



**SHERIFF CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION
BUSINESS MEETING
ST. ANNE'S CONFERENCE CENTER
Thursday, November 21, 2024**



MEETING MINUTES

Attachment: [Video](#)

Commissioners Present:

Robert Bonner
Vice Chair Luis Garcia
Vice Chair, Hans Johnson
Arthur Calloway **arrived late**
Irma Hagans Cooper
Patricia Giggans
James Harris

Commissioners Absent:

Jamon Hicks
Sean Kennedy

Staff Present:

Sharmaine Moseley, Executive Director
Bikila Ochoa, Deputy Executive Officer
Tracy Jordan, Principal Staff Analyst
Starlet Atkins, Management Secretary
Daniel Delgadillo, Sr. Staff Analyst
Nune Petrosyan, Management Analyst
Robert Flores, CS Coordinator
Janssen Diaz, Sr. Deputy County Counsel

I. CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME:

Chair Robert Bonner called the Los Angeles Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission (Commission) meeting to order at 9:12 a.m. He provided an overview of the items on the meeting agenda, and briefly discussed the Commission's code of conduct and the purpose of the Commission.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT RULES: Commission staff member Tracy Jordan explained how the community can provide public comment on an item on the agenda during the meeting. Chair Bonner advised that public comment would be reduced to 2 minutes per public comment.

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. Chair Bonner proposed one amendment to page four to include "allegedly" to Mr. Harlan's statement in the October meeting minutes and called for a motion on the consent calendar.

1. Commissioner James Harris moved for the Commission to approve the consent calendar. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Irma Cooper and unanimously carried by the following voice vote: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstentions 0

Ayes: 6 – Chair Robert Bonner, Vice Chair Luis Garcia, Vice Chair Hans Johnson, Commissioner Irma Cooper, Commissioner Patti Giggans, Commissioner James Harris

Nays: 0 –

Absent: 3 – Commissioner Arthur Calloway Commissioner Jamon Hicks and Commissioner Sean Kennedy

The vote passed Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstentions 0.

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

V. FAMILY IMPACT REMARKS:

(6:56) Gina Youngblood spoke about her brother Eugene Wesley Youngblood who lost his life on June 5, 2024, while in LASD custody. Ms. Youngblood shared information surrounding the death of her brother, expressed concern about his injuries and noted that her family made a request to LASD for the camera footage from his arrest. Ms. Youngblood added that her family has not yet been provided with an autopsy report. Ms. Youngblood requested an investigation be conducted surrounding the death of Eugene Wesley Youngblood.

(10:01) Cindy Nunez, brother of Francisco Nunez shared comments about her brother's death and LASD's failure to address her complaints over an eight-month period. She reported receiving a 10-day contact notice letter from LASD dated October 21, 2024, and stated that she did not receive the letter until November 3, 2024, which was past the 10-day deadline stated in the letter. Ms. Nunez also shared concerns about what she believes to be misleading information in the coroner's report related her brother's cause of death, the trauma to his body that she alleged was omitted from the coroner's autopsy report and the alleged ongoing retaliation by LASD against her family.

(19:08) Chair Bonner advised that the Commission does not have access to information related to the Francisco Nunez case and made a motion seconded by Commissioner Patti Giggans requesting the Office of Inspector General (OIG) to review the investigative report and video related to the Nunez case in accordance with State law and report back to the Commission.

(20:38) Assistant IG Dara Williams advised that the OIG is aware of the Nunez case and that some inquiries have been made related to the case. She advised that her office will be happy to review the case in its entirety and noted that OIG does not have access to review open investigation cases.

Chair Bonner called for a voice vote on his motion requesting the OIG review the investigative report and video, which was carried unanimously by the following: Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstentions 0

Ayes: 6 – Chair Robert Bonner, Vice Chair Luis Garcia, Vice Chair Hans Johnson, Commissioner Irma Cooper, Commissioner Patti Giggans, Commissioner James Harris

Nays: 0 –

Absent: 3 – Commissioner Arthur Calloway Commissioner Jamon Hicks and Commissioner Sean Kennedy

The vote passed Ayes 6, Nays 0, Abstentions 0.

