



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE SHERIFF CIVILIAN
OVERSIGHT COMMISSION MEETING
ST. ANNE'S CONFERENCE CENTER
Thursday, May 16, 2024**



Attachment: [Audio / Video](#)

Commissioners Present:

Vice Chair, Jamon Hicks
James Harris
Robert Bonner
Irma Hagans Cooper
Luis S. Garcia
Hans Johnson

Commissioners Absent:

Chair, Sean Kennedy
Patricia Giggans

Staff Present:

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

I. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Vice Chair, Jamon Hicks called the Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission (Commission) meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. He provided an overview of the items on the meeting agenda and briefly discussed the Commission's code of conduct.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT RULES: Commission staff member, Tracy Jordan, 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 Robert Bonner moved for approval of the April 18, 2024, meeting minutes and the 2023 Commission Annual Report, the consent calendar. Commissioner Hans Johnson 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:

There were no submissions for Family Impact Remarks.

VI. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no non-agenda public comments at this time.

VII. COMMISSION/AGENCY REPORTS

1. Chair's Report

(6:19) Commissioner Bonner reported that the Deputy Gangs ad hoc committee recommends reissuing a subpoena to 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. The Special Hearing will likely take place at Loyola Law School. Commissioner Bonner also added that the Ad Hoc has agreed to recommend that there be a Special Hearing to further investigate the existence of the deputy subgroup called the Industry Indians, operating out of Industry Station. Commissioner Bonner noted that the Deputy Gang Ad Hoc has requested from the Sheriff's Department an investigative report into the Industry Indians to which the Sheriff responded that he cannot cooperate with the Ad Hoc's request as he believes he is prohibited from doing so by the Penal Code (832.7) and other authorities. Therefore, it remains unknown whether the Sheriff conducted a detailed investigation into the existence of the Industry Indians, outside of the investigation into a confrontation between the Industry Indians and young people at a local bowling alley. As a result, without the cooperation of the Sheriff, the Commission has no choice but to investigate, on its own, the existence of the Industry Indians.

No members of the community provided comment on this item.

2. Executive Director's Report

A. Community Engagement Efforts

(12:43) Ms. Moseley reported that Commission staff continue to attend community events, including CAC meetings, a recent Los Angeles County's Department of Parks and Recreation "Parks After Dark" event, Florence / Firestone Community Action for Peace, visiting Men's Central Jail, and attending the Sybil Brand monthly meeting, the Human Relations Commission monthly meeting and the Symposium on Ending Street Takeovers.

Office Space – The Commission is slated to permanently move to the Vermont Corridor in 2027, but the County is seeing if the Commission can stay in its current space until then.

Meetings – COC and POC are still in the planning stages of a joint meeting, which will now take place on June 27th and will focus on the SRD complaint process. Lastly, the Commission will be attending the NACOLE conference in October 2024, in Tucson Arizona, to present on the issue of deputy gangs.

There was no public comment following Ms. Moseley's presentation.

3. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

(22:13) Sheriff Robert Luna was unable to attend this meeting as he was in Washington, D.C., attending a ceremony for a fallen deputy. Sergio Aloma, Assistant Sheriff for Custody Operations in LASD, attended the meeting on behalf of the Sheriff. Assistant Sheriff Aloma reported on:

- a recent graduation of deputy sheriffs where almost 40 deputies graduated. There are currently three deputy training classes occurring at this time with approximately 140 cadets across those three classes.
- Gun Buy-Back Event in Partnership with Supervisor Hahn's office on April 20th in Century Station area – yielded 86 guns and 24 gun parts surrendered and community members who surrendered these guns received gift card;
- April 23rd – Sheriff Luna and Century Station hosted a continental breakfast and conversation with the Willowbrook United Community Groups;
- May 8 – Sheriff Luna and the Office of Constitutional Policing met with faith-based leaders in the Antelope Valley to discuss opportunities for community engagement efforts there;
- US Department of Justice Community Relations Services continues to hold conversations in the community regarding Department subgroups and other areas of community concern. Further conversations will be held at South Los Angeles Station on June 12 and East Los Angeles Station on July 24th, Century Station on August 14th, and Compton Station, TBD, all taking place from 5pm to 7:30pm

Following Assistant Sheriff Aloma's presentation, Vice Chair Hicks moved to Commission questions. There were none.

