



Los Angeles County Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission



MONTHLY MEETING

July 16, 2026 | 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
St. Anne's Conference and Event Center

MEETING MINUTES

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

- Hans Johnson, Chair
- Arthur Calloway II, Vice Chair
- Luis S. Garcia, Vice Chair
- Irma Cooper
- James P. Harris
- London McBride

COMMISSIONER/S ABSENT:

- Jamon Hicks
- George Newhouse

AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

- Sheriff Robert Luna (departed 10:20 a.m.)
- Myron Johnson, Asst. Sheriff of Patrol Operations
- Eric Bates, Interim Inspector General (departed 12:00 p.m.)
- Shana Wilcher, Office of County Counsel

STAFF PRESENT

- Sharmaine Moseley, Executive Director
- Robert Flores, Community Services Coordinator

The following minutes are arranged in the order of the meeting agenda, not the sequence in which items were taken up during the meeting. For the chronological list, scroll to the end of this document.

1. **CALL TO ORDER (00:00:01)** Chair Hans Johnson called the Los Angeles Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission (Commission) meeting to order at 9:14 a.m. and provided an overview of the agenda.
2. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (00:12:00)** Chair Johnson read the land acknowledgement statement.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT RULES (00:05:23)** The Commission's Community Services Coordinator, Robert Flores, explained the rules for providing public comment on agenda items during the meeting.
4. **ROLL CALL (00:07:22)** The Commission's Community Services Coordinator, Robert Flores, conducted the roll call. The quorum requirement was met.
 - **Commissioners Present:** Chair Hans Johnson; Vice Chair Arthur Calloway II; Vice Chair Luis S. Garcia; Commissioner Irma Cooper; Commissioner James P. Harris; Commissioner Jamon Hicks; and Commissioner London McBride.
 - **Quorum:** Six Commissioners were present during the roll call, which constituted a quorum.
 - **Excused Absences:** Commissioner Jamon Hicks and Commissioner George Newhouse.

5. CONSENT CALENDAR (00:08:05) The Commissioners reviewed the items on the consent calendar, which consisted of the Commission's [June 18, 2026, Meeting Minutes](#). It was noted that there were no questions.

MOTION: (00:08:24) Vice Chair Arthur Calloway II moved to approve the consent calendar. Commissioner James P. Harris seconded the motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

VOICE VOTE (00:08:46)

- **6 Ayes:** Chair Hans Johnson; Vice Chair Arthur Calloway; Vice Chair Luis S. Garcia; Commissioner Irma Cooper; Commissioner James P. Harris; and Commissioner London McBride.
- **0 Nays**
- **0 Abstentions**

The motion passed unanimously by a vote of **6 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions**.

6. FAMILY IMPACT REMARKS (00:09:14): None

7. LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S UPDATE (00:10:22)

- Sheriff Luna provided an overview of recent LASD work across public safety operations, staffing, transparency, technology, and community engagement.
- He highlighted coordinated security efforts during the FIFA World Cup, strong collaboration with local, state, and federal partners, and clarified that no civil immigration enforcement occurred at FIFA venues. He noted positive feedback from residents and visitors and stated that lessons learned will support future major events. He acknowledged complex security challenges, including large protests and international tensions, and explained that constitutional considerations guided decisions such as allowing attendees to retain flags.
- Sheriff Luna reported on technology initiatives, including translation features in body-worn cameras and plans for a community safety operations center. He announced the graduation of 56 new deputy recruits, reaffirmed expectations around professionalism and the prohibition on deputy gang or gang-like behavior, and encouraged Commissioners to attend future ceremonies.
- He highlighted community engagement such as Operation Chill and promoted the upcoming AB 481 military equipment community meeting, thanking the Commissioners for helping notify the public about the meeting.
- Sheriff Luna described significant improvements in media relations, credited Captain Nancy Escobedo for updating media policy, and noted positive feedback from regional media partners.