(22:03) Vice Chair Johnson thanked the Youngblood and Nunez families for sharing their comments about the death of their loved ones. Vice Chair Johnson reported that Assistant Sheriff Tokar agreed to provide follow up information to the Youngblood family at the last COC meeting and that additional follow up should be made regarding the complaint made today by Ms. Nunez regarding the letter she received from LASD after the deadline date stated in said letter. Vice Chair Johnson also requested follow up on LASD's complaint process.

(24:17) Commissioner Calloway inquired about the OIG complaint process and where is it located on the OIG website.

(24:29) Chair Bonner advised that the OIG would provide that information during their briefing and moved to item VI.

VI. COMMISSION/LASD REPORTS:

1. Chair's Report

(24:48) Chair Bonner updated the Commission on revisions to Chapter 3.79 of the County Code and on the status of the Commission's proposed revisions to 3/79.035, Access to Information. Chair Bonner provided a brief overview of the Commission's approved recommendations to Chapter 3.79 to the Board of Supervisor (BOS) at the September 19, 2024, Commission meeting. Chair Bonner noted that chapter 3.79 was amended by Measure R which gives the Commission independent authority to investigate all matters pertaining to oversight of LASD, in addition to recommending improvements to LASD policies and procedures. Chair Bonner reported that the proposed recommendations were forwarded to Edward Yen, Executive Officer (EO) of the BOS, on September 20, 2024, for review and approval to then forward to County Counsel (CoCo) for legal review. County Counsel is to then draft a letter to the BOS for consideration and, hopefully, approval of the Commission's proposed revisions. Chair Bonner and Commission Executive Officer (EO) Sharmaine Moseley learned that the Commission's proposed revisions were held at the EO level and not forwarded to CoCo until November 15, 2024. Chair Bonner advised that an update will be provided at the December Commission meeting. Chair Bonner advised that due to Sheriff Luna's schedule, the remainder of the Chair's report will be delayed and moved to item 3.

(52:28) Chair Bonner provided an overview of the ordinance and advised that multiple requests have been made to LASD by the Commission to review information on specific cases and that LASD has denied each request at the advice of CoCo. In closing, Chair Bonner expressed the importance of Commissioners having access to confidential information to provide effective oversight and that he is hopeful that the proposed revisions will be approved the BOS.

(59:35) Commissioner Calloway requested complaint denials and confidential request denials be discussed when Sheriff Luna is present.

(59:51) Sheriff Bonner had to leave the meeting due to a prior engagement. Assistant Sheriff Paula Tokar sat in for the Sheriff.

(100:19) Assistant Sheriff Paula Tokar acknowledged her presence.

(100:27) Chair Bonner called for Commissioner questions and comments.

(100:44) Vice Chair Johnson inquired about cases that fall under SB1421 and SB16 that are being denied.

(101:24) Chair Bonner advised that both of those provisions fall under the Public Records Act (PRA) and that the COC does not make PRA requests to LASD. However, he said information that is exempt under PRA should be provided to the Commission. Chair Bonner noted that Undersheriff April Tardy advised that CoCo has not approved confidential information to be released and that a clear opinion has not been provided by CoCo. Chair Bonner reiterated how important it is for the BOS to approve the Commission's proposed revisions to Chapter 3.79.035 of the County code.

(104:28) Commissioner Cooper commented and requested an update from CoCo on the issue.

(104:47) Janssen Diaz, Sr. Deputy County Counsel, advised that County Counsel is reviewing the the proposed amendments.

(105:12) Commissioner Harris recommended modifications be made to the Ralph M. Brown Act and suggested staff research that possibility.

(106:21) Chair Bonner advised that the Brown Act does not need to be amended and that the language in the Commission's current ordinance which reads that the Commission is "not authorized to conduct closed sessions" should be stricken because it's an incorrect statement of the Brown Act.

(108:41) Vice Chair Johnson commented about the Brown Act and advised that now is not a good time to revise the Brown Act.

2. Executive Director's Report

(109:43) Executive Director (ED) Sharmaine Moseley commented on Senate Bill 1421 release of information and noted that the COC should not have to submit a PRA to receive information and that the information should automatically be released to the public. ED Moseley provided a brief update on Commission and staff activities, as well as improvements to internal operations, staffing and upcoming events. ED Moseley reported that the Communications Manager will start on December 2, 2024. She acknowledged Community Services Coordinator Robert Flores and advised that he has developed a six-month community engagement plan. ED Moseley announced the departure of Sr. Staff Analyst Daniel Delgadillo, who will be transferring to another department. ED Moseley thanked Mr. Delgadillo for his commitment to the Commission. Ms. Moseley requested staff member Robert Flores to provide an update on community engagement.

