



Los Angeles County Sheriff Civilian Oversight COC



BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, April 17, 2025
Hall of Records Hearing Room

	AGENDA	VIDEO
I. CALL TO ORDER		
Chair Robert Bonner called the meeting to order at 9:24 a.m.		11:45
II. PUBLIC COMMENT RULES		
Reading of the guidelines for respectful participation and public comment.		
III. ROLL CALL		
Eight Commissioners were present, constituting a quorum		
• Robert Bonner, Chair	Present	
• Luis Garcia, Vice Chair	Absent	
• Hans Johnson, Vice Chair	Present arrived at 9:30	
• Arthur Calloway II	Present	
• Irma Hagans Cooper	Present	
• Patricia Giggans	Absent	
• James Harris	Present	
• Jamon Hicks	Present arrived at 9:22	
COC Staff Present:		
• Sharmaine Moseley (ED)	Executive Director	
• Bikila Ochoa	Deputy Executive Director (DED)	
• Christina Villacorte	Communications Manager	
• Starlet Atkins	Management Secretary	
• Tracy Jordan	Principal Staff Analyst	
• Robert Flores	Community Services Coordinator	
Agency Representatives:		
• Robert Luna	Sheriff, LA County Sheriff's Department (LASD)	
• Max Huntsman	Inspector General, Office of Inspector General (OIG)	
• Janssen Diaz	Senior Deputy, Office of County Counsel (CoCo)	
• Harvinder Anand	Commission Outside Counsel	
IV. CONSENT CALENDAR		
• March 20, 2025, Meeting Minutes were approved.		16:24
V. FAMILY IMPACT REMARKS		
• No action on this item		
VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS		
• Lacking a quorum, Chair Bonner started an informal discussion after consulting with County Counsel. He reported progress on the Commission's 27 recommendations to eliminate deputy gangs and cliques. He praised Sheriff Luna for his work but said the policy banning deputy cliques has been delayed two years due to the meet-and-confer process.		1:10 8:42
• Sheriff Luna reported 19 out of 27 recommendations are complete/close to completion, 5 are in progress, and 2 have been rejected (the remaining recommendation applies to OIG).		10:14
• Chair Bonner acknowledged the arrival of Commissioner Hicks, confirmed a quorum, and formally called the meeting to order.		17:40
• Chair Bonner acknowledged the arrival of Vice Chair Johnson.		21:36
• Vice Chair Johnson inquired about the recommendations implemented. Chair Bonner reported that, according to a review conducted by him and DED Bikila Ochoa, 4		