DISCUSSION (00:25:53)

- Chair Johnson thanked Sheriff Luna for highlighting AB 481 and constitutional policing. He raised concerns about ICE activity and asked about the Department's outreach efforts to inform residents about lawful enforcement and LASD accountability. Sheriff Luna stated the department shares educational materials, addresses the topic at community meetings, and regularly meets with immigration advocates to discuss policies, custody issues, and the distinction between judicial warrants and civil detainers.
- Chair Johnson asked about public safety impacts from the Lineage warehouse fire. Sheriff Luna described its widespread effects on residents and deputies living nearby. He described the severe odor and that the situation is unacceptable and requires answers.
- Chair Johnson commented that the LA County Civil Grand Jury's FY-2025-26 report noted that external observations of the LASD have consistently been the drivers of change and reforms at the Department. He referenced recent settlements tied to alleged deputy gang activity and asked what

steps are being taken to prevent future cases. Sheriff Luna reported that the Department has acknowledged deputy gang issues, set clear expectations, required pledges from new deputies, established the Office of Constitutional Policing, strengthened audits, updated its use-of-force policy, improved training and accountability, and reviews past lawsuits.

- Chair Johnson stated that several Commissioners recently visited LASD-run custody facilities and observed improved custody conditions, respectful interactions from staff, and improvements in media relation. Sheriff Luna stated that he welcomed unannounced visits and that the LASD is making further improvements and has issued requests for proposals (RFPs) to improve its Community Aided Dispatch System (CADS), Records Management System (RMS), and jail management systems.
- Commissioner Garcia described his recent observations from a recent unannounced visit to the Inmate Reception Center (IRC).
- Commissioner Cooper thanked the Sheriff after a watch commander resolved an issue for a family. She did not provide much detail.
- Commissioner Harris shared his own observations from a recent unannounced visit.
- Commissioner Calloway asked about prioritizing a jail management system versus iPads in custody units. Sheriff Luna stated that both are important and that the Department may rely on different funding sources. He promised to follow up.
- Chair Johnson stated that before the LASD changes its mail policies, it should consider evidence from other jurisdictions showing that canceling hard copy mail may worsen narcotics problems and harms rehabilitation and family connection.

PUBLIC COMMENT (00:57:12)

- Olivia Irene Fitzsimmons stated that deputies repeatedly refused to report or investigate her cases, raising concerns about training and outdated LASD contact information.
- Isaac Asberry commented on the LASD for lack of disclosure of deputies allegedly tied to deputy gangs and described another recent Compton incident with delayed response and an unsecured scene.
- Film the Police commented on deputies participating in federal joint terrorism task forces and cited alleged cooperation between ICE and LASD.
- Byron José stated that drugs enter jails primarily through deputies. He urged investment in care, diversion, and depopulation, and stated that the LASD does not prosecute alleged deputy gangs.
- Audit LA stated that an attorney injured her with a rolling briefcase, and alleged that deputies refused to document the incident which left her feeling unsafe at hearings.
- Anastasia identified herself as a 2028 presidential candidate and raised concerns about iPad-related data security.
- Trammell Carter stated that his request since 2024 to place his matter on the Commission's agenda has gone unanswered.

8. COMMISSION REPORTS

A. CHAIR'S REPORT (01:13:32)

i. Enforcement Action of COC Subpoenas on L.A. County Sheriff's Department filed in Superior Court in L.A. on Monday, June 22, 2026.

Chair Johnson reported that the Commission filed an enforcement action in Superior Court on June 22 after unanimous 2025 and 2026 actions affirming the Commission's intent to enforce subpoenas and secure independent counsel due to County Counsel's conflict of interest. He noted the LA County Civil Grand Jury's finding that County Counsel is conflicted and that the

Commission needs independent legal authority. He noted that County Counsel and labor unions negotiated a settlement to rescind the Commission's February 2025 subpoenas without informing the Commission. He read a statement rejecting the agreement, reaffirming the Commission's subpoena authority, and directing County Counsel to file the statement immediately.

ii. Related developments following the Commission's June 22, 2026, subpoena enforcement action.

Chair Johnson referenced his [letter](#) as Chair of the Commission to California Attorney General Rob Bonta outlining concerns about potential collusion between deputies' unions and County Counsel to attempt to cancel the subpoenas. He noted statewide momentum toward oversight in Monterey and Riverside County.

iii. Update regarding the Monterey County Board of Supervisor's approval of an Office of Inspector General to provide independent oversight of the Monterey County Sheriff's Office.