(112:58) Staff member Robert Flores provided a brief update on his activities and advised that he would be sharing his strategic plan with the Commission once he receives approval to do so.

(114:01) ED Moseley continued her report and advised that the Commission will be hosting town halls and listening sessions in 2025 in each supervisorial district and throughout Los Angeles County. ED Moseley advised that Commission staff submitted to the CEO a proposed Commission budget for the next fiscal year, which included a request for an increase in the number of Commission staff, , a budget line item for legal services, security, and an increase in funding for training and travel. ED Moseley discussed the joint meeting with the Sybil Brand Commission to learn more about LASD's custody and inmate grievance process and highlighted the COC's 4th Annual Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement Conference.

(117:47) Chair Bonner commended the ED and staff for coordinating an excellent and well-organized conference suggested and suggested that the Commission continue hosting annual conferences towards the end of each year.

(118:33) Vice Chair Johnson also praised Commission staff for well-planned conference and shared feedback received from stakeholders that included changing the start time of the Commission meetings to after working hours and or on the weekends to make it more accessible for working individuals.

(120:05) Commissioner Calloway commented that the issues and problems discussed during the conference were present across the nation, and not just in Los Angeles County (LAC), underscoring the need for more work to be done.

(120:43) Chair Bonner inquired if ED Moseley plans to update the Commission on use of the BOS hearing room to hold future COC meetings.

(120:52) ED Moseley thanked the Commissioners for the feedback and updated the Commission on internal operations that included the Commission's complaint process, COC annual report, Commissioner training curriculum, and the day-to-day operations manual. ED Moseley reported on the Commission's request to use the BOS Hearing Room and advised that the request was denied due to a capacity issue. She noted that the Executive Office (EO) is searching for an alternative meeting space to accommodate the Commission. In closing, ED Moseley updated the Commission on the National Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement Conference (NACOLE) and highlighted various informative conference sessions.

(127:38) Chair Bonner reiterated the need for the Commission to have a permanent home and suggested hosting special hearings and town halls in the evening. Chair Bonner reminded the Commission about a letter that was submitted on October 30, 2024, noting the approved Commission motion to hold COC meetings in the Board Hearing room and that the letter be distributed to all the Commissioners for information purposes. Chair Bonner shared multiple reasons why the Board Hearing room should be made available to the Commission that included availability, space, no cost, and ample security. Chair Bonner advised that a stronger explanation is warranted from the Executive Officer (EO) as to why the Commission's request was denied.

(133:33) ED Moseley advised that she was not privy to the EO's analysis and that she will request that information and schedule a meeting between Chair Bonner and the Executive Officer.

(134:15) Vice Chair Johnson advised that he would reach out to his friends and colleagues for assistance and that he will update Chair Bonner and ED Moseley.

Chair Bonner called for a 15-minute break at 10:50 a.m.

Chair Bonner called the meeting back to order at 11:10 a.m.

3. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

(30:17) Sheriff Luna stated that the Francisco Nunez case is an active death investigation, rather than an active criminal investigation, and that OIG has access to all information related to the case. Sheriff Luna reported on LASD activities covering the last 30-45 days and reported that there were no significant issues related to voting on election day. He added that people had access to polling locations and that LASD assisted the Los Angeles County Register Recorders

Office in transporting ballots. Sheriff Luna reported some minor challenges related events celebrating the Dodgers World Series win and that LASD worked with LAPD and County partners to provide security during the celebratory parade. The Sheriff also commented on the Ventura fires and noted that LASD aided in that area as well. The Sheriff then provided an overview of what civil immigration entails and advised that the LASD will not release incarcerated people to U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) unless a letter from a Federal Judge is presented. Sheriff Luna reported that he does not anticipate any changes when the new President takes office and noted that LASD adheres to Senate Bill 54, which prohibits LASD from assisting ICE under most circumstances.

