



Los Angeles County Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission



BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, February 20, 2025
St. Anne's Conference Center

	AGENDA	VIDEO
I. CALL TO ORDER		
Chair Robert Bonner called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.		0.24
II. MEETING RULES		
Reading of the guidelines for respectful participation and public comment.		0.54
III. ROLL CALL		
8 Commissioners were present, constituting a quorum		
• Robert Bonner, Chair	Present	
• Luis Garcia, Vice Chair	Present	
• Hans Johnson, Vice Chair	Present	
• Arthur Calloway II	Present	
• Irma Hagens Cooper	Present	
• Patricia Giggans	Present	
• James Harris	Present	
• Jamon Hicks	Present	
• Sean Kennedy	Absent	
Commission Staff:		
• Executive Director Sharmaine Moseley (ED)		
• Bikila Ochoa, Deputy Executive Director (DED)		
• Christina Villacorte, Communications Manager		
• Tracy Jordan, Principal Staff Analyst		
• Robert Flores, Community Services Coordinator Robert Flores		
Agency Representatives:		
• Paula Tokar, Assistant Sheriff, Sheriff's Department (LASD)		
• Max Huntsman, Inspector General, Office of Inspector General (OIG)		
• Senior Deputy County Counsel Janssen Diaz, Office of County Counsel (CoCo)		
• Senior Deputy County Counsel Mathew Dill, Office of County Counsel (CoCo)		
• Chair Bonner noted Commissioner Kennedy submitted a letter of resignation dated 2/18/25 that the Executive Director forwarded to the Board of Supervisors (BOS). Chair Bonner read the resignation letter aloud, then reported receipt of a letter from County Counsel (CoCo) Dawyn Harrison dated 2/16/25, objecting to the Commissioner Kennedy and Chair Bonner filing the amicus brief on behalf of the Commission, and without approval from the BOS. Both letters have been added to the meeting record.		3.52
• Motion by Commissioner Giggans, seconded by Commissioner Harris urging the BOS not to immediately accept Commissioner Kennedy's resignation and invite him to appear at its next meeting to ask him directly why he wants to resign."		19:01
• Chair Bonner requested the Commission's amicus letter filed in 2017 with the Supreme Court be added to the meeting records.		20:31
• CoCo Mathew Dill acknowledged Commissioner Kennedy's contributions to the Commission, then noted CoCo's letter should remain confidential. He said "CoCo advising the Commission does not establish an attorney-client relationship separate from their		34:47

relationship with the Board of Supervisors, as the Board has not waived attorney-client privilege, nor has the Commission made a request.”	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Bonner expressed concern over what he described as CoCo’s attempts to assert control over the Commission through questionable legal actions. He reported that CoCo recently requested the Attorney General’s (AG) opinion on the Commission’s access to confidential information while excluding all commission members from the discussion. 	35:56
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Bonner read the motion from Commissioner Giggans, which was seconded by Commissioner Harris requesting the “BOS to consider discouraging CoCo interference in the independence of this Commission’s voice” and called for public comment. 	38:28
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Public Comment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vanessa Perez: Commissioner Kennedy’s contribution to the Commission. 39:43 Selena Coleman: Commissioner Kennedy’s contribution to the Commission. 40:20 Michelle Infante: Commissioner Kennedy’s contribution to the Commission. 42:25 Ali Rubinfeld: Commissioner Kennedy’s contribution to the Commission. 44:45 Peter Eliasberg: Commissioner Kennedy’s contribution to the Commission. 46:07 Julie Martinez: COC efforts to keep Sean Kennedy. 48:12 Helen Jones: Commissioner Kennedy’s contribution to the Commission. 50:20 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VOTE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 Aye: Bonner, Garcia, Johnson, Calloway, Cooper, Giggans, Harris, Hicks 0 Nay 1 Absent Motion unanimously passed. 	53:00
Co-Chair Johnson requested a friendly amendment, which was denied.	58:20
<p>Motion: filed by Co-Chair Johnson made a separate motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Harris requesting the “BOS to consider discouraging CoCo interference in the independence of this Commission’s voice.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> VOTE: Bonner, Garcia, Johnson, Calloway, Cooper, Giggans, Harris, Hicks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8 Aye: 0 Nays 1 Absent Motion unanimously passed. 	1:00:20
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Based on CoCo Dill’s objection, Chair Bonner directed Executive Director Moseley to exclude CoCo’s February 16, 2025, letter as part of the meeting records. 	1:01:28
IV. CONSENT CALENDAR	
<p>The Minutes from the November 21, 2024, and December 19, 2024, meetings were approved with the following corrections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On page 3 of the November 21, 2024, minutes, the statement "Sheriff Bonner had to leave the meeting" should be corrected to "Sheriff Luna had to leave the meeting." On page 5, under the Executive Director's report, the statement "advised that the executive office had denied our request to use the Board of Supervisors training room due to capacity issues" should be corrected to "security issues." 	1:03:05
V. FAMILY IMPACT REMARKS	
Chair Bonner briefly commented on Family Impact Remarks and advised that an exception was made for the Nunez Family.	1:05:25
Cindy Nunez commented about the death of her brother Francisco Nunez and ongoing harassment by LASD.	1:06:43