Chair Johnson described this development as progress.

iv. Update on the crisis of in-custody deaths.

Chair Johnson stated that the LASD continues to face a crisis of in-custody deaths, with [51 deaths](#) projected this year.

v. Further investigation and follow-up on misleading conclusion by LASD (June 10, 2026) to complaint (January 15, 2026) involving disrespectful treatment of COC Commissioner at LASD Palmdale Station at Palmdale Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting (January 13, 2026).

Chair Johnson reported on a complaint involving disrespectful treatment of a Commissioner at the Palmdale Sheriff's Station, saying the Department has committed to revisit the response. He stressed the need for a transparent and trustworthy complaint process to ensure respectful treatment of Commissioners and the public.

B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT (01:33:48)

- Executive Director Moseley reported on Commissioner and staff trainings. She thanked Commissioners who completed required County courses and those who joined OIG staff and the LA County Civil Grand Jury Commission for jail inspections. She noted that, with the Commission preparing to move into the OIG's office suite, continued collaboration rather than siloed work will be essential. Commissioners wishing to conduct unaccompanied jail visits must complete a brief training, and the link has been provided.
- She summarized recent [community engagement](#) by the Commission, including attendance at the Florence-Firestone Community Action for Peace meeting, LA Forward San Gabriel Valley post-election gathering, an IRC inspection with Sybil Brand Commission (SBC) leadership, and a concert in Twin Towers Jail. She added that staff attended an Axon translation technology demonstration, joined Vice Chair Garcia in a lecture to USC social work students, and met with the LGBTQ+ Commission to explore partnerships, such as on a joint immigration forum.
- She reported that two Commission proposals, one on in-custody deaths and clinical care, and another on AI in law enforcement report writing, were accepted for NACOLE's annual conference. Due to budget limits, funding for Commissioners' travel to NACOLE is limited.
- She announced that the Third District Supervisor, Lindsay Horvath, will fill the vacancy created by Commissioner Giggans' departure and encouraged interested individuals to contact her office.

- Executive Director Moseley reported that due to budget constraints, the Commission's in-person annual conference will instead become a series of virtual discussions. She shared a [flyer](#) with additional information.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS 8A AND 8B: (1:39:31)

- Sophia Derfler stated LASD shows a pattern of violence and no accountability, citing the Joseph Perez and Emmett Brock cases, and supported the subpoena enforcement lawsuit.
- Isaac Asberry vowed to provide documentation on LASD deputies serving federal prison sentences.
- Trammell Carter stated he will send a letter to the Attorney General about his unresolved 2024 complaint, expressing concern about repeated admonishments before he speaks.
- Deanna Brock stated that reducing public comment time is disrespectful. She commented on the delays in meet-and-confer, and condemned County Counsel, ALADS, and PPOA for trying to cancel subpoenas, including one tied to her son's case.
- Vanessa Perez commented that her family has struggled to obtain records. She further commented that LASD delays protect the Department over the public and thanked the Commission for enforcing subpoenas.
- Emmett Brock stated that one minute public comment is insufficient, commented on efforts to cancel subpoenas, and stated that his case shows why enforcement is needed.
- Audit L.A. described being assaulted by a lawyer in a courthouse and stated that deputies refused to document her complaint despite her press credentials.
- Film the Police spoke of Cerise Castle vs. County of LA, adjudicated in 2025. He stated that the LASD is defying a judge's order in that case related to the release of deputy photos. He urged the Commission to act.
- Byron José commented about limiting public comment to one minute. He stated that he supported subpoena enforcement and transparency requiring independent oversight. Mr. Jose commented on County Counsel obstructing accountability and on Commissioner Garcia for interrupting public comment.
- Tasha Williamson commented about limiting public comment to one minute. She further commented on the deputies' use of meet-and-confer negotiations to block policy implementation erroneously prioritizes procedural obstruction over the public interest.

9. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION

A. Presentation on the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Motion dated August 12, 2025: Honoring the 55th Anniversary of the Chicano Moratorium: Confronting Ongoing Injustices and ICE Raids in Los Angeles County. (2:25:10)

- LASD Sheriff's Information Bureau Captain Nancy Escobedo presented [LASD's updated media policies](#), noting they consolidate scattered guidance, incorporate recent California laws, and emphasize transparency, constitutional protections, and consistent communication practices.
- She outlined key changes affirming the public's right to record deputies when lawfully present, noting deputies may not interfere or request ID solely because someone is filming. She also described expanded media access during emergencies, explaining that credentials help facilitate entry but are not required to be recognized as a journalist, and that access must be balanced with safety and investigative needs.
- Captain Escobedo stated that the Sheriff's Information Bureau remains the Department's central communications hub, responsible for accurate and timely information. She outlined

privacy rules limiting release of booking photos and sensitive data, and described new safeguards requiring documentation, executive approval, and supervisory involvement before any investigation or enforcement action involving journalists engaged in newsgathering.

- She concluded that the updated policies reflect collaboration with oversight partners and strengthen the Department's commitment to transparency, accountability, constitutional policing, and respectful engagement with the public and media.

DISCUSSION: None

PUBLIC COMMENT (02:34:12)

- Joey Scott stated that journalists like himself continue to face harm, including exposure to tear gas and less-than-lethal rounds, and commented on Sheriff Luna's statement that media believe policing has significantly improved.
- Audit L.A. stated that as an independent media producer covering Scientology and government accountability, she was assaulted in a courthouse and deputies failed to respect her press role or document her complaint. She asked where she could file a formal complaint.
- Film the Police stated that deputies wrongly told Audit LA she could not record in a courthouse hallway while allowing a Scientology member to film. He commented that this shows violations of media rights and favoritism toward Scientology.

10. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution Reaffirming Enforcement Action by COC in L.A County Superior Court (1:53:53)

Chair Johnson explained that the resolution before the Commission reinforces the Commission's unanimous April 2026 action and reflects the Legal Ad Hoc Committee's view that reaffirmation is a necessary continuation of prior steps. He added that the resolution uses the term *nunc pro tunc*, meaning "now for then," to formally reaffirm and strengthen the Commission's earlier enforcement action.

MOTION: Vice Chair Calloway filed a motion to approve the resolution. Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion. (1:56:06)

DISCUSSION (1:56:24)

- Commissioner Garcia reaffirmed support for strong oversight and subpoena enforcement but questioned whether past Commission actions explicitly authorized filing litigation or retaining outside counsel. He noted earlier motions supported enforcement and selecting unconflicted pro bono counsel but did not clearly authorize litigation. He cited County Counsel's June advisory stating that civil actions and retention of outside counsel fall under County Counsel's authority and that the Commission lacks independent authority to initiate litigation. He emphasized the need for precise language distinguishing selecting counsel, retaining counsel, and authorizing litigation, and stated he would support amended language that accurately reflects past actions plus a separate vote to ratify counsel's engagement.
- The Chair responded that the Commission's unanimously approved March 2025, January 2026, and April 2026 resolutions authorized enforcement and retention of outside counsel.
- Commissioner Garcia reiterated that he saw no express authorization to file litigation and again asked for specific language confirming that authority. The Chair replied that the terms "power" and "authority" are generally understood to be synonymous, and he doesn't see any "gamesmanship or wordsmithing" in the resolutions.
- Vice Chair Calloway added that Commissioners Newhouse and Hicks, both attorneys, reviewed the resolution and found no issues.

- The Chair stated Commissioners Hicks and Newhouse were absent due to trial and travel obligations and that Commissioner Newhouse authored much of the resolution. He added that the Legal Ad Hoc Committee unanimously recommended the resolution as a reaffirmation of last month's enforcement action.