Vice Chair Hicks then turned it over to Tracy Jordan to see if there were any public comments.

Ms. Jordan stated that there was one public comment from Raquel Derfler from Cancel the Contract Antelope Valley.

(25:30) Ms. Derfler commented on a photo that was shared with her of a shirt and mug being sold out of Lancaster Station depicting a skeletal cowboy, which is the exact same image used for the Cowboys, which is believed to be a deputy subgroup operating out of Lancaster Station. She also spoke on behalf of Cindy Nunez, the sister of Francisco Nunez, who was found deceased in an alley in Lancaster. It is alleged that his death is the result of foul play by Sheriff deputies in Lancaster. The Nunez family also allege that deputies in Lancaster have been harassing their family.

Office of the Inspector General (OIG) Report

(29:00) Inspector General Huntsman reported on LASD's failure to comply with the U.S. Constitution's requirement to provide Brady information related to Deputy gangs. He also spoke about impediments imposed by the Sheriff and the courts to OIG investigations of illegal deputy subgroups. IG Huntsman also reported that he requested a meeting with Sheriff Luna and the head of Internal Affairs at LASD hoping to talk through the Sheriff's plan for investigating deputy gangs and subgroups in the department. The Sheriff reportedly declined IG Huntsman's request to meet. The OIG is also monitoring the Sheriff's involvement in the recent student protests on UCLA's campus in terms of assisting in crowd control and arrests.

(35:20) Commissioner Bonner requested that Sharmaine Moseley shares with the OIG Undersheriff Tardy's letter to the COC outlining what the LASD believes to be the legal authorities prohibiting the Sheriff from sharing certain kinds of information with the Commission.

(36:17) Commissioner Johnson asked IG Huntsman whether the OIG found that LASD's response to the student protests on campus was proportionate.

(36:46) IG Huntsman responded that LASD was called in to the UCLA campus protests via a mutual aid request from another law enforcement agency and did not take the lead. OIG Huntsman noted that he does not believe that LASD was involved in actually going in to clear encampments on UCLA's campus. The OIG did not hear any reports of LASD using violence in a way that people may have been concerned about.

(40:53) Commissioner Johnson followed up with a question to IG Huntsman regarding Measure R as it pertains to the powers conferred to the Commission via Measure R and whether the Sheriff is resistant to those powers.

(41:38) IG Huntsman responded that he previously testified to his belief that there is some stonewalling happening and that the board's request regarding the Industry Indians could have permitted some information to be provided to the Commission that wasn't confidential. He also reiterated that he believes the Sheriff could have agreed to the meeting that IG Huntsman requested between he, the Sheriff and the head of IA. He did note, however, that elements of Measure R, including the Commission's subpoena power, will be subject to litigation. Given the current and likely impending litigation and the Sheriff's "stonewalling," IG Huntsman believes that compliance with Measure R will be a long and slow process.

(44:20) Commissioner Harris asked IG Huntsman if the Sheriff indicated to IG Huntsman why he declined to meet with him and the leader of IA. According to IG Huntsman, the Sheriff did not indicate why he chose not to meet with him. IG Huntsman clarified his statement and reported that the Sheriff did not say that he wouldn't meet with him completely. The Sheriff declined to meet IG Huntsman with "IA in the room." IG Huntsman expressed some frustration that when he has met with the Sheriff and shared

factual information for the Sheriff to look into, it appears that the Sheriff is not fully appreciating the importance of these facts and is electing not to investigate further.

(46:19) Commissioner Harris followed up with another question to IG Huntsman asking about two out of the four people involved in the Montclair PD incident were terminated without any investigation delving into whether the two individuals were involved in deputy gangs. IG Huntsman responded that for the two people terminated, the Industry Indians were a “motivation.” The OIG has written a report on this matter. IG Huntsman believes that a sufficient investigation into the Industry Indians was not undertaken at that time.

