



Los Angeles County
Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, July 17, 2025
St. Anne's Conference and Event Center



		AGENDA	VIDEO
I. CALL TO ORDER			
Vice Chair Hans Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.			
II. PUBLIC COMMENT RULES			
Reading of the guidelines for respectful participation and public comment.			
III. ROLL CALL			5:21
Eight Commissioners were present, constituting a quorum			
• Robert Bonner, Chair	Absent		
• Luis Garcia, Vice Chair	Present (reelected Vice Chair, Agenda Item VI-B)		
• Hans Johnson, Vice Chair/Chair	Present (elected Chair, Agenda Item VI-A)		
• Arthur Calloway II, Vice Chair	Present (elected Vice Chair, Agenda Item VI-B)		
• Irma Hagans Cooper	Present		
• Patricia Giggans	Present		
• James Harris	Present		
• Jamon Hicks	Present, departed at 12:05 p.m.		
COC Staff:			
• Sharmaine Moseley	Executive Director (ED)		
• Bikila Ochoa	Deputy Executive Director (DED)		
• Tracy Jordan	Principal Staff Analyst		
• Robert Flores	Community Services Coordinator		
Agency Representatives:			
• Robert Luna	Sheriff, LA County Sheriff's Department (LASD)		
• Jason Skeen	Assistant Sheriff, LASD		
• Dara Williams	Chief Deputy Inspector General, LA County Office of Inspector General (OIG)		
• Mathew Dill	Senior Deputy, LA County Office of County Counsel (CoCo)		
IV. CONSENT CALENDAR			
MOTION: Commissioner Harris moved for the Commission to approve the consent calendar, which consisted of the Minutes of the June 26, 2025 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hicks.			6:18
VOICE VOTE:			
• 7 Ayes: Calloway, Cooper, Garcia, Giggans, Harris, Hicks, Johnson			
• 0 Nays:			
• 1 Absent: Bonner			
Motion passed 7-0			
V. FAMILY IMPACT REMARKS (FIR)			
• Vanessa Perez spoke about her son, Joseph Perez, and his interaction with LASD deputies.			8:14
• Cindy Nuñez spoke about her brother, Francisco Nuñez, emphasizing the lack of transparency and accountability regarding his death.			15:21
VI. NEW BUSINESS			
VI.1.A Vote to elect the Chair of the Commission for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26			