<p>recommendations have been implemented, 16 are partially implemented, four have not been implemented, and two were rejected by the LASD. Chair Bonner noted that Recommendation 19 is assigned to OIG.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioner Calloway expressed concern about a new Antelope Valley deputy gang, which the Sheriff vowed to investigate. 	25:08
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sheriff Luna reiterated the stats on completion of the 27 recommendations, agreed on strengthening current clique policy, which is in the meet-and-confer process, and added individuals have been disciplined over the policy under his leadership. 	26:10
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Bonner noted the existing policy does not ban the association in a deputy clique; it bans being in a sub-group that violates the rights of others and said the core of the problem is the association. He said groups not authorized by a Captain or the Sheriff should not be allowed. Until there is a ban, he said deputy gangs and cliques will continue. 	31:58
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On the Department's declaratory relief action against the Commission, Sheriff Luna said he would follow the law and work with the State Attorney General's office to get clarification on what information can be shared with the Commission. 	34:05
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sheriff Luna reported Part I crimes (violent crimes and property crimes) are down 6.7%. 	38:26
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After saying he attended a tour of the Computer Aid Dispatch System (CAD), Chair Bonner said asked whether the Commission can help expedite the purchase of such a system. 	44:07
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sheriff Luna reported funding has been set aside for a new CAD system, and is confident the Board of Supervisors will support it. 	46:03
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vice Chair Johnson asked how LASD has addressed issues surrounding Emmett Brock case. 	49:00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sheriff Luna said he is very concerned about the case, which became a federal investigation, adding LASD has strict policies on what can and cannot be done by deputies. 	50:51
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioner Calloway noted the long period to develop the cliques policy and asked why LASD's tactics against civilian street gangs are not used to investigate LASD deputy gangs. 	52:00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sheriff Luna responded that he must follow a specific process as well as the law and added that labor issues play a role. He noted the current deputy gangs policy has been enforced under his administration and investigations are ongoing. 	53:56
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inspector General Huntsman agreed LASD has different investigative techniques for civilians and deputies, and added a gangs policy has been adopted but not implemented. 	54:36
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Bonner said that progress on the 27 recommendations will be discussed in detail at the June or July meeting, particularly Recommendation 19, directing the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) to report back on the number of deputies investigated, disciplined, and affected under the deputy gangs policy since October 20, 2024. 	56:01
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IG Huntsman confirmed that he will report back to the Commission. 	100:01
<p>A. Status on the Commission's lawsuit against LASD to enforce the Commission's three subpoenas and respond to the Sheriff's Declaratory Relief action filed on February 18, 2025.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Bonner reported on the Commission's lawsuit to enforce its three subpoenas related to the use of force on Joseph Perez, Emmett Brock and Andres Guardado, and the Sheriff's Declaratory Relief action. He said CoCo advised Sheriff Luna not to comply, citing confidentiality concerns, and appointed Harvinder Anand as outside counsel for the COC. 	1:00:36
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vice Chair Johnson underscored the importance of continuing the Commission's work. 	1:10:56
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Bonner disclosed the formation of a litigation steering group including himself, Commissioner Hicks, and Executive Director Moseley, who met with County outside counsel Anand to discuss legal strategy. Chair Bonner also reported the Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs (ALADS) submitted a Public Records Act request for the March 20, 2025 closed session recording, and that legal counsel will seek a 14-day extension to respond. Regarding the subpoena in the Brock case, Chair Bonner recommended delaying 	1:15:10

<p>enforcement as LASD has said the case is still under investigation. He requested County outside counsel Anand's input.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County outside counsel Anand advised against discussing litigation strategies in public. • Chair Bonner inquired if Mr. Anand would be willing to go into closed session. • County outside counsel Anand responded that, on the advice of CoCo during last month's meeting, the Commission should not go into closed session. • Vice Chair Johnson noted ongoing obstacles that prevent the COC from making progress. • Commissioner Calloway commented on legal strategies and closed session. 	<p>1:21:03</p> <p>1:21:43</p> <p>1:22:17</p> <p>1:23:30</p> <p>1:29:29</p>
<p>B. Commission's Proposed revisions to Chapter 3.79 of the County Code.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair Bonner provided background on the proposed revisions to Chapter 3.79. • Ms. Mosley said she, along with Chair Bonner, will present the Commission's proposed amendments to Chapter 3.79 at the Board of Supervisors' Public Safety Cluster meeting on April 30, 2025, during which County Counsel will present its own suggested amendments. 	<p>1:32:30</p> <p>1:35:38</p> <p>1:37:37</p>
<p>PUBLIC COMMENT:</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Melvin Steve Hill on the confiscation of his firearms. • George Bazetti on Commissioners following the law. • Vanessa Perez about the case of her son Joseph Perez. • Maricela Rosa in support of COC's proposed ordinance revisions • Deanna Sullivan on subpoena power and support of impacted families. • Carlos Montes on subpoena power. • Deanna Brock on her son Emmett Brock's arrest. • Melissa Miramontes on LASD policies not being followed. • Paloma Serna on LASD Deputy Gangs. • Peter Eliasberg in support of revisions to 3.79. • Syria Romero on deputy gangs. • Allison Rubinfeld alleged CoCo obstruction of Commission closed sessions. • Helen Jones on Joseph Perez and subpoena power. • Sahara White commented on subpoena power. 	<p>1:40:20</p> <p>1:41:48</p> <p>1:45:11</p> <p>1:47:00</p> <p>1:47:47</p> <p>1:50:29</p> <p>1:52:04</p> <p>1:54:20</p> <p>1:56:36</p> <p>1:58:37</p> <p>2:00:00</p> <p>2:01:54</p> <p>2:03:26</p> <p>2:05:54</p>
<p>RECESS (11:20am-11:50am)</p>	
<p>VII. COMMISSION/LASD REPORTS</p>	
<p>A. Chairs Report</p>	
<p>Chair Bonner said he anticipates a draft of the Commission's 2024 Annual Report at the Commission's next meeting. He said he would request that the cost of legal services for enforcing the subpoenas directed to LASD. He also said Commissioners interested in attending the NACOLE conference to contact Ms. Moseley.</p>	<p>3:27:12</p>
<p>B. Executive Director's Report</p>	
<p>ED Moseley thanked the public for attending the Commission's first meeting at the Hall of Records, and Commission, Executive Office, and Regional Planning staff for their support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Moseley reported on mandatory Commissioner and LASD training. Chair Bonner asked why volunteer Commissioners need to take the training, asked Coco to investigate. • Ms. Moseley announced upcoming events, encouraged Commissioners to attend. She also noted the Commission's self-evaluation is due every 3 years; Commission staff proposed hosting a panel at this year's NACOLE conference. Finally, she commented on the County budget, vacant staff positions and the bulletin for the vacant commissioner seat. 	<p>3:17:29</p> <p>3:19:00</p> <p>3:20:40</p>
<p>C. Sheriff's Report</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sheriff Luna reported that 19 of the Commission's 27 recommendations have been completed or significantly completed, 5 have been adopted or are underway, and 2 have 	<p>27:30</p>