(53:06) Commissioner Johnson followed up to IG Huntsman’s response to Commissioner Harris, requesting that some follow up is done to find out whether the terminated deputies IG Huntsman referenced are being placed on the do not hire registry so that there is a “red flag” for possible hiring as it pertains to the two terminated deputies.

Following IG Huntsman’s response to Commissioner Johnson, Vice Chair Hicks invited the Chair and Vice Chair of the Sybil Brand Commission to present.

6. Sybil Brand Commission

(55:40) Chair of the Sybil Brand Commission (SBC), Ray Regalado noted that the SBC has been focused on highlighting issues that they repeatedly encounter during their visits to Sheriff-run carceral facilities in the County, one of which is the sanitary conditions of the facilities. They are consistently finding that jail and lock up facilities could be cleaner.

Chair Regalado also shared that the SBC has redistributed its report on Education Based Incarceration (EBI). Chair Regalado also noted that it takes some time for conditions in the facilities to be improved once the department is made aware of issues that need to be addressed / repaired.

(1:00:00) Following his comments, Chair Regalado turned over his presentation to the Vice Chair of the Sybil Brand Commission, Eric Miller. Vice Chair Miller reported on the visits that he and his SBC colleagues conducted at the North County correctional facilities and Men’s Central Jail. The main issue that Mr. Miller wanted to highlight from his North County Correctional Facility visit was the direct admission to administrative segregation. When he visited individuals held in a dorm for the purposes of determining whether they need to be held in single cell rooms for punishment, the only information provided on the form that tells you why they are there was the person’s name and booking number, not other key information such as when they would be released or the reason they were kept in that dorm. Consequently, SBC has requested North County’s Direct Admission to Administrative Segregation policy be shared with SBC for further review.

Mr. Miller then noted that what was more worrying was his recent visit to Men's Central Jail (MCJ). Mr. Miller and his SBC colleagues visited the 1750 floor of MCJ and found it really dark and dirty. It was also extremely humid and there was mold in the cells.

(1:04:47) Mr. Miller recounted visiting a cell where he and his colleague spotted a noose in the cell. A deputy had just performed a safety check on that cell. The incarcerated person discussed with Mr. Miller's colleague committing suicide. Mr. Miller went to the nearest office where he notified eight deputies he just observed and Mr. Miller reported that they just shrugged their shoulders and said they would get to it (dealing with the issue of the noose in the room). The deputy who was doing his rounds ultimately did return to remove the noose.

(1:06:32) Mr. Miller reported that when he returned to the office where the eight deputies were, it was "clear" that they were watching sexually explicit content.

(1:11:54) Following the conclusion of the SBC presentation, Vice Chair Hicks turned to the COC Commissioners for questions.

Commissioner Harris asked Vice Chair Miller whether he intended to compile these jail visit findings in a report and share with the Sheriff's custody management so that immediate action could be taken. Mr. Miller responded that a report will be forthcoming by the next meeting.

(1:14:32) Commissioner Johnson asked Mr. Miller whether his last visit was the first time he had observed deputies watching "porn" on the clock, to which Mr. Miller responded yes.

(1:17:32) Commissioner Johnson requested a response from the Sheriff himself about the prevalence of deputies watching porn while on the clock and neglecting the duties that threaten the lives of incarcerated people.

(1:24:06) Commissioner Bonner asked Vice Chair Miller if he believed whether there was a lack of discipline or too lenient discipline for deputies who violate Department policy with respect to head strikes on incarcerated people, to which Mr. Miller responded that SBC hasn't heard anything about head strikes.

(1:25:16) Commissioner Cooper asked Mr. Regalado about the issue of extreme water temperature in the jail.

(1:29:14) Commissioner Garcia reflected on his time incarcerated in 1750 and noted that nothing much has changed in the jails since and asked what could be done from an oversight perspective to change the harmful conditions articulated in the SBC's presentation on 1750.

Following the conclusion of Commissioner Garcia's comments, Vice Chair Hicks turned to Commissioner Cooper to report on the Budget Ad Hoc.