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioner Cooper announced the nominees for Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission (COC) officers for FY 2025-2026. She provided a brief overview of the duties of the Chair and acknowledged Hans Johnson as the only nominee. 	19:40
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Johnson shared a brief overview of his background, as well as his goals, objectives and priorities for the Commission were he elected. 	20:52
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following an informal vote, Chair Johnson read a statement from former Chair Robert Bonner, who congratulated the new Chair and urged him, ED Moseley, and Commissioners to continue to persuade the Sheriff to adopt the Commission's recommendation on deputy gangs and cliques. 	26:32
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Johnson noted that a formal motion had not been made during the vote for Chair. To ensure proper procedure is followed, he requested this portion of the meeting be conducted again to include the necessary motion and vote. 	29:20
MOTION: Commissioner Cooper moved for the Commission to elect Vice Chair Hans Johnson as Commission Chair for FY 2025-2026. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Giggans.	29:47
VOICE VOTE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 Ayes: Calloway, Cooper, Garcia, Giggans, Harris, Hicks, Johnson 0 Nays 1 Absent: Bonner Motion passed 7-0	30:08
VI.1.B Vote to elect the Commission's two Vice-Chairs for FY 2025-26	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioner Cooper announced the duties of the Co-Vice Chair positions. She announced current Vice Chair Luis Garcia and Commissioner Arthur Calloway as the nominees. 	30:43
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Co-Vice Chair Garcia, up for reelection, discussed his background and vision. 	31:36
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioner Calloway also shared his background, goals, and priorities. 	33:29
MOTION: Commissioner James Harris moved for the Commission to elect Commissioner Calloway and Vice Chair Garcia as Co-Vice Chairs for FY2025-2026. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Giggans.	34:53
VOICE VOTE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 Ayes: Calloway, Cooper, Garcia, Giggans, Harris, Hicks, Johnson 0 Nays 1 Absent: Bonner Motion passed 7-0	
VII.C. Sheriff's Report	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In consideration of the Sheriff's limited availability for this meeting, Chair Johnson skipped to Item VII on the agenda, which is the report from Sheriff Luna. 	36:55
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sheriff Luna provided a summary of the latest crime statistics up to May 2025, which included a 10% decrease in Part I crimes, 18% reduction in In-Custody Use of Force (UOF), 19% reduction in Patrol UOF, and 55% decrease in deputy-involved shootings. 	38:14
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> He said LASD is not involved in civil US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) but complies with federal judicial warrants to release certain individuals to ICE custody. LASD put out videos in English and Spanish about its deputies' uniforms, which have LASD markings, names, and badge numbers. LASD employees have a checklist for when a federal agency contacts LASD. Sheriff Luna said SB 54 (California Values Act) is clear, and County policy is even stricter. He clarified that LASD complied with zero detainer requests made by ICE. He added LASD did not receive a warrant until May 2025. Twenty people were turned over due to warrants signed by a judge. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sheriff Luna attempted to assuage the Commission's concerns over an MOU with the FBI. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sheriff Luna reported that he has not opposed and remains neutral on AB 847. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sheriff Luna provided an update on Office of Inspector General's (OIG) access to crime scenes involving in-custody deaths and deputy-involved shootings. He acknowledged being aware of only one incident in the last five years where OIG was denied access into a crime scene. He added that if the OIG cannot enter, they can be a part of the Critical Incident Review and have access to everything. The OIG was recently denied entrance to a crime scene but the Sheriff emphasized it was because of limited space, not policy. He added that the OIG will continue to have access and directed the OIG to contact Assistant Sheriff Skeen if denied access. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Johnson inquired about LASD's response to the federal Department of Justice's (DOJ) request to turn over the names of incarcerated people in LA County jails and their release dates. 	53:01
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sheriff Luna responded that individuals arrested are live scanned and that the federal government and agents are automatically notified through the fingerprinting system. 	53:54
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioner Giggans commented on LASD's policy not to turn individuals over to ICE. She is pleased that leadership is standing up in LA County. 	54:54
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Johnson asked how LASD is supporting staff whose family members are impacted by ICE. 	56:24
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sheriff responded that LASD is a very diverse and that the issue has been very difficult. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioner Hicks inquired about the OIG's access to crime scenes and inquired how the Sheriff became aware that access had been denied. 	57:49
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sheriff responded that he obtains the information through the LASD homicide unit. 	
PUBLIC COMMENT - ITEM V	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> George Bazetti commented about his incarceration. 	1:00:42
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Isaac Ashberry spoke about her inability to access names on the LASD website. 	1:02:43
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jacqueline Venters commented on LASD accountability. 	1:04:23
PUBLIC COMMENT - ITEM VI	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> George Bazetti commented about COC meeting security. 	1:08:05
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Isaac Ashberry commented about the DOJ Integrity Division. 	1:10:04
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vanessa Perez congratulated the new COC Chair and Co-Vice Chairs. 	1:10:47
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valerie Vargas spoke about Sheriff Luna and LASD's lack of accountability. 	1:11:25
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Julie Martinez commented on the FIR presented by Vanessa Perez and Immigration issues. 	1:13:09
VI.2 Dissolution of the Nominating Ad Hoc Committee	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Johnson called for a motion to dissolve the Nominations Ad Hoc committee as it has completed its task. 	1:15:22
MOTION: Commissioner Harris moved to dissolve the Nominations Ad Hoc. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Giggans.	1:15:56
VOICE VOTE:	1:16:18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 Ayes: Calloway, Cooper, Garcia, Giggans, Harris, Hicks 0 Nays 1 Absent: Bonner 	
Motion passed 7-0	
VI.3 Money Laundering Task Force Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Johnson expressed concerns with two Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) & Cost Reimbursement Agreements between the LASD and the FBI regarding money laundering and financial crimes task forces. He noted LASD's failure to seek Commission feedback before submitting the MOUs to the Board of Supervisors (BOS). He emphasized the importance of the Commission and LASD working together to provide greater transparency to the public. 	1:16:40