(37:02) Vice Chair Johnson inquired whether Sheriff Luna has considered soliciting other law enforcement agencies to work with the LASD to prohibit law enforcement mass raids designated by the Federal Government into the homes of Los Angeles residents and other facilities. Vice Chair Johnson added such requests will only succeed with the help of local law enforcement and he asked the Sheriff whether he will consider developing a policy similar to that of the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) committing to a preemptive authority.

(39:10) Sheriff Luna advised that he is working with former LASD and now current LAPD chief, Chief McDonald, regarding that issue and that he plans to meet with the new District Attorney and other County partners regarding the issue.

(40:15) Vice Chair Garcia commented about the LASD graduation ceremony for incarcerated people he attended on November 6, 2024, at Twin Towers. He announced that a second graduation ceremony for Mental Health Assistants will be held on December 11, 2024. Vice Chair Garcia noted that educational programs are positive attributes that create opportunities for incarcerated people and should be highlighted.

(43:24) Commissioner Giggans commented on the Immigration policy and encouraged Commissioners to educate themselves on the policy and to share the information with the community.

(44:30) Commissioner Calloway inquired about the LASD complaint process and how Sheriff Luna plans to improve it.

(45:11) Sheriff Luna responded to Commissioner Calloway's question acknowledging that there are some gaps in the complaint process. He advised that he is working to improve the process by taking the complaints made at the Commission meetings back to his office for follow up and that he will develop a system to report the complaint investigation findings back to the Commission.

(46:16) Chair Bonner commented on the LASD's stance on whether it will facilitate the federal government's immigration policy and expressed concern about those convicted of violent crimes being released into the community who could then become a public safety threat. He suggested that LASD look further into the issue.

(49:14) Vice Chair Johnson disagreed with Chair Bonner's comment.

(50:38) Commissioner Cooper agreed with Commission Bonner's comments and expressed concern with violent criminals being released into the community.

(51:21) Sheriff Luna reiterated his previous comment and advised that he is following SB54 which does not allow LASD to assist ICE, unless under limited circumstances.

(52:28) Following Commissioner questions and comments, Chair Bonner thanked Sheriff Luna for his presence and returned to item 1 of the Chair's report.

Public Comment

(159:15) Francisco Corona shared his experience with Sheriff's Department and noted that his wheelchair was taken from him while in custody, preventing him from accessing the telephone and from using the restroom. He advised that LASD Century Station is not ADA compliant.

(2:01:19) Vanessa Perez commented about her son Joseph Perez. She expressed frustration and disappointment with LASD and how they have failed the community.

(2:03:13) Shakila Garcia shared information about not receiving the video footage from LASD of her cousin's death within 45 days and expressed concern about LASD not following policy.

(2:04:29) Tramell Carter spoke about a complaint that he filed against LASD that was unresolved and added that the information was forwarded to the OIG, who, he believes, failed to act on his request.

(2:06:28) Peter Eliasberg, of the ACLU, expressed support for Chair Bonner's request for the Commission to have access to confidential information and the need to address head strikes.

(2:08:34) Lupe Hervias commented about her son who was released from the state hospital and is now incarcerated with mental health issues.

(2:10:25) Carlos Montes commented on the COC's conference and the need for Sheriff Luna to have the port Apache logo once again removed from the Sheriff station.

Following public comment, Chair Bonner moved to item VII.

VII. COMMISSION AD HOC COMMITTEES & AGENCY REPORTS/UPDATES

1. Ad Hoc Committee Updates/Commissioner Comments

A. Jail Staffing

(2:12:40) Chair Bonner provided an overview of the new Jail Staffing ad Hoc committee. Chair Bonner noted that the ad hoc will review current custody jail staffing policies and will make recommendations for the Sheriff to consider. Chair Bonner reiterated the Commission's recommendation that the provision in the current MOU between ALADS and Los Angeles County that the ratio of Sheriff's deputies to Custody Assistants stand at 65% to 35% be removed from the MOU currently being negotiated between ALADS and LA County. Chair Bonner noted that he sent a letter to Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Fesia Davenport requesting a meeting to discuss the matter further. CEO Davenport denied Chair Bonner's request.

B. 2:16:26 Commissioner Garcia updated the Commission on the Quality of Life Ad Hoc and reported that the ad hoc continues to collaborate with NACOLE on a webinar and that the review of Staff Wellness and Suicide Prevention within LASD is ongoing.