VI. COMMISSION/LASD REPORTS	
VI.1 CHAIR’S REPORT (Chair Robert C. Bonner)	
<p>A. Chair Bonner reported that the Commission’s proposed revisions to chapter 3.79 of the County Code were submitted to the BOS and advised that the Commission is waiting on Executive Officer Yen to submit the Board letter to the BOS so that proposed revision can be heard at the Public Safety Cluster meeting.</p> <p>Chair Bonner reported that the Sheriff submitted a letter to the AG requesting his opinion without the COCs knowledge and that a request was made by the COC requesting the BOS to approve the revisions to 3.79.025 which will give the COC access to confidential information without further delay and request CoCo to give a clear legal opinion to the Sheriff regarding the commission's access to confidential information through ad hoc committees.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Johnson suggested the Commission also submit a letter to the AG expressing the Commission's understanding regarding ad hoc committees being able to have access to confidential information. • Chair Bonner advised he would confer with the Governance Ad Hoc to determine whether the commission should submit a separate letter to the AG and what that letter should say. 	<p>1:14:16</p> <p>1:22:40</p>
<p>B. Chair Bonner reported that Commission sent a letter to Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Fesia Davenport regarding its subpoena authority and the meet-and-confer process and shared CEO Davenport’s response. Chair Bonner also reported on CEO Davenport’s position regarding the Commission's monitoring of meetings concerning its duties or recommendations. Chair Bonner noted that the subpoena issue has remained unresolved since February 2023, despite a suggestion to resolve it within 60 days. CEO Davenport referred the Commission to County Counsel, who denied access to discussions impacting the Commission's role.</p>	<p>1:24:32</p>
<p>C. Amicus Brief was filed on February 18, 2025.</p>	<p>1:28:10</p>
RECESS (10:45-11:02am)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair Bonner moved to item VII-2 at the request of ED Moseley 	<p>1:45:40</p>
VI.2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT (Executive Director Sharmaine Moseley)	
<p>A. Staff Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Mandatory Training. • Elevated social media and increased Town Halls, Listening Sessions, and Virtual Mini Conferences. • Community Services Coordinator Robert Flores announced the upcoming listening sessions, Town Halls and Virtual mini conferences. • ED Moseley continued her reported on interview for the Commission’s Sr. Staff Analyst position and noted that the current budget for 9 staff is insufficient. Ms. Mosley went on to report that staff toured the Century Regional Detention Facility (CRDF) and called on Commission staff member Joel Torrez who shared his concerns with CRDF security during the visit. • Chair Bonner interjected and advised that concerns with security procedures at CRDF be forwarded to the Jail/Conditions of Confinement ad hoc committee. Chair Bonner also requested ED Moseley to update him on issues prior to Commission meetings. • ED Moseley discussed potentially changing the Commission’s meeting time to 10 am – 2pm. • Chair Bonner recommended surveying the Commissioners on the time change. 	<p>2:23:54</p> <p>2:36:17</p> <p>2:37:40</p> <p>2:40:17</p> <p>2:41:41</p> <p>2:42:32</p> <p>2:43:18</p> <p>2:43:49</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ED Moseley reported that staff is working with the County's Information with Technology Department to develop automated complaint form and dashboard and that the draft Annual report will be ready for Chair's review next week. 	
<p>B. Update on Location of Future Commission Monthly Meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ED Moseley updated the Commission on proposed venues for future COC meetings, which included Hall of Records Hearing Room and the BOS Hearing Room 	2:44:18
VI.3 LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S UPDATE	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Bonner announced that Sheriff Luna has made some progress on the 27 recommendations provided by the Commission and that Sheriff Luna will give a detailed update on the matter in March. 	2:48:58
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update: Acting Assistant Sheriff Paula Tokar reported on crime stats, LASD milestones in public safety, transparency, and community engagement and noted a decrease in property and violent crimes. She shared the stats on the jail population and noted an increase in the mental health population since Proposition 36 was passed and provided current stats on the mental ill population. 	2:50:27
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> She reported ongoing patrol in the Palisades and Eaton Fire areas. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bus Fleet: Commissioner Harris asked about budgetary restraints delaying purchase of new buses. Assistant Sheriff Tokar responded the issue is being addressed and the Office of Constitutional Policing (OCP) will provide bus information. Chair Bonner requested a report back on the bus fleet from an LASD subject matter expert (SME) at the next meeting. 	2:57:34
VII. NEW BUSINESS	
VII.1 DISCUSSION & APPROVAL OF 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Bonner briefly summarized the strategic plan and called for a motion. 	3:10:39
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion: filed by Commissioner Cooper, seconded by Co-Chair Johnson requesting the "BOS to adopt the Commissions revisions to 3.79. Chair Bonner called for a voice vote. 	3:13:28
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VOTE: Bonner, Johnson, Garcia, Calloway, Cooper, Giggans, Harris, Hicks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ayes - 8 Nays - 0 Absent – 1 Motion passed unanimously 	
VII.2 LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2025-26	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioner Harris gave a brief update on the Commission's recommendations and called on Staff member Tracy Jordan 	1:46:24
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Jordan gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting the LASD budget process. 	1:47:04
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vice Chair Johnson expressed concerns with the LASD transport system, highlighting the Commission's recommendation to explore non-diesel-burning buses and if any follow-up has occurred. 	1:55:45
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioner Harris commented on the LASD fleet issue and shared information on Electric and natural gas buses. 	1:58:40
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assistant Sheriff Paula Tokar confirmed the challenges with electric buses and advised that subject matter experts are available for information on natural gas buses. 	2:00:29
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conrad Meredith, LASD Division Director of Administrative Services Division provided a PowerPoint presentation on LASD budget priorities, for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. 	2:00:58
	2:07:48