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioner Giggans inquired about the context of the MOUs, asking whether it is linked to concerns surrounding the FBI amid the current political climate. She asked why the Commission needs to review the MOU prior to submission to the BOS. Chair Johnson agreed with the context as described by Commissioner Giggans and emphasized the importance of due diligence in consulting the Commission. He raised procedural and substantive concerns with the MOU, and said the COC wants to be able to provide input, especially in the current political climate. 	1:20:40
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioner Cooper expressed concern over LASD and COC's limited staffing to review MOUs. 	1:22:35
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Co-Vice Chair Calloway suggested that the Commission only request to review specific MOUs in which it is interested, rather than all MOUs. 	1:23:38
MOTION: Chair Johnson moved to direct ED Moseley to draft a letter on behalf of the Commission expressing concerns over the two MOUs, and to forward that letter to Sheriff Luna, if additional action is needed on the item. The motion was seconded by Co-Vice Chair Calloway.	1:28:10
PUBLIC COMMENT	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> George Bazetti commented on the MOUs. 	1:28:43
VOICE VOTE:	1:30:28
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 Ayes: Calloway, Cooper, Garcia, Giggans, Harris, Hicks, Johnson 0 Nays 1 Absent: Bonner 	
Motion passed 7-0	
BREAK: 10:40 a.m. – 11:01 a.m.	
VI.4 Strategic Plan Checklist	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deputy Executive Director (DED) Ochoa presented an update on the Commission's three-year Strategic Plan and reported that two key objectives have been completed: monitoring the Commission's annual budget and hiring a Communications Manager, which has enhanced the COC's public visibility. 	1:53:59
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> He added the Complaints Ad Hoc Committee, in collaboration with the Office of Inspector General (OIG), is in the process of revising the COC's internal complaints procedure. 	1:58:30
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Johnson noted that ad hoc committees are being reorganized to align with the Strategic Plan, which will reduce the number of ad hoc committees in the next few months. 	1:59:09
VII. COMMISSION/LASD REPORTS	
VII.A. Chair's Report	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Johnson provided an update on the Commission's proposed amendments to County Code Chapter 3.79 and expressed concern that County Counsel (CoCo) proposed language to the Executive Officer for the BOS without consulting the Commission, even though BOS justice deputies at the June 4th Public Safety Cluster meeting directed CoCo to collaborate with the Commission. Chair Johnson updated the Commission on AB 847, noting that the bill is pending in the State legislature. If passed, AB 847 would grant oversight commissions access to confidential personnel information for the purpose of investigating law enforcement misconduct and allow the Commission to go into closed session to consider the confidential personnel information. Chair Johnson reported that the Commission's legal action to enforce its three document subpoenas has not been filed. He said CoCo continues to prevent the Commission's outside counsel, Harv Anand, from sharing the draft legal action with the Commission while it is being reviewed by the Office of County Counsel. Further updates would be provided at the Commission's September meeting. Chair Johnson reported the Professional Peace Officers Association (PPOA) and Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs (ALADS) filed a complaint with LA County Employee Relations 	2:00:02

5. Chair Johnson reported that the Governance Ad Hoc Committee met on July 2 nd to discuss the COC's leadership transition, Commissioner training, and streamlining of the COC's ad hoc committees.	3:22:57
6. Technology Ad Hoc: Chair Johnson reported the Ad Hoc continues to research LASD's drone pilot program, which is being expanded. He said the Ad Hoc is reviewing how LASD is going beyond policies adopted in 2015 and 2018.	3:23:24
7. Use of Force Ad Hoc Committee. Chair Johnson said the Ad Hoc has completed its task and asked if there was a motion to dissolve it.	3:24:31
MOTION: Commissioner Giggans moved to dissolve the Use of Force Ad Hoc Committee. The motion was seconded by Co-Vice Chair Calloway.	3:25:04
VOICE VOTE: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 Ayes: Calloway, Cooper, Garcia, Giggans, Harris, Hicks, Johnson 0 Nays 1 Absent: Bonner Motion passed 7-0	
PUBLIC COMMENT	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> George Bazetti commented on the OIG report. Isaac Ashberry announced an event taking place in Compton on July 19, 2025. Jackie Venters commented on LASD corruption and the lack of accountability. T. Carter commented on being labeled as schizophrenic by LASD jail staff and complaint forms. Valerie Vargas commented on law enforcement accountability and independent investigations. Deanna Brock commented on the LASD use of force and the need for a support group for victims. 	3:26:34 3:27:51 3:28:55 3:30:01 3:31:15 3:32:38
IX. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> George Bazetti suggested changing the venue of the meeting. elsewhere. Gina Youngblood commented on the death of her brother Eugene Youngblood. Steve Sidona commented on the fraternal order of the police. Jacqueline Venters requested County Counsel to review a packet from the Department of Justice. Tramell Carter commented about not receiving a response to his complaint. Stephanie Luna commented on family harassment. 	3:34:48 3:36:32 3:37:35 3:39:25 3:41:09 3:43:57
X. UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Johnson announced that the next Commission meeting will be held on September 18, 2025. 	3:45:31
XI. ADJOURNMENT	
Meeting adjourned at 12:53 p.m.	