7. Ad Hoc Reports

[\(1:34:26\)](#) **Budget Ad Hoc:** Commissioner Cooper reported that the commission recommended that the LSD budget for FY 24 / 25 be sent to the CEO and the Commission received a response from the CEO in April and that letter is part of the agenda.

[\(1:35:04\)](#) **Discipline Ad Hoc:** Commissioner Bonner reported that the ad hoc is still in its fact gathering stage and their goal is to learn how LASD discipline works or doesn't and to achieve the key purposes of a law enforcement discipline system that is to say to be effective, expeditious and fair. Commissioner Bonner also reported that the ad hoc met with staff from the ACLU of Southern California to learn more about issues of discipline or lack thereof with respect to misconduct in the jails, particularly head strikes. Finally, Commissioner Bonner reported that the Ad Hoc would meet with representatives from the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) to learn about best practices regarding discipline related to law enforcement entities.

[\(1:37:25\)](#) **Quality of Life Ad Hoc:** Commissioner Garcia reported that the Ad Hoc received additional information from Psychological Services Bureau that the Ad Hoc requested to better understand the PSB's role in promoting Deputy Wellness.

[\(1:40:08\)](#) **Governance Ad Hoc:** Vice Chair Hicks reported that the Governance Ad Hoc recently had its first meeting and is in the process of reviewing its bylaws and the ordinance that created the Commission.

Public Comment

[\(1:40:16\)](#) Vice Chair Hicks turned it over to Tracy Jordan for Public Comment. Tracy reported that there were five public comments on this item, three in-person and two online.

1. Ms. Vanessa Perez commented that LASD's response to the Mother's Day event that was held on Saturday and Sunday at MCJ was rude because 30 to 40 officers allegedly showed up to tell mothers to leave.
2. Ms. Paula Yannis provided comment regarding her experience with deputy gangs.
3. Ms. Michelle Infante from Dignity and Power Now provided comment on her frustration hearing about the conditions incarcerated people are facing inside the jails, particularly MCJ.
4. Ms. Julie Martinez commented on her frustration with hearing about Mr. Miller's report on deputies watching explicit content while on the job.
5. Ambrose Brooks from Dignity and Power Now and the Justice LA Coalition expressed frustration at LASD's show of force at the Mother's Day Celebration outside of MCJ, the amount of overtime, in dollars, that deputies accrue and the buses that LASD used to transport student protestors to jail, especially in light of the Sheriff reporting that the shortage of buses has contributed to people missing their court dates.

[\(1:55:21\)](#) Vice Chair Hicks called for a 15 minute break.

[\(2:19:18\)](#) Vice Chair Hicks resumed the meeting following the break.

VIII. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Vice Chair Hicks introduced Michelle Infante from Dignity and Power Now to make a presentation titled, "***The Inaccuracy of Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Report Writing.***" Using video and documentary evidence from the use of force incident involving Joseph Perez and Sheriff deputies from Industry Station as an example. Ms. Infante argued that Sheriff deputies do not consistently and correctly document use of force incidents when writing their incident reports, therefore negatively impacting investigations, trials and the community. Ms. Infante also argued that when supervisors within LASD make recommendations for additional use of force training for deputies, watch commanders still ignore these recommendations.

[\(2:30:10\)](#) At the conclusion of her presentation, Ms. Infante recommended that LASD publicly appear before the Commission to present on its use of force report writing procedures, policies, their impact on community safety and provide the Commission with the version of LASD's use of force policy that was in effect in June 2020.

[\(2:31:00\)](#) Vice Chair Hicks opened the floor to Commissioner questions.

[\(2:31:10\)](#) Commissioner Harris asked Ms. Infante to provide to the Commission the use of force document she referenced in her presentation.

[\(2:32:40\)](#) In support of Ms. Infante's request, Vice Chair Hicks asked if any Commissioner would support a motion requesting LASD subject matter experts and the OIG to appear before the Commission to provide a presentation on LASD's report writing procedures, policies and any additional information regarding this subject. Commissioner Harris agreed to offer the motion. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion.