PUBLIC COMMENT (2:03:43)

- Raquel Derfler urged the Commission and community to closely understand the resolution's language, noting its request for County Counsel to clarify its stance on subpoena enforcement and, if needed, provide unconflicted outside counsel or permit the Commission to select its own so it can exercise its authority without obstruction.
- Vanessa Perez briefly expressed concern about Commissioner Garcia's stance, stating he should support the community. She then yielded her remaining time to Deanna Brock.
- Chair Johnson asked members of the public not to direct comments towards any particular Commissioner.
- Deanna Brock made comments questioning the need for outside counsel and added that the Commission already unanimously supported it. She argued County Counsel cannot represent both the LASD and the Commission and stated independent counsel is clearly necessary.
- Emmett Brock commented on hesitation in enforcing the Commission's subpoenas. He argued that counsel cannot represent both the Commission and the Sheriff's Department and commented on Commissioner Garcia opposing independent counsel.
- Commissioner Garcia asked Chair Johnson to issue an admonition after multiple speakers referred to Commissioner Garcia in their comments.
- Chair Johnson, again, reminded the public that personal remarks toward commissioners violate the Commission's code of conduct and asked speakers to maintain appropriate decorum.
- When Chair Garcia started to speak further, Chair Johnson stated that the meeting is still hearing public comment.
- Tasha Williamson asked whether the Commission has authority or resources to retain paid outside counsel and questioned why Commissioner Garcia's position differed from those of other commissioners.
- Audit L.A. supported the Commission gaining independent tools, including outside counsel, and noted similar conflicts in other oversight settings where shared legal representation fails.
- A caller with a phone number ending in "57" attempted to raise an unrelated issue involving Scientology and was redirected.
- Byron Jose stated that the Commission should retain its own counsel rather than relitigate matters already decided and stated that enforcing decorum is not a personal attack. He also commented on Commissioner Garcia's reactions to public comment.
- Commissioner Harris stated that differing viewpoints among Commissioners are normal and encouraged all members to share their positions openly.
- Vice Chair Calloway agreed, noting disagreement is part of the Commission's work and commissioners may reconsider views after hearing public comment.
- Commissioner Garcia reiterated that he sees a conflict between County Counsel's authority and the legal ad hoc committee's interpretation. Chair Johnson responded that the L.A. County Civil Grand Jury also found County Counsel conflicted when representing both the LASD and the Commission, reinforcing the need for independent counsel.
- Commissioner Harris requested a minor typographical correction in the motion, which was to change the name of the deputies' union to the "Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs" (not "of Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs.")

VOICE VOTE (02:22:47)

- **5 Ayes:** Chair Hans Johnson; Vice Chair Arthur Calloway; Commissioner Irma Cooper; Commissioner James P. Harris; and Commissioner London McBride
- **1 Nay:** Vice Chair Luis S. Garcia
- **0 Abstentions**

The motion passed unanimously by a vote of **5 ayes, 1 nay, and 0 abstentions**.

B. Election of Commission Officers for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Nominating Ad Hoc Committee Chair presentation of nominees to serve as the Commission's Chair, First Vice Chair and Second Vice Chair (2:50:50)

i. Nominee for Commission Chair

Commissioner Cooper noted that the sole nominee for the position of Commission Chair is the incumbent, Hans Johnson. She called for a motion.

MOTION: Vice Chair Calloway moved to nominate Chair Johnson to remain as Chair of the Commission. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion. (2:51:54)

DISCUSSION: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: (2:54:02)

- Deanna Brock commented that she agreed with the election of Hans Johnson.
- Trammell Carter commented that electing a person who has displayed bias and discriminatory treatment towards a member of the public would undermine the Commission.

VOICE VOTE: (2:56:32)

- **6 Ayes:** Chair Hans Johnson; Vice Chair Arthur Calloway; Vice Chair Luis S. Garcia; Commissioner Irma Cooper; Commissioner James P. Harris; and Commissioner London McBride
- **0 Nays**
- **0 Abstentions**

By a vote of **6 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions, Hans Johnson is reelected Chair of the Commission.**

ii. Nominees for First Vice Chair Position (2:37:54): Commissioner Cooper stated there were two nominees for First Vice Chair of the Commission: incumbent Vice Chairs Garcia and Calloway. She called for a motion.