C. Commissioner Conditions of Confinement

(2:17:15) Commissioner Irma Cooper reported that the Ad Hoc Committee met on November 14, 2024, to discuss the status of the July 9, 2024, BOS motion related to inflated commissary prices in the Los Angeles County jails. She informed the Commission that LASD and OIG were directed by the Commission to provide an update on the status of removing the profit mark up and reducing the pricing at the January 2025 Commission meeting. Commissioner Cooper also reported on LASD in-custody deaths and advised that LASD and OIG are required to present on in-custody death overdoses to the Commission on a quarterly basis, and that the first presentation will also take place at the January 2025 Commission meeting. She reported that a joint meeting was scheduled with the COC and the Sybil Brand Commission (SBC) on September 26, 2024, and that the COC lacked a quorum, and therefore participated as a special guest at the SBC meeting.

D. (2:18:57) Vice Chair Johnson noted that during the SBC Education Training the COC recommended developing a policy that prohibits LASD deputies assigned to custody from watching non-work-related videos and internet content while on duty and that the Ad Hoc is currently working on a draft policy to be presented at the December Commission meeting on the issue.

(2:20:31) Commissioner Cooper updated the Commission on the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) and advised that a response was received from LASD regarding the PREA Compliance Act and that the Ad Hoc committee met on November 18, 2024, to review the Commission's draft report back to the BOS in response to BOS March 19, 2024 motion regarding the LASD's PREA compliance. The draft report was approved by the committee to be submitted and is pending finalization and distribution to the appropriate parties.

E. (2:23:00) Vice Chair Johnson updated the Commission on the Commission's Technology Ad Hoc Committee and reported that the Ad Hoc Committee will evaluate the MOU between the Lancaster Police Department and LASD to ensure compliance with LASD policies regarding the use of drones and Artificial Intelligence (AI).

F. (2:23:47) Chair Bonner briefly reported that the Use of Force (UOF) Ad Hoc submitted to the LASD a Request to Review (RTR) 15 Force Reports on head strikes by deputies against incarcerated people this year in which no discipline was imposed.

Following the ad hoc reports, Chair moved to Commissioner questions.

(2:24:36) Commissioner Cooper inquired about educational training on AI and requested the full Commission to be included in any future AI training conducted by the Technology Ad Hoc.

Chair Bonner then moved to the next item then moved to item 2.

2. Office of Inspector General (OIG) Update

(2:27:26) Assistant IG Dara Williams advised that OIG is prepared to report on commissary prices and in-custody deaths at the January 2025 COC meeting. Chief Deputy Williams reported that the OIG is developing a separate written report on commissary prices, based on comments made in the LASD report. She advised that the information on commissary prices and in-custody deaths will be included in the OIG regular quarterly report. Ms. Williams recommended that the Assistant Inspector General over custody attend the COC the monthly COC meetings to answer questions and to provide a monthly update on Conditions of Confinement.

(2:28:48) Chair Bonner recommended instead that the OIG report to the Conditions of Confinement ad hoc committee, which will then update the COC on matters of importance.

(2:29:41) Ms. Williams continued the OIG's report on fixed cameras and highlighted OIG's recommendation for real time monitoring of cameras. She noted that technology is available to assist with real-time monitoring efforts and is consistent with what LASD notes as one of the primary objectives of having the closed-circuit TV cameras. Chief Deputy Williams provided information on the benefits of real-time monitoring and noted that it would ensure that Title 15 checks are consistent with Title 15 requirements. Ms. Williams reported gaps in the policy and noted that the OIG made recommendations to help close those gaps. She went on to report that West Hollywood Station recognized the benefits of real time monitoring and recently installed fixed cameras throughout the city and that the West Hollywood Sheriff station has confirmed provisions for real-time monitoring of those fixed cameras.

(2:33:51) Chair Bonner interjected and advised that there should be real-time monitoring of cameras in the County jails. He expressed concern with absence of cameras and that there is no policy in place. Chair Bonner inquired about Custody Assistants performing the duty full time and notifying deputies when there's an issue. Chair Bonner also commented about Deputies watching non-work-related videos.

(2:23:45) Ms. Williams confirmed that there is nothing preventing Custody Assistants from monitoring custody cameras in real-time.

