



**LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
SHERIFF CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION**

Special Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, February 13, 2025  
St. Anne's Conference Center

	<a href="#">AGENDA</a>	<a href="#">VIDEO</a>
<b>I. CALL TO ORDER</b>		
Chair called the meeting to order at 10:05a.m.		
<b>II. ROLL CALL</b>		<a href="#">1:28</a>
<b>COMMISSIONERS:</b>		
• Robert Bonner, Chair	present	
• Luis Garcia, Vice Chair	present	
• Hans Johnson, Vice Chair	present	
• Arthur Calloway II	present	
• Irma Hagans Cooper	present	
• Patricia Giggans	arrived late	
• James Harris	present	
• Jamon Hicks	absent-	
• Sean Kennedy	present	
With eight Commissioners present, the quorum requirement was met.		
Also present at the meeting, along with staff:		
• Sharmaine Moseley, Executive Director Civilian Oversight Commission		
• Paula Tokar, Assistant Sheriff, Los Angeles Sheriff's Department		
• Max Huntsman, Inspector General, Office of Inspector General		
• Janssen Diaz, Senior Deputy County Counsel		
• Liliana Campos Senior Deputy County Counsel		
<b>III. CHAIR'S REPORT</b>		<a href="#">2:16</a>
• Chair Bonner reported that LASD updated the Commission on the status of its implementation of the Commission's 27 recommendations to eliminate deputy gangs. The Governance Ad Hoc Committee is currently reviewing LASD's analysis. Chair Bonner said an LASD subject matter expert will provide a presentation on this topic at the March 20, 2025 COC meeting.		
<b>MEETING RULES</b>		<a href="#">9:06</a>
<b>Reading of the guidelines for respectful participation and Public Comment Rules</b>		
<b>IV. NEW BUSINESS</b>		
• <b>IV-A: Approval of Filing of Proposed Amicus Brief</b>		
• Chair Bonner briefly discussed the Commission's amicus brief in the Diana Teran case and called on County Counsel (CoCo) for any comments. Commissioner Kennedy provided background on why the amicus was drafted.		<a href="#">13:39</a>
• County Counsel Diaz noted that it was County Counsel's opinion that the Commission does not have authority to file an amicus brief without first seeking approval from the Board of Supervisors.		<a href="#">15:46</a>
• Commissioner Kennedy provided an overview of the amicus brief and why the Commission should support its filing.		<a href="#">33:37</a>
• Inspector General Max Huntsman advised, as "special counsel" to the Commission, that the Commission submit the amicus brief.		<a href="#">41:33</a>
• County Counsel Diaz suggested that Commissioner Kennedy file the amicus brief on his own behalf and not for the full Commission.		<a href="#">49:00</a>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Motion</b> filed by Commissioner James Harris and seconded by Co-Chair Hans Johnson: “to direct Commissioner Sean Kennedy to file an amicus brief on behalf of the Commission.”</li> </ul>	<a href="#">52:40</a>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b></li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eddie Torres commented on the amicus brief filing</li> </ul>	<a href="#">54:27</a>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tony Demarco expressed support for filing the amicus brief</li> </ul>	<a href="#">54:56</a>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allison Rubinfeld spoke on the amicus brief and oversight</li> </ul>	<a href="#">55:35</a>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>VOTE</b></li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>8 Aye:</b> Bonner, Garcia, Johnson, Calloway, Copper, Harris, Kennedy, Harris</li> <li>• <b>0 Nay</b></li> <li>• <b>1 Absent</b></li> </ul>	<a href="#">58:35</a>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>IV-B: Commission’s proposed revisions to 3.79 of the County Code</b></li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair Bonner noted that the Commission accepted the revisions to 3.79 suggested by County Counsel. Chair Bonner reported that Executive Director Moseley is in communication with Executive Officer Eddie Yen, who is preparing a letter to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) regarding proposed revisions. Chair Bonner said that the next steps will include a discussion at the BOS Justice Deputies cluster meeting and approval of the item being placed on the BOS agenda. Chair Bonner emphasized the Commission cannot provide effective oversight without access to confidential information.</li> </ul>	<a href="#">59:41</a>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Executive Director Mosely announced a tentative virtual town hall within the next two months or sooner to address the duties and responsibilities of the Commission, what led to the proposed revisions of 3.79 of the County Code, and the challenges to the Commission’s oversight of LASD.</li> </ul>	<a href="#">1:14:27</a>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>IV-C: Creation of New Jail Conditions and Staffing Ad Hoc Committee</b></li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair Bonner proposed the creation of a New Jail Conditions and Staffing Ad Hoc Committee by merging the Conditions of Confinement Ad Hoc and Jail Staffing Ad Hoc. Chair Bonner advised that Commissioner Cooper will serve as lead for the new ad hoc and requested Commissioners interested in sitting on the new ad hoc to contact him.</li> </ul>	<a href="#">1:16:30</a>
<p><b>Motion</b> filed by Chair Bonner and seconded by Commissioner Harris “to dissolve the Conditions of Confinement and Jail Staffing Ad Hoc Committees and create the new Jail Conditions and Staffing Ad Hoc Committee.” The purpose of the new ad hoc is to “work with Commission staff to conduct research and analysis o[n] policies and practices that impact conditions of confinement in County carceral institutions as well as to study the ideal ratio of deputies to custody assistants and develop recommendations to the Sheriff.”</p>	<a href="#">1:17:46</a>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>PUBLIC Comment</b></li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peter Elias called into the meeting to support the amicus brief (this was the previous item, but technical issues prevented him from commenting then).</li> </ul>	<a href="#">1:18:30</a>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>VOTE:</b> Bonner, Johnson, Garcia, Cooper, Calloway, Giggans, Harris, Kennedy</li> <li><b>8-Ayes</b></li> <li><b>0-Nays</b></li> <li><b>1-Absent</b></li> </ul>	<a href="#">1:18:44</a>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>IV-D: Report Back on Accessibility of Menstrual Products in the LA County Jails, Patrol Lockups, and Court Holding Tanks.</b></li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	<a href="#">1:20:07</a>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inspector General Huntsman said there are ongoing challenges with full implementation of new legal requirements regarding menstrual products in jail facilities. He added that his office will continue to monitor the issue.</li> </ul>	<a href="#">1:20:36</a>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assistant Sheriff Paula Tokar reported progress on the availability of menstrual products, noting that initial supply chain issues have been resolved. Assistant Sheriff Tokar reported</li> </ul>	<a href="#">1:22:36</a>