MOTION: Chair Johnson moved to elect the First Chair of the Commission for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027. Commissioner McBride seconded the motion. (2:57:58)

DISCUSSION: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: (2:58:23)

- Deanna Brock stated she supports Commissioner Calloway, noting he is receptive to public comment, asks questions community members are already considering, and understands the Commission's purpose.
- Trammell Carter stated he shared information with Commissioner Calloway in 2024 and was told "things take time," but has not received a response. He stated Commissioner Garcia declined to take his documents and that panel decisions feel predetermined.

- Vanessa Perez stated she appreciates Commissioner Calloway's support for the community and said that she herself speaks out because her son was nearly beaten to death. She stated Commissioner Calloway is a strong candidate.
- Emmett Brock stated that Commissioner Calloway listens to victims, supports transparency, and does not participate in hiding subpoenas. He urged the Commission to select him as Vice Chair.

VOICE VOTE: (03:02:12)

- **5 Ayes** for Vice Chair Calloway: Chair Hans Johnson; Vice Chair Arthur Calloway; Commissioner Irma Cooper; Commissioner James P. Harris; and Commissioner London McBride
- **0 Nays**
- **1 Abstention:** Vice Chair Luis S. Garcia

With 5 votes for Vice Chair Arthur Calloway, 0 votes for Vice Chair Luis Garcia, and 1 abstention, Arthur Calloway II was elected as First Chair of the Commission.

iii. Nominee for Second Vice Chair position (3:03:46)

Commissioner Cooper stated that Commissioner Newhouse was the only candidate for Second Vice Chair. She called for a motion.

MOTION: Chair Johnson moved to elect the Second Vice Chair of the Commission.

Commissioner Calloway seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

VOICE VOTE (3:04:47)

- **6 Ayes:** Chair Hans Johnson; Vice Chair Arthur Calloway; Vice Chair Luis S. Garcia; Commissioner Irma Cooper; Commissioner James P. Harris; and Commissioner London McBride
- **0 Nays**
- **0 Abstentions**

By a vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions, Commissioner George Newhouse was elected as the Second Vice Chair of the Commission.

C. Water Quality, Safety, and Environmental Conditions in Los Angeles County Jail Facilities - Discussion and Possible Action on Water Quality, Safety, and Environmental Conditions in Los Angeles County Jail Facilities, including implementation of the Board of Supervisors' February 3, 2026 motion.

This item was tabled.

D. Recommendation to Approve the Commission's Response to the 2025-26 Los Angeles County Civil Grand Jury Report (03:06:51)

Chair Johnson reported that the Commission's response highlights key findings from the FY 2025-26 L.A. County Civil Grand Jury's final report, including conflicts created by County Counsel representing both LASD and the Commission, the need for dedicated legal staff, and concerns that meet-and-confer can delay oversight. He added that the report also calls for stronger coordination among oversight bodies, which the Commission supports. The Commission's response was linked to the agenda.

MOTION: Commissioner Cooper filed a motion to approve the Commission's Response to the 2025-26 Los Angeles County Civil Grand Jury Report. First Vice Chair Calloway seconded the motion. (3:10:12)

DISCUSSION: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

VOICE VOTE: (3:10:57)

- **5 Ayes:** Chair Hans Johnson; First Vice Chair Arthur Calloway; Commissioner Irma Cooper; Commissioner James P. Harris; and Commissioner London McBride
- **0 Nays**
- **1 Abstention:** Commissioner Luis S. Garcia

The motion passed by a vote of **5 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 abstention.**

E. Sheriff Civilian Oversight Entity in Riverside County - Support for the Establishment of a Sheriff Civilian Oversight Entity.

This item was tabled.

F. Sheriff Civilian Oversight Entity in Riverside County - Support for the School Resource Deputies (SRD) – Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Reporting Requirements and Contract Duration. of a Sheriff Civilian Oversight Entity in Riverside County. (3:11:44)

Chair Johnson explained that the motion directs him, with staff support, to draft a letter urging stronger reporting and transparency on school resource deputy interactions and shortening deputy contract renewals to one year. He noted that the Board has already moved to one-year renewals and acknowledged continued scrutiny from groups like Cancel the Contract. He emphasized that concerns about deputy conduct extend into schools, citing the experience of community member Vanessa Perez' family, and stressed the need to address racial disparities, accountability gaps, and poor data systems that hinder tracking youth contacts, adding that these issues require ongoing Commission attention.