(2:35:35) Chair Bonner made a motion to report to the BOS that the COC strongly concurs with the OIG's 10 recommendations regarding the monitoring and use of cameras in custodial settings, the motion was seconded by Vice Chair Johnson. Chair Bonner then called for Commissioner questions and comments related to the OIG report.

(2:33:56) Commissioner Cooper inquired about backup footage for the cameras, where the footage is saved for reviewing later and what is done to ensure the videos are not altered.

(2:37:09) Ms. Williams advised that the cameras are backed up to a system, and that OIG has access to review the backup footage from the OIG's office if the camera is working. She reported that the footage is retained for 1 year and that one of the OIG's recommendations is to retain certain videos for more than 1 year to assist with civil litigation or criminal prosecution.

(2:39:22) Commissioner Harris inquired about the number of cameras available and if a study has been done on how many cameras any one person can monitor.

(2:39:39) Assistant Sheriff Tokar advised that there are thousands of cameras.

(2:39:46) Commissioner Harris inquired about the number of cameras that can be monitored effectively by one person.

(2:40:09) Ms. Williams advised that advanced technology is available that can maintain real-time monitoring of multiple cameras. She noted another form of real-time monitoring is Body Worn Cameras and that they are currently being used by custody staff. She went on to report that the County pays out an excessive amount in settlements that can be reduced with real-time monitoring in custodial facilities.

(2:42:39) Commissioner Harris inquired if Axon is involved in the project and suggested the Technology ad hoc to research AI as a potential remedy for real-time monitoring.

[2:44:50](#) Commissioner Calloway suggested having a subject matter expert Consult with the LASD on its use of AI to ensure that Black and Brown communities are not negatively impacted. He also inquired about family members having access to video footage when a murder or suicide takes place, and whether this will be included as part of the OIG's recommendations.

[\(2:45:34\)](#) Chair Bonner advised that this information is not included in the OIG's recommendations and briefly went over the OIG recommendations.

[\(2:46:09\)](#) Vice Chair Johnson provided clarification on the number of television monitors that can be maintained efficiently by one person. He advised that LASD should make every effort to prevent cruelty toward incarcerated people and ensure their safety.

[\(2:48:26\)](#) Assistant Sheriff Tokar responded to Commissioner Harris's question and reported that there are 930 cameras in MCJ and the maximum efficiency for one person to view monitors simultaneously is between four to eight cameras.

[\(2:49:25\)](#) Ms. Williams updated the Commission on the OIG's complaint process. Ms. Williams reported that OIG's primary function is to monitor complaints. She advised that OIG reviews complaints for systemic issues. Ms. Williams confirmed that OIG does not investigate complaints but that they assist by elevating emergent complaints to ensure they are handled quickly by the appropriate LASD. Ms. Williams advised that OIG is required to forward complaints to LASD based on section 832.5 of the California penal code. She advised that several of the LASD's policies do not reflect the requirements for investigating and resolving complaints and that LASD is in the process of updating that information. A meet and confer with the union is required. She suggested the Commission hear from LASD regarding their complaint process.

[\(2:58:36\)](#) Chair Bonner advised that COC plans to hear from LASD regarding their complaint process for new complaints and inquired about the OIG's process for complaints received from the COC and what OIG's report back procedures entail.

[\(2:59:23\)](#) Ms. Williams responded to Chair Bonner's question and advised that OIG forwards complaints to the LASD but only if the complainant agrees to have the complaint forwarded to LASD. She noted anonymous complaints are also forwarded to LASD and that LASD determines if the anonymous complaints should be investigated. Ms. Williams advised that, occasionally, the OIG investigates issues raised at COC meetings.

[\(3:01:37\)](#) Chair Bonner advised that a meeting is being scheduled with IG Huntsman, Ms. Williams and member of the Commission regarding the complaint process and how complaints received by the COC and forwarded to OIG are handled.

[\(3:02:33\)](#) Vice Chair Johnson inquired if OIG is a conduit to receiving complaints that may be received anonymously.

[3:03:16](#) Ms. Williams responded to Vice Chair Johnson and advised that anonymous complaints are forwarded to LASD, and that OIG will investigate the complaint if it seems to be related to a systemic issue. Otherwise, the complaint is not investigated by the OIG.

