted for information regarding the condition of the facility and that LASD is required to complete a 50-page questionnaire on how the facility operates, the population and the structure of the facility. This is followed by the onsite audit that includes touring the facility, document review, including personnel files, training records, booking packets, and conducting interviews with staff, volunteers, contractors, and facility leadership. Lastly, the post-onsite audit consists of reviewing all the information collected. Within 45 days a report is generated and LASD is issued a 180-day corrective action period, and that OIG has 30 days to submit a final report. Ms. Wright advised that this process takes approximately nine months. Ms. Wright briefly discussed the results from four stations that were audited and advised that 12 of the 16 unmet standards are due to policy updates. Ms. Wright briefly discussed standards met and unmet by LASD and noted that the standard for conducting criminal background checks during the hiring process and then every five years was not met. She reported that LASD was able to implement some of the recommendations during the corrective active process which included ensuring all employees hired before January 2001 were live scanned, including contract employees. Ms. Wright reported that LASD failed to meet the standard for developing a zero-tolerance policy on sexual abuse and sexual harassment in addition to measures to identify and prevent sexual abuse and sexual harassment and that the PREA

coordinator does not have sufficient authority. Ms. Wright advised that the detailed audit reports can be found on the OIG website.

John Barkley, Assistant Sheriff and LASD PREA Coordinator, provided a brief overview of his background and experience. Mr. Barkley stated, “the goal of PREA is to prevent, detect, respond, and monitor sexual abuse and sexual harassment in the jails and prisons” and that the main goal is prevention. He advised that communication with incarcerated people and building trust is necessary for PREA to be successful. Mr. Barkley shared various mechanisms for incarcerated people to report sexual abuse and sexual harassment that included contacting Crimestoppers, OIG, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) or they can have a family member or friend go to the LASD website and report it on their behalf. The allegation will go directly to the PREA coordinator. Mr. Barkley discussed training for custody staff and sworn deputies. He also mentioned that inmate education is a key component and when individuals are arrested, they are given information on the LASD PREA policy noting that LASD has a zero tolerance regarding sexual abuse and sexual harassment. Mr. Barkley also discussed inmate on inmate sexual abuse in the station jails and that training was provided to staff to ensure allegations are reported to the investigation unit. He went on to report that he now has two PREA compliance managers and that their main priority is training and investigating.

Commissioner Johnson inquired about the term CARP.

Assistant Sheriff stated the term stands for “Cadre of Administrative [Reserve] Personnel.”

Commissioner Cooper inquired if LASD conducts outpatient follow-up and noted that people may feel more comfortable sharing information once they’ve been released, possibly by completing a survey. Mr. Barkley advised that LASD has not done a survey and that complaints have been made through OIG and are taken if the person is incarcerated or not.

Commissioner Giggans commented about the month of April to focus on PREA and acknowledged April 24, 2024, as Denim Day and shared information about Peace Over Violence and the significance of Denim Day.

Chair Kennedy asked about the Lakewood station and the resistance to comply with the standards. He also asked how long the policies have been pending.

Commissioner Giggans suggested inviting ALADS to come and meet with the Commission.

Inspector General Max Huntsman stated, “The County can declare an impasse whenever it wants and if they’re proposing a federal law, and its written directly the way federal law says, that impasse should take one meeting.”

Chair Kennedy inquired about who specially in the County.

Inspector General Huntsman stated, “the Board of Supervisor and County Counsel”.

Chair Kennedy moved to public comment.

Community member T. Carter spoke about cruel and unusual punishment in the County jail.

Community member Selena Coleman commented about the information presented on PREA and noted that Union Representatives are County employees and thanked everyone for their efforts.

Following public comment Chair Kennedy moved to the next item.

Motion: Commissioner Hans Johnson made a motion seconded by Commissioner Luis Garcia to adopt the staff report and recommendation on PREA with a response back to the Commission in November.

Chair Kennedy called on staff member Tracy Jordan to call the roll for a vote:

Chair Kennedy – Yes
Commissioner Cooper – Yes
Commissioner Garcia – Yes
Commissioner Giggans – Yes
Commissioner Johnson – Yes

**The motion passed 5 – 0. Absent/Excused: Vice Chair Jamon Hicks,
Commissioner Bonner and Commissioner Harris**

Chair Kennedy thanked everyone coming and tabled the remaining agenda items until the next Commission meeting.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kennedy announced the next Commission meeting will be held on May 16, 2024, at St. Anne’s Conference Center. The meeting adjourned at 1:10p.m.