



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR
INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS**

**500 WEST TEMPLE STREET
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012**

<http://sbc.lacounty.gov/>

Wednesday, July 5, 2023

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (23-2571)

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Call to Order.

Los Angeles County Land Acknowledgment

The County of Los Angeles recognizes that we occupy land originally and still inhabited and cared for by the Tongva, Tataviam, Serrano, Kizh, and Chumash Peoples. We honor and pay respect to their elders and descendants past, present, and emerging as they continue their stewardship of these lands and waters. We acknowledge that settler colonization resulted in land seizure, disease, subjugation, slavery, relocation, broken promises, genocide, and multigenerational trauma. This acknowledgment demonstrates our responsibility and commitment to truth, healing, and reconciliation and to elevating the stories, culture, and community of the original inhabitants of Los Angeles County. We are grateful to have the opportunity to live and work on these ancestral lands. We are dedicated to growing and sustaining relationships with Native peoples and local tribal governments, including (in no particular order) the

Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians
Gabrielino Tongva Indians of California Tribal Council
Gabrieleno/Tongva San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians
Gabiroleño Band of Mission Indians - Kizh Nation
San Manuel Band of Mission Indians
San Fernando Band of Mission Indians

To learn more about the First Peoples of Los Angeles County, please visit the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission website
<https://lanaic.lacounty.gov>.

Roll Call. (23-2434)

Chairperson Mark – Anthony Clayton Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:08 am., followed by the reading of the LA County Land Acknowledgment.

Present: 7 - Chairperson Mark-Anthony Clayton Johnson, Vice Chairperson Alexander Sherman, Commissioner Bob Frutos, Commissioner Dr. Cheryl N. Grills, Commissioner Raymond Regalado, Commissioner Joahanna Terrones, and Commissioner Mary Veral

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Eric Miller and Commissioner Ingrid Archie

I. REPORTS

1. Commissioner 'Reports on Detention Facilities. (23-2435)

Commissioner Joahanna Terrones and Commissioner Mary Veral

- Men's Central Jail (MCJ), 441 Bauchet St., Los Angeles, CA. 90012, June 19, 2023

Commissioners Terrones and Veral reported that there were at least three open fires in the 4-person cells in 2400 and that the entire module smelled like a campfire. They also noted the smoky air made it difficult to breathe. The row and area around the deputy desk smelled like smoke and nothing was being done about this safety issue, including no alarms or deputy intervention. Commissioners were on the row for a significant period of time and no deputies walked the row during our time there. This issue was reported at the time of the inspection and the jail administrators/supervisors indicated they were already aware of the problem. Additionally, the discipline (DRB process) was discussed as it appears people are being given punishment without proper due process.

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2. Chairperson's Report on Correspondence received. (23-2437)

No report was presented.

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3. Staff Report on Correspondence Received and Department Representative Reports. (23-2438)

No report was presented.

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II. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

4. Discussion of LA Times article re: jail violence. (23-2436)

After discussion, on motion of Vice Chairperson Alexander Sherman seconded by Commissioner Bob Frutos, the SBC approved to create an Ad-Hoc Committee that will collaborate with the Civilian Oversight Commission (COC) and Inspector General (IG), to discuss conducting a special meeting regarding Jail Violence with the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department (LASD), with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: 7 - Chairperson Mark-Anthony Clayton Johnson, Vice Chairperson Alexander Sherman, Commissioner Bob Frutos, Commissioner Dr. Cheryl N. Grills, Commissioner Raymond Regalado, Commissioner Joahanna Terrones, and Commissioner Mary Veral

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Eric Miller and Commissioner Ingrid Archie

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5. Discussion and Action on the EBI Survey Results (Commissioner Dr. Cheryl N. Grills). (23-2439)

Commissioner Dr. Grills reported that the Education Based Incarceration (EBI) Survey which was conducted by the Sybil Brand Commission (SBC) at the direction of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (BOS), was completed and submitted to the BOS Justice deputies. Six months has passed without any response from the Justice deputies regarding what was done with the report.

Chairperson Clayton - Johnson recommends that the SBC send a letter to the Justice deputies and the LASD to determine what actions, if any were taken regarding the EBI program.

By Common Consent, the SBC agreed to sending a letter to the Justice deputies and the LASD regarding actions taken relative to the EBI program.

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6. Discussion and Action on a letter to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) and the Los Angeles County Sheriff (LASD). (23-2473)

Vice Chairperson Sherman provided an overview of the SBC's proposed letter to be sent to the Board of Supervisors and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. The Commission then held a brief discussion on additional information to be added to the letter.

Following discussion, by Common Consent, the Commission agreed to incorporate the discussed recommendations and continue the discussion at the next SBC meeting.

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7. Approval of the SBC amended bylaws made at the June 21, 2023, meeting (change to the meeting length, frequency, and location). (23-2481)

After a brief discussion, by common consent, this item was continued to the SBC July 19, 2023, meeting.

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8. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of June 21, 2023. (23-2483)

On motion of Commissioner Mary Veral, seconded by Commissioner Bob Frutos, this item was approved with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: 5 - Chairperson Mark - Anthony Clayton Johnson, Vice Chairperson Alexander Sherman, Commissioner Raymond Regalado, Commissioner Joahanna Terrones, and Commissioner Mary Veral

Abstentions: 2 - Commissioner Bob Frutos, and Commissioner Dr. Cheryl N. Grills

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Ingrid Archie, and Commissioner Eric Miller

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III. MISCELLANEOUS

Public Comment

9. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (23-2485)

There was no public comment. However, Commissioner Dr. Cheryl N. Grills stated that she intends to resign from the SBC in about a month after serving twelve years on the commission.

Chairperson Clayton - Johnson thanked Commissioner Dr. Grills for her consistency and persistence in moving the SBC forward. And that he has certainly benefited greatly from her guidance.

Commissioner Frutos stated that he is impressed with Commissioner Dr. Grills. And her work with the EBI survey, and her dedication toward working on behalf of the underserved.

Commissioner Veral thanked Commissioner Dr. Grills for her incredible leadership and for the work you have done. You will be missed!

Commissioner Regalado thanked Commissioner Dr. Grills for the report and the work that she has done, emphasizing that only a few people are able to be effective. He highlighted the importance of her work and due to her effectiveness people are not talking about it.

Commissioner Terrones thanked her for being an advocate of the people.

Vice Chairperson Sherman stated that Commissioner Dr. Grills served as a bridge and means so much more the SBC and is definitely symbolizes the potential of the SBC.

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Adjournment

10. Adjournment for the Meeting of July 5, 2023. (23-2486)

Chairperson Mark - Anthony Clayton Johnson adjourned the meeting at 12:10 p.m.