[3:06:10](#) Commissioner Calloway expressed concern with the complaint process and suggested developing an ad hoc committee to review the LASD's and OIG's complaint processes.

[3:06:59](#) Chair Bonner suggested discussing Commissioner Calloway's comment later.

[3:07:50](#) Vice Chair Johnson informed the Commission that the Technology Ad Hoc will also focus on flock safety and the cameras being used by LASD in Palmdale and Lancaster..

Following Commissioner comments, Chair Bonner moved to public comment.

Public Comment:

[\(3:08:25\)](#) Michelle Infante commented on the complaint process and the need for the COC to collect data to identify patterns of abuse.

[\(3:11:03\)](#) Tramell Carter mentioned a call he made to the LASD and advised that someone hung up on him. He reported that he was arrested and sent to Men's Central Jail on Oct 16, 2024, and alleges that he was mistreated by LASD and labeled schizophrenic in retaliation for filing a complaint against LASD prior to his arrest.. He requested an investigation be completed.

[\(3:13:37\)](#) Ray Regalado addressed the Commission and recommended that people find a term more inclusive than "citizen" complaints because the term could exclude people who are not U.S. citizens.

[\(3:15:04\)](#) Colin Campbell commented about (AI).

[\(3:17:22\)](#) Peter Eliasberg commented about LASD staff watching personal and inappropriate videos while on duty. He also commented on LASD staff shortages and that LASD staff are not being properly utilized.

[\(3:18:34\)](#) Lupe Hervias commented about her son Nick Pitts who is being transferred to Twin Towers from a mental institution. Ms. Hervias expressed concern with how her son is being treated and supports the idea of more cameras in the jails.

[\(3:20:24\)](#) Chair Bonner moved that the Commission support the recommendations made by the OIG to improve to use of cameras in County. Vice Chair Johnson seconded the motion.

Chair Bonner called for a voice vote that carried unanimously by the following Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstentions 0

Ayes: 7 – Chair Robert Bonner, Vice Chair Luis Garcia, Vice Chair Hans Johnson, Commissioner Arthur Calloway, Commissioner Irma Cooper, Commissioner Patti Giggans, Commissioner James Harris

Nays: 0 –

Absent: 2 – Commissioner Jamon Hicks and Commissioner Sean Kennedy

The vote passed Ayes 7, Nays 0, Abstentions 0

IX. Unfinished Business

1. Presentation on LASD Custody Inmate Grievance Form

[3:21:44](#) Sergeant Jonathan Sneed provided an overview of three grievance forms available

to incarcerated people in the County jails and reported that staff retrieve the forms daily. He noted that a response from LASD to the grievance is required within 15 days, unless an extension is requested.

[3:24:50](#) Commissioner Harris requested clarification on how often the grievance forms are collected.

[3:24:59](#) Sergeant Sneed advised that the forms are picked up three times a day.

[3:25:09](#) Commissioner Cooper inquired about emergency complaints and how those complaints are handled when LASD identifies them as non-emergent.

[3:25:23](#) Sergeant Sneed shared that grievances are treated as an emergency and immediately addressed if a person's life is in danger. Complaints that are not considered emergent are downgraded and the inmate is notified within five days that their non-emergent complaint has been received.

[3:26:42](#) Commissioner Calloway inquired about the 30-day deadline to file a UOF grievance and what happens if the deadline is missed.

[3:27:04](#) Sergeant Sneed advised that all UOF allegations against staff will automatically be investigated, and forms submitted beyond the 30 days, the inmate will not be notified of the disposition after the investigation and appeals cannot be filed.

[3:28:04](#) Vice Chair Johnson inquired about the Segra System that LASD implemented last June.

[3:28:10](#) Sergeant Sneed provided information about the Segra System and noted that it's a grievance application system for tracking inmate complaints.

[3:29:22](#) Vice Chair Johnson shared complaints received from the SBC regarding grievance filing, including the incarcerated person or their family member not receiving copies.

[3:30:06](#) Sergeant Sneed advised that the inmate grievance form includes three copies and that one is provided to the incarcerated person for their records and that s/he will receive a response within 15 days, with either an extension or the disposition of the complaint.

[3:31:24](#) Vice Chair Johnson inquired if the OIG has access to the Segra System.

[3:31:25](#) Sergeant Sneed confirmed that the OIG has access to the Segra System.