[\(2:33:10\)](#) Before calling for a vote on the motion, Vice Chair Hicks turned to public comment. There were two public comments:

[\(2:33:12\)](#) Community member Trudy Goodwin spoke about what she believes to be a lack of monitoring of use of force incidents that take place during arrest and the conditions that people experience while incarcerated.

[\(2:37:10\)](#) Community member Sahara White from Dignity and Power Now spoke about her perception of LASD's non-response to family members of those who experience excessive use of force at the hands of LASD or die in custody of LASD.

[\(2:40:19\)](#) Community member Raquel Derfler from Cancel the Contract, Antelope Valley, commented that the presentation put on by Ms. Infante and Ms. Perez was retraumatizing for them and noted being disappointed that the Commissioners did not have any substantive questions following the presentation. Ms. Derfler also commented

that one of the deputies involved in the use of force incident against Joseph Perez subsequently served as a School Resource Deputy at his sister's school.

(2:43:42) Community member Julie Martinez commented on her concerns about how LASD may negatively treat members of the community.

(2:46:43) Community member Carlos Montes, from the Centro CSO Community Service Organization expressed solidarity with the community members and families who offered their public comments today.

(2:49:58) Following the conclusion of public comment on this item, Vice Chair Hicks called for a vote on the motion put forth by Commissioner Harris and seconded by Commissioner Johnson requesting LASD subject matter experts and the OIG appear before the Commission to provide a presentation on LASD's report writing procedures and policies and any additional information regarding this subject.

Vote on the Motion:

Vice Chair Hicks - Yes

Commissioner Irma Hagans Cooper - Yes

Commissioner Luis Garcia - Yes

Commissioner James P. Harris – Yes

Commissioner Hans Johnson – Yes

The motion passed 5 – 0. Absent/Excused: Chair Sean Kennedy, Commissioner Robert Bonner and Commissioner Patricia Giggans.

Presentation on New Laws impacting LASD public safety services, including Assembly Bill 2773 and Senate Bill 400

(2:51:01) Vice Chair Hicks introduced Sergeant Hile from LASD's Field Operations Support Services to present on behalf of the Sheriff on new laws impacting LASD. During her presentation, Sergeant Hile noted that LASD publishes annually on its website a newsletter highlighting new state legislation that impacts the department. She also shared a diagram of how state legislation gets implemented in LASD.

(2:54:58) Sergeant Hile presented on the following legislation (the bill summaries below were taken from the LASD Power Point presentation):

- **Assembly Bill 2773:** This bill requires that during a traffic or pedestrian stop before engaging in any type of questioning, a peace officer is to state the reason for the stop, unless there is a reason that they are unable to do so;
- **Assembly Bill 2644:** This bill prohibits law enforcement officers from using threats of physical harm, deception or psychologically manipulative interrogation tactics during a custodial interrogation of a person 17 years old or younger.
- **Assembly Bill 946:** This bill authorizes an agency to activate the Endangered Missing Advisory (EMA) regarding the investigation of a person who is developmentally disabled, cognitively impaired, has been abducted, unable to care for themselves, placing their physical safety at risk;
- **Assembly Bill 673:** This bill authorizes a law enforcement agency to request the Department of the California Highway Patrol to activate an "Ebony Alert" with respect to Black youth (B/T 12-25 yrs), including young women and girls, who