that she inspected CRDF, conducted a Town Hall on 2/15/25, confirmed the number of menstrual products purchased is more than sufficient. She added LASD will continue to work with OIG to ensure implementation of recommendations.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>IV-E: Presentation on the Status of Removing Profit Markups and Reducing Prices on Commissary items.</b></li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IG Huntsman summarized the OIG report on massive Commissary price markups and advised that this has been an ongoing issue. IG Huntsman noted that the commissary contract is approved by the BOS.</li> </ul>	<a href="#">1:24:23</a>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>PUBLIC COMMENT ON PREVIOUS ITEMS</b></li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jacqueline Venters: spoke about her son Tennell Billups and allegedly corrupt Sheriff's deputies</li> </ul>	<a href="#">1:32:54</a>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• James Underdown: alleged false arrest of Melvin Steve Hill</li> </ul>	<a href="#">1:40:34</a>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Steve Hill: arrest by the State Department of Justice</li> </ul>	<a href="#">1:42:36</a>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raquel Derfler: Sheriff's deputy use of force (UOF) on elderly female</li> </ul>	<a href="#">1:46:03</a>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Michelle Infante: Commissary markups</li> </ul>	<a href="#">1:48:20</a>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allison Rubinfeld: menstrual products</li> </ul>	<a href="#">1:50:32</a>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>UPCOMING MEETINGS &amp; EVENTS</b></li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• East LA Town Hall will be on Thursday, February 27, 2025</li> <li>• The next regular Commission Business meeting will be on February 20, 2025.</li> </ul>	<a href="#">1:51:18</a>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commission staff Tracy Jordan announced that the Budget Ad Hoc is conducting a survey and requested the public's feedback on LASD's FY 2025-26 Budget priorities and unmet needs. She directed the public to scan the QR code to complete the survey.</li> </ul>	<a href="#">1:54:26</a>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>ADJOURNMENT</b></li> </ul>	
The meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m.	