MOTION: First Vice Chair Calloway filed a motion to direct the Chair, with the assistance of Commission staff, to draft a letter supporting increased reporting and transparency regarding SRD interactions with students and reducing SRD contract renewal period to one year. Commissioner Garcia seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION: (3:14:42) Commissioner Garcia stated that the Probation Oversight Commission might have a role to play in this.

PUBLIC COMMENT: (3:16:44)

- Raquel Derfler stated the Antelope Valley generates much of the school resource deputy revenue and most reported uses of force, urging the Commission to take a stronger role in future contract approvals and require the LASD to adopt oversight recommendations.
- Vanessa Perez stated that poor communication between the Sheriff's Department and school districts forced her daughter to attend school alongside the deputy who nearly beat her son to death. She stated the department failed to flag the deputy's prior violence before assigning him as a school resource officer and thanked the Chair for acknowledging the issue.

VOICE VOTE: (3:20:03)

- **6 Ayes:** Chair Hans Johnson; First Vice Chair Arthur Calloway; Commissioner Luis S. Garcia; Commissioner Irma Cooper; Commissioner James P. Harris; and Commissioner London McBride
- **0 Nays**

- **0 Abstentions**

The motion passed unanimously by a vote of **6 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions**.

G. Victim Impact Statement in the Case Involving Emmett Brock and the Federal Sentencing of Former Deputy Joseph Benza – Discussion and Possible Action on Support Letter.

Chair Johnson explained the motion would authorize him to draft a letter supporting submission of a victim impact statement for the upcoming federal sentencing of former deputy Joseph Benza, noting that public interests are often missing from such statements.

MOTION: Commissioner Cooper made a motion to direct the Chair to draft a letter supporting the submission of a victim impact statement citing the public interest at stake for the August 7, 2026, federal sentencing of former LASD Deputy Benza. First Vice Chair Calloway seconded the motion. (3:28:59)

DISCUSSION: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: (3:24:55)

- Deanna Brock stated that former Deputy Benza pursued her son for miles and brutally beat him. Her son was later mistreated in custody, including being forced to show his genitals and being booked under the wrong gender. She thanked the Commission for its attention to the case. She added that her son's case was falsely documented as involving no force until the FBI uncovered a major coverup involving multiple supervisors and deputies. She urged Commissioners to attend the sentencing to support transparency and accountability.
- Trammell Carter stated he is relieved the victim is receiving compensation and the deputy will be removed and stressed that complaints must be taken seriously to prevent further harm. He added that his own complaint has not been placed on the agenda despite repeated attempts, saying the Commission should model the transparency it expects from the LASD.

VOICE VOTE (03:29:23)

- **6 Ayes:** Chair Hans Johnson; Vice Chair Arthur Calloway; Vice Chair Luis S. Garcia; Commissioner Irma Cooper; Commissioner James P. Harris; and Commissioner London McBride
- **0 Nays**
- **0 Abstentions**

The motion passed unanimously by a vote of **6 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions**.

H. Recommendation by the Governance Ad Hoc Committee for the Commission to Adopt Revisions to the Commission Bylaws.

This item was tabled to be considered at the Commission's September meeting.

11. OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

A. Inspector General (OIG) Updates on Oversight and Monitoring Activities (2:38:22)

- Interim Inspector General, Eric Bates, reported that recent reviews found ongoing problems with inmate grievance and health-service request forms. He added that this will appear in the OIG's next quarterly report, and that LASD leadership is already working on fixes.
- Having recently observed LASD training on media rights, IG Bates stated that he was impressed by its depth, including detailed First Amendment instruction and guidance on reporter interactions. He added that the OIG will monitor issues related to LASD's media engagement.

- He stated his office has begun follow up work with the LASD on last summer's grenade incident that caused three fatalities, focusing on identifying systemic issues. He hopes to provide more information as the review advances.