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Bonner commented on the LASD budget and inquired if assigning deputies directly to patrol, reducing the number of deputies in the jails, and increasing the number of custody assistants was considered. Assistant Sheriff Tokar responded to Chair Bonner’s inquiry. Commissioner Cooper and Co-Chair Johnson inquired about the benefit of incorporating iPads into LASD facilities to reduce contraband entering the facilities. Assistant Sheriff Tokar responded with a justification for the iPads. Chair Bonner inquired about the number of in-custody overdose deaths that occurred in 2024. Assistant Sheriff Tokar responded with in-custody death statistics. Commissioner Calloway commented on incarcerated people receiving hard copy mail. Chair Bonner referred the matter to the Jails & Conditions of Confinement Ad Hoc to review and provide recommendations. Co-Chair Johnson shared concern with LASD’s lack of evidence for the iPads. Co-Chair Garcia referenced the iPad pilot program that took place in the prisons. Commissioner Cooper inquired about Wi-Fi issues and if those incarcerated will be charged. Co-Chair Johnson inquired about the salary for the two-captain model. 	2:08:30 2:09:30 2:10:00 2:13:56 2:14:16 2:14:53 2:16:20 2:16:35 2:17:35 2:19:00 2:21:46
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Motion: filed by Commissioner Harris seconded by Chair Bonner requesting the BOS to approve the staff report with the Commission’s recommendations on the LASD Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. 	2:23:56
PUBLIC COMMENT:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Peter Eliasberg: Changes to the charter. Julie Martinez: LASD Budget S: LASD Budget 	2:26:30 2:28:28 2:30:16
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VOTE: Bonner, Garcia, Calloway, Cooper, Giggans, Harris, Hicks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 Aye: 1 Nays 1 Absent Motion passed 7-1. 	2:31:41
VIII. COMMISSION AD HOC COMMITTEES & AGENCY REPORTS/UPDATES	
VIII.1 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL UPDATE (MAX HUNTSMAN, INSPECTOR GENERAL)	
<p>A. Report on the Sheriff’s Department’s Taser Policy, Training, and Usage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This item was not discussed. 	
VIII.2 AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Bonner provided the background information related to subpoenas to be issued to LASD. 	2:57:50
<p>A. Use of Force Ad Hoc Committee recommends that this Commission request issuance of two subpoenas duces tecum to the LASD custodian of records relating to two Use of Force incidents</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subpoena #1 Custodian of records to produce the homicide bureau’s investigation report relating to the fatal shooting of Andres Guardado on 6/18/20, including all interview reports and exhibits. Subpoena #2 Custodian of records of the Sheriff Department to produce the initial incident force review report related to former Deputy Sheriff Joseph Benza III UOF against Emmett Brock. Chair clarified that the Commission is only requesting the initial incident report submitted by Deputy Benza. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Harris requested a third subpoena be added requesting a complete unredacted investigative report on UOF incident involving Joseph Perez on 7/27/20. 	3:01:23
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Comment: 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jacqueline Venters: Subpoenas 	3:03:50
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Deanna Brock: Subpoenas 	3:06:23
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vanessa Perez: Subpoenas 	3:08:36
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VOTE: Bonner, Johnson, Garcia, Calloway, Cooper, Giggans, Harris, Hicks 	3:09:48
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ayes - 8 ○ Nays - 0 ○ Absent – 1 ○ Motion carried unanimously 	
VII. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gina Youngblood: Commented on the death of her Brother Eugene Youngblood 	3:19:27
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traumera Thomas: Eugene Youngblood 	3:21:50
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jacqueline Venters: offered comment on Commissioner Kennedy’s contribution to the Commission 	3:22:15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Salena Coleman: Flawed System 	3:24:37
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raquel Derfler: Nunez Family Harassment by LASD 	3:26:46
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ali Rubinfeld: Support Ordinance 	3:28:02
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ayande Love: commented on building a relationship with POST and SB2 	3:30:06
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michelle Infante: LASD 	3:32:12
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • T. Carter: Misdiagnosis Complaint 	3:34:27
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helen Jones: Inmate Mail 	3:36:45
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S: LASD Transparency 	3:39:02
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephanie Luna: LASD Harassment 	3:41:06
IX. UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The next regular COC Business meeting will be on March 20, 2025. • Community Listening Session will be on February 27, 2025, in East Los Angeles 	
ADJOURNMENT	
Meeting adjourned at 1:07 p.m.	