<p>been rejected. He noted that activity associated with cliques is unacceptable and said that policy currently in place on cliques is in the meet and confer process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Bonner noted that while the current cliques policy prohibits participation in sub-groups that violate others' rights, it does not explicitly ban association with deputy cliques. He emphasized the need for a policy that clearly bans association with exclusionary, unauthorized workplace-related deputy cliques. Sheriff agreed with Chair Bonner and said he is working towards that goal. 	<p>31:57</p> <p>34:00</p>
<p>VIII. Consideration of possible resolution in support of Assembly Bill 847:</p>	
<p>A. Chair Bonner reported AB 847 would enable the Commission receive confidential LASD personnel documents if enacted.</p>	<p>2:36:37</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vice Chair Johnson called for drafting a resolution in support of AB 847. Chair Bonner said he plans to attend an Assembly Public Safety Committee hearing in Sacramento to support AB 847. The hearing was held April 29, 2025. 	<p>2:38:55</p> <p>2:41:28</p>
<p>PUBLIC COMMENT: none on this item</p>	
<p>MOTION: moved by Vice Chair Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Cooper, that the Commission issue a Resolution expressing support for AB 847.</p>	
<p>Voice Vote:</p>	<p>2:42:37</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VOTE: Bonner, Johnson, Calloway, Cooper, Harris, Hicks 6 Ayes: Bonner, Johnson, Calloway, Cooper, Harris, Hicks 0 Nays 2 Absent: Garcia and Giggans Motion passed 6-0 Chair Bonner tasked ED Moseley with submitting a letter regarding the resolution on behalf of the Chair to the BOS. 	
<p>B. Creation of an Ad Hoc Committee to fill the seat vacated by Commissioner Kennedy:</p>	
<p>MOTION: moved by Chair Bonner, seconded by Vice Chair Johnson, to create a new Interview Panel Ad Hoc Committee. Bonner, Calloway and Hicks volunteered to serve as members</p>	<p>2:43:35</p>
<p>PUBLIC COMMENT: none on this item</p>	
<p>Voice Vote:</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VOTE: Bonner, Johnson, Calloway, Cooper, Harris, Hicks 6 Ayes: Bonner, Johnson, Calloway, Cooper, Harris, Hicks 0 Nays 2 Absent: Garcia and Giggans <p>MOTION passed 6-0</p>	
<p>C. Motion to approve the creation of a Nominating Ad Hoc Committee</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ED Moseley advised that COC ordinance section .110 requires the Commission to have a selection process for Commission officers, particularly Chair and Vice Chair. Chair Bonner expressed concerns over the new ad hoc. Vice Chair Johnson, Commissioners Calloway and Harris supported the ad hoc. 	<p>2:45:14</p> <p>2:47:27</p> <p>2:48:28</p>
<p>PUBLIC COMMENT: none on this item</p>	
<p>MOTION: filed by Commissioner Calloway seconded by Vice Chair Johnson to create a Nominating Ad Hoc Committee.</p> <p>ROLL CALL VOTE: Bonner, Johnson, Calloway, Cooper, Harris, Hicks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 Ayes: Johnson, Calloway, Cooper, Harris, Hicks 1 Nays: Bonner 2 Absent: Garcia and Giggans <p>MOTION passed 5-1</p>	<p>2:53:26</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Bonner identified Commissioners Harris, Calloway, and Cooper as members for the Nominating Ad Hoc committee. Chair requested a report back with names of interested candidates for the Chair and Vice Chair positions. 	2:54:34
IX. OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL UPDATE (MAX HUNTSMAN, INSPECTOR GENERAL)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IG Huntsman briefly reported on the implementation of LASD Body Worn Cameras (BWC) and expressed concern with deputies who fail to timely activate their cameras. He also expressed the need to implement dashboard cameras in LASD vehicles. 	2:55:39
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioner Harris agreed that dashboard cameras are needed in LASD vehicles. 	2:57:11
IX.B Reports of Ad Hoc Committee	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Bonner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Harris, to dissolve the current Use of Force (UOF) Ad Hoc on policy and to create a new Ad Hoc on reducing UOF incidents, specifically out-of-policy head strikes. 	2:58:44