- were reported missing under unexplained or suspicious circumstances, at risk, developmentally disabled, cognitively impaired or have been abducted;
- **Senate Bill 376:** This bill authorizes a law enforcement officer or prosecutor to exclude a support person but not the human trafficking advocate, if they believe that the support person's presence would be detrimental to the process. It also requires the attending law enforcement authority or prosecutor to notify a victim of human trafficking or abuse, of their right to have a human trafficking advocate and support person for their choosing present at the interview;
 - **Senate Bill 43:** This bill expands the definition of "gravely disabled" to also include a condition in which a person, as a result of severe substance use disorder, or a co-occurring mental health disorder and a severe substance use disorder, is, in addition to the basic personal needs described above, unable to provide for their personal safety or necessary medical care, as defined. It also expands the definition to include the inability for a person to provide for their personal safety or necessary medical care as a result of chronic alcoholism;
 - **Assembly Bill 818:** This bill allows for gun confiscation after service of temporary orders issued after a hearing. It authorizes orders to be served by law enforcement free of charge for the petitioner. It also requires law enforcement to take temporary custody of any firearm in plain sight or discovered pursuant to a consensual or otherwise lawful search for the protection of persons at the scene of a domestic violence incident involving a threat of physical assault, serving a protective order, or serving a gun violence restraining order;
 - **Senate Bill 290:** This bill allows domestic violent victims access to evidence collected during an investigation, including photos of victim's injuries, property damage, or any other photographs that are noted in the incident report, and 911 recordings, if any;
 - **Assembly Bill 994:** This bill requires a police department or Sheriff's office, upon posting a booking photo on social media, to use the name and pronouns given by the individual arrested;
 - **Assembly Bill 391:** This bill requires an agency receiving a report from a non-mandated reporter to ask the reporter to provide specified information, including their name, telephone number, and the information that gave rise to the knowledge or reasonable suspicion of child abuse or neglect;
 - **Senate Bill 519:** relates to investigations conducted by a local detention facility into a death incident and requires public inspection. This bill becomes operative July 1st 2024 and essentially creates a State commission to investigate these deaths.
 - **Assembly Bill 436:** Removes the regulation and authorization for a local authority to adopt rules and regulations related to cruising;
 - **Assembly Bill 925:** This bill requires a peace officer or a regularly employed and salaried employee who is engaged in directing traffic or enforcing parking laws to verify, using available Department of Motor Vehicles records, that no current registration exists for a vehicle before removing the parked vehicle;
 - **Assembly Bill 256:** Between July 1, 2024 until January 1, 2030, a violation of the amended California Vehicle Codes is prohibited from serving as the sole basis of any enforcement action before the second month after the month of expiration of the vehicle's registration;

- **Senate Bill 602;** This bill authorizes a single request for assistance to be made and submitted electronically, in a notarized form provided by the law enforcement agency, to a peace officer;
- **Assembly Bill 360;** This bill prohibits a peace officer from using the term, “excited delirium” to describe an individual in an incident report but would not prohibit the peace officer from describing an individual’s behavior.

(3:13:43) Following the LASD presentation on new bills, Vice Chair Hicks opened up the floor for Commissioner questions on the presentation on new legislation.

(3:13:50) Commissioner Cooper asked if the Ebony Alert system was yet up and running. Sergeant Hile responded that the Ebony Alert System is up and running.

(3:14:16) Commissioner Cooper asked regarding SB 519 whether the public will “truly” receive reports in light of the Commission’s difficulty in getting reports from LASD. Sergeant Hile did not answer and deferred to custody operations to respond. She suggested that the Commission request that a subject matter expert speak before the Commission on any guidelines Custody Operations has developed to implement SB 519.

(3:15:19) Commissioner Johnson noted that he found the language in the summary for AB 2773 confusing and vague and does not articulate the potential for misuse and deception. Commissioner Johnson urged LASD to clarify the language for any future presentation on this issue.

(3:17:10) Commissioner Johnson added a comment about AB 818 noting the positive impact of the bill in preventing harm and weapons used against deputies and against law enforcement and to encourage future and further efforts by the department, including departmental brass, to advocate for gun safety because there is a missing voice in advocacy for prevention of harm and needless slaughter from gun violence by law enforcement professionals.

(3:18:14) Vice Chair Hicks asked Sergeant Hile whether she was familiar with SB 400 to which she responded that she believes that LASD had already provided its response about SB 400 to a request about the measure.

(3:19:19) Following Sergeant Hile’s response, Vice Chair Hicks turned to Commission staff member Tracy Jordan for public comment. There was no public comment on this presentation.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None

X. NEW BUSINESS

Creation of a new standing policy committee

(3:19:42) Vice Chair Hicks opened a discussion about the potential creation of a new standing Policy Committee of the Commission that will review, research, analyze and

recommend policy and procedural matters within LASD, as well as conduct public meetings.

(3:20:35) Commissioner Cooper asked a clarifying question about which ad hoc committees the standing policy committee would replace.