[3:31:53](#) Assistant Sheriff Tokar interjected and advised that LASD is working toward a more modern system that will include tablets.

[3:32:45](#) Commissioner Cooper inquired if the complaint form has a tracking number.

[3:32:50](#) Sergeant Sneed advised that the forms do not have a tracking number. Forms are manually entered into the system.

[3:34:04](#) Commissioner Harris inquired about the number of emergent grievances filed.

[3:34:14](#) Sergeant Sneed shared the procedure for emergent grievances received and advised he did not have the actual numbers but that the number is under five percent.

[3:36:59](#) Chair Bonner interjected and advised that the Commission is limited on time and moved to the Conditions of Confinement 2024 Quarter Two Report and called on Captain Walker and Dr. Henderson CHS.

[3:38:04](#) Dr. Sean Henderson reported that CHS monitors and reports on a quarterly basis any findings that were requested when the process was initially established. He questioned if the Commission had something specific that they him to speak on.

Chair Bonner called on Commissioners for specific questions to Dr. Henderson.

[3:38:53](#) Vice Chair Johnson, commented on a report from the SBC regarding the high number of positive tests in the jails for Gonorrhea, Syphilis, and HIV. He then asked if the numbers reflect an increase.

[3:39:31](#) Dr. Henderson confirmed that CHS has not seen an increase and that the numbers reflect individuals in general population and include people coming into the jail through the Inmate Reception Center (IRC). He advised that the only change is the “opt in syphilis point of care testing for women at the Century Regional Detention Facility (CRDF).” He added that CHS is collaborating with the Department of Public Health and that the numbers do not reflect an increase in rates of infection.

Chair Bonner called on Captain Walker to present on the 2nd quarter report on Conditions of Confinement.

[3:41:19](#) Captain Walker advised that the report is available for public view on the LASD website under the transparency section.

[3:42:06](#) Commissioner Calloway inquired if Dr. Henderson has statistics on incarcerated people who test negative for a communicable disease when they arrive and then test positive during their stay.

[3:42:27](#) Dr. Henderson advised that testing is voluntary and that he has not conducted a study on individuals to determine if they contracted the disease in the facility.

[3:43:43](#) Chair Bonner requested the Conditions of Confinement ad hoc to follow up on issue.

[3:43:50](#) Commissioner Cooper inquired about the women being tested for syphilis and if the women are aware that they’re part of the study.

[3:44:06](#) Dr. Henderson advised that the testing is not based on a study and that DPH is trying to reduce the gap between diagnosis and treatment.

[3:45:50](#) Chair Bonner advised that the last agenda item will not be heard and that the Executive Director has agreed to schedule a virtual meeting that will focus on the “Two Captain Model.” Chair Bonner then moved to public comment.

X. Public Comment

[\(3:47:04\)](#) Tramell Carter commented about an emergent complaint that he submitted and that he did not receive a response within 5 days.

[\(3:49:16\)](#) Michelle Infante commented on the grievance process and advised that a copy can be forwarded to the OIG and the COC. She also commented on the OIG’s report.

(3:51:30) Raquel Derfler commented about a resolution that the Commission voted on condemning the use of the Fort Apache Seal by LASD personnel. She expressed concern that LASD deputies were photographed wearing the symbol back in October 2024. She also expressed concern about LASD allegedly using pepper spray on a crowd of people celebrating a LA Dodgers playoff victory.

(3:53:16) Crystal Chavez commented about the LASD allegedly firing tear gas and flash bang grenades into a crowd of men, women and children in East Los Angeles after the Dodger won the World Series.

(3:55:29) Francisco Corona commented about a complaint that he filed against a deputy and that he was denied information on whether and how the deputy was disciplined.

(3:57:41) Chair Bonner advised that the allegations made about LASD's actions in East Los Angeles regarding the misuse of pepper spray, flash bangs, and LASD wearing the Fort Apache logo should be investigated. Chair Bonner requested the Executive Director to work with the OIG to determine if the matter is being investigated, to provide the status of the Fort Apache logo policy and have a report back from OIG at the December COC meeting.

XI. UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

Chair Bonner announced that the next regular COC Business meeting will be held on December 19, 2024, at St. Anne's Conference Center. The meeting adjourned at 12:02p.m.