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioner Cooper updated the commission on PREA ad hoc activities and spoke out against dissolving the PREA ad hoc, noting LASD's continued noncompliance with training requirements, and inadequacy of PREA information provided to incarcerated people. 	3:01:12
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Bonner recommended discussing the PREA issue further. 	3:03:23
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vice Chair Johnson recognized April as National Sexual Assault Awareness Month, announced Denim Day on April 30, 2025, and emphasized the ongoing need for PREA enforcement and compliance. 	3:04:16
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IG Huntsman noted LASD has been trying to engage with transgender individuals more appropriately. He recommended maintaining the PREA ad hoc committee. 	3:06:32
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Bonner recommended dissolving the Budget Ad Hoc committee for this fiscal year (FY) 24-25 and reconstituting it for FY25-26. He requested Commissioner Harris to make the motion at the next meeting. 	3:07:56
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioner Calloway reported that the Complaint Ad Hoc committee held a virtual mini-conference as a follow-up to a recent community town hall meeting.. 	3:08:59
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Bonner reported on Deputy Gangs Ad Hoc and Governance Ad Hoc activities. 	3:11:35
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioner Cooper reported on Jail Conditions and Staffing Ad Hoc activities. 	3:13:46
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioner Johnson reported on Technology Ad Hoc activities. 	3:14:27
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioner Harris reported on Use of Force Ad Hoc activities 	
X. COMMITTEE'S MEETING LOCATION AND TIME	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Bonner highlighted the pros and cons of holding the meetings at St. Anne's Conference Center and Hall of Records (HOR) Hearing Room. 	3:30:06
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After hearing Commissioner Johnson's comments, Chair Bonner agreed the issue should be discussed by the Governance Ad Hoc. 	3:38:44
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Bonner then moved to general public comment, followed by the motion to dissolve the UOF ad hoc committee, though no vote was ultimately taken. 	3:39:29
XI. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Goat Puppet on the HOR meeting space. 	3:41:56
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christal Chavezon Deputy Gangs in Palmdale. 	3:44:15
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gina Youngblood on Lancaster Sheriff's and Eugene Youngblood. 	3:45:36
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allison Rubinfeld on LASD's UOF policy and jail closure efforts. 	3:47:17
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raquel Derfler on the alignment of Cancel the Contract and Sheriff Luna. 	3:48:26
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dejah commented on Deputy Trevor Kirk hitting a woman at a WinCo grocery store. 	3:51:30
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sahara White on her boyfriend dying while in LASD custody. 	3:52:47
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deanna Brock on support for the subpoena re: her son Emmett Brock. 	3:54:22
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paloma Serna on the Commission's access to confidential information. 	3:56:55

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Usef Miller on transparency and support for impacted families. 	3:58:04
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> George Bazetti on his perception that Commissioners’ lacked knowledge regarding the law. 	3:59:55
XII. UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The next regular Commission Business meeting will be on May 15, 2025, location TBD. Virtual Complaint Listening Session will be on April 27, 2025. 	
ADJOURNMENT	
Meeting adjourned at 1:16 p.m.	