(3:20:43) Executive Director Sharmaine Moseley responded that the Commission currently has so many ad hoc committees, some of which have never been dissolved. Moreover, some of the topics being considered by the ad hocs are ongoing areas of interest.

(3:21:45) Commissioner Johnson asked Ms. Moseley if she had recommendations for which ad hocs should be subsumed under the standing policy committee, to which she responded not at the moment as Commission staff are still in the process of compiling a list of ad hocs that have been constituted under the Commission.

(3:23:14) Commissioner Johnson suggested that the motion to create a new standing policy committee be tabled for further conversation.

Creation of a new nominating ad hoc committee

(3:23:35) Vice Chair Hicks started discussion on the creation of a new nominating ad hoc committee, the purpose of which is to start the process for electing new officers on the Commission. The committee will be responsible for coming up with the slate of nominees for Commission officer positions that will be presented to the Commission at its June meeting.

(3:26:38) Commissioner Cooper moved to establish the Nominating Ad Hoc Committee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Johnson.

There was no public comment on this item.

(3:27:01) Vice Chair Hicks called for a vote on the motion to establish a Nominating Ad Hoc Committee

Vote on the Motion:

Vice Chair Hicks - Yes

Commissioner Irma Hagans Cooper - Yes

Commissioner Luis S. Garcia - Yes

Commissioner James P. Harris – Yes

Commissioner Hans Johnson – Yes

The motion passed 5 – 0. Absent/Excused: Chair Sean Kennedy, Commissioner Robert Bonner and Commissioner Patricia Giggans.

(3:28:19) Vice Chair Hicks called for volunteers to constitute the newly formed Nominations Ad Hoc Committee. Commissioners Cooper, Garcia and Harris volunteered to serve on that committee.

XI. STATUS ON COMMISSION REQUESTS TO LASD

(3:29:20) Vice Chair Hicks noted that the Discipline Ad Hoc Committee requested from LASD materials related to the disciplinary process within LASD. The request has been partially fulfilled and information was forwarded to the Discipline Ad Hoc.

(3:29:38) The Commission did receive from LASD the first quarter report on street takeovers.

(3:29:55) Vice Chair Hicks called for public comment.

(3:30:28) Community member Ron Dowell from the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice commented that the City of Compton, according to Mr. Dowell, had not endorsed the work of the Commission to ensure that LASD enforce policies prohibiting deputy gangs. He then went on to note he has requested and been denied access to the settlements regarding the deaths of numerous people at the hands of LASD.

XII. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

(3:33:10) Vice Chair Hicks turned to non-agenda public comment for which there were three in-person comments and one virtual comment.

(3:33:31) Community Member Raquel Derfler provided comment on behalf of Cindy Nunez, expressing that she didn't believe that the Homicide Bureau was helpful to her in answering questions regarding the death of her brother, Francisco Nunez. Ms. Derfler then questioned the Medical Examiner's conclusion that Francisco Nunez died from a drug overdose.

(3:37:00) Community Member Isaac Ashbury commented that he has requested from Sheriff Luna the number of people killed in the last twenty years as a result of "Operation Safe Street." He also noted that he has a list of suspected deputy gang members, one of whom has been allegedly involved in six fatal shootings and was recently promoted. Mr. Ashbury volunteered to share his list of suspected deputy gang members with the Commission.

(3:40:42) Community Member Stephanie Luna commented on what she believes to be the lack of accountability for deputies who violate various LASD policies and laws.

(3:42:58) Andres Kwon from the ACLU provided online public comment urging the Commission to look into LASD practices at the Mother's Day event at Men's Central Jail, adopt policy recommendations for LASD to meaningfully prohibit deputies from harassing families.

(3:46:19) Community Member Julie Martinez urged the Commission to look into the death of Francisco Nunez and added that she is baffled by LASD not having a stronger voice in the conversation around the proliferation of guns.

(3:49:11) Community Member Carlos Montes commented on what he observed at the Men's Central Jail about how LASD interacted with and responded to those who attended the event.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Hicks announced the next Commission meeting will be held on June 20, 2024, at St. Anne's Conference Center. The meeting adjourned at 1:07p.m.