DISCUSSION (2:43:26)

- Chair Johnson asked Interim IG Bates for his reactions to the L.A. County Civil Grand Jury's findings, particularly its concerns about coordination among oversight bodies and its call for stronger collaboration between the OIG and the COC. Interim IG Bates agreed collaboration is important while each entity remains independent and added that he plans to continue strengthening coordination.
- Chair Johnson then asked whether he would be open to discussing dedicated oversight budget models. Interim IG Bates stated he would be open to those conversations, emphasizing that financial pressures should not impede oversight, and supporting joint efforts to secure more stable funding.

PUBLIC COMMENT (2:47:11)

- Olivia Irene Fitzsimmons raised concerns about LASD staff failing to provide required forms to the public, calling it a serious lapse.
- Trammell Carter stated he has been trying since 2024 to correct records falsely labeling him "schizophrenic" and has repeatedly been told that the OIG lacks this information. As a result, he is preparing to file a claim against L.A. County.

B. Sybil Brand Commission Update on Jail Facility Conditions

This item was tabled.

C. Reports of Ad Hoc Committees

- The ad committees did not provide updates on agenda items **i, ii, iii, iv, v, vi, vii, viii, ix, x**, due to time constraints, and did not discuss or take action on item vi.
- The agenda listed separate action items to dissolve the Budget Ad Hoc (i), Nominations Ad Hoc (viii) and Protection of Media in Demonstrations (ix) Ad Hoc committees; however, during the meeting, Commissioners instead opted for a single motion to dissolve all three ad hoc committees at once.

MOTION: Commissioner Harris moved to dissolve the FY 2026-27 Budget Ad Hoc Committee, Nomination Ad Hoc Committee and the Protection of Media in Demonstrations Ad Hoc Committee. First Vice Chair Calloway seconded the motion. (3:31:21)

DISCUSSION: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

VOICE VOTE (03:32:19)

- **6 Ayes:** Chair Hans Johnson; First Vice Chair Arthur Calloway; Commissioner Luis S. Garcia; Commissioner Irma Cooper; Commissioner James P. Harris; and Commissioner London McBride
- **0 Nays**
- **0 Abstentions**

No updates were provided on the following ad hoc committees: (ii) Complaints, (iii) Deputy Gangs and Deputy Cliques, (iv) Disciplinary Process, (v) Governance, (vi) Jail Conditions and Staffing, (vi) Legal, and (x) Technology.

12. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENTS (3:33:26)

- Trammell Carter stated that his matter from 2024 still hasn't been addressed and will be included in an upcoming discrimination claim against the COC.
- Olivia Irene Fitzsimmons supported keeping Sheriff Luna and described unresolved negative encounters with deputies since 2022.
- Emmett Brock invited the Commission and the Sheriff's Department to the August 7 sentencing of former deputy Benza, noting the impact on his family and the scale of misconduct.
- Vanessa Perez stated that Measure R and AB 847 expanded subpoena power but delays in implementation persist. She apologized to Commissioner Garcia for her earlier comments.
- Deanna Brock supported open communication among Commissioners but stated Commissioner Garcia's reluctance to back independent counsel violated the code of conduct.
- Isaac Asberry submitted a five page report and records on Mia Jenkins' Compton cases. He cited low clearance rates and plans to follow up in September.
- Ron Dowell stated that Compton's City Charter policing section should be updated to reflect recent violence and modern expectations. He urged closer alignment with LASD oversight.
- Commenting for the second time, Trammell Carter stated that his discrimination complaint against the Chair never reached the Board, undermining trust, and asked that it be properly transmitted.
- Dr. Ivy Hilton stated she and her grandson faced a racial slur and death threat, yet the incident was misclassified. She submitted multiple requests on hate crime procedures and notified County Counsel of her intent to seek court intervention.
- Film the Police stated that LASD is ignoring a 2025 court order to release deputy roster photos and urged the Commission to address why the Department is still withholding them.

13. UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS (03:45:09)

The next Commission meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2026.

14. ADJOURNMENT (3:45:57) The meeting adjourned at 1 p.m.

NOTES:

- Below is the chronological order in which items on the agenda were taken up during the meeting: 1-8, 10A, 9A, 11A, 10B, 10D, 10F, 10G, 11C, 12-14.
- The Commission tabled the following items: 10C, 10E, 10H. (2:49:34)