



**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/>

**Thursday, September 7, 2023**

**9:00 AM**

AUDIO LINK TO THE ENTIRE MEETING. (23-3380)

**Attachments:** [AUDIO LINK](#)

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  
Gabrieleño 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 [anaic.lacounty.gov](http://anaic.lacounty.gov).

Roll Call. (23-3037)

**Chairperson Clayton Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m. then read the LA Land Acknowledgement. Roll call was performed by staff.**

**Present:** 7 - Chairperson Mark - Anthony Clayton Johnson, Vice Chairperson Alexander Sherman, Commissioner Bob Frutos, Commissioner Eric Miller, Commissioner Raymond Regalado, Commissioner Joahanna Terrones, and Commissioner Mary Veral

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Cheryl N. Grills Ph.D. and Commissioner Ingrid Archie

**After a quorum of in person members was confirmed Chairperson Clayton Johnson announced that Commissioner Veral is requesting to join the meeting virtually due to emergency just cause. On the motion of Commissioner Bob Frutos, seconded by Commissioner Joahanna Terrones this request was approved by unanimous consent.**

## **I. REPORTS**

1. Commissioners Reports on Detention Facilities. (23-3038)  
Commissioner Mary Veral and Commissioner Raymond Regalado
  - Inglewood Courthouse, 1 E. Regent St., Inglewood, CA 90301, June 30, 2023.Commissioner Raymond Regalado and Commissioner Joahanna Terrones
  - Lomita Sheriff's Station, 26123 Narbonne Ave., Lomita, CA 90717, July 3, 2023.Chairperson Mark-Antony Clayton Johnson and Alexander Sherman
  - Men's Central Jail (MCJ), 441 Bauchet St., Los Angeles, CA. 90012, July 14, 2023.
  - Twin Tower's Correctional Facility (TTCF), 450 Bauchet St., Los Angeles, CA. 90012, July 14, 2023.Commissioner Mary Veral and Commissioner Hans Johnson, COC.
  - North County Correctional Facility (NCCF), 29340 The Old Rd, Castaic, CA 91384, July 18, 2023.Commissioner Bob Frutos, Commissioner Raymond Regalado, and Joahanna Terrones.
  - Pomona Courthouse South, 400 Civic Center Plaza Pomona, CA. 91766, July 21, 2023Vice Chairperson Alexander Sherman and Commissioner Mary Veral
  - Hollywood Courthouse Lockup, 5925 Hollywood Blvd, Los Angeles, CA. 90028, August 9, 2023.

At the recommendation of Vice Chairperson Sherman, the reports were grouped and discussed by courthouse lock ups and sheriff stations, followed by the jail facilities in the listed order.

**Courthouse lock ups, and sheriff stations:** Although observed to be in satisfactory condition. Concerns included lack of access to medical care, and that in the event a medical need presents itself, two deputies are required to transport each person, impacting staffing at the facility. In addition, there is a lack of dietary accommodations. And surprisingly self-contained breathing apparatuses, SCBA's were prominent in the Pomona courthouse.

**Jail facilities:** Concerns included poor air quality at MCJ, misuse of county equipment while on county time across facilities, overcrowding and double bunking continue, broken and non-functioning equipment including the AC and food refrigeration, vermin infestation in the water, water quality, plumbing, and black worms, lack of clarity pertaining to the transportation procedure. Being proactive in monitoring high observation housing. MCJ showed some improvement. And the expanded medically assisted treatment program at NCCF was getting off the ground.

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2. Los Angeles Sheriff Department, LASD (Commander Hugo Macias). (23-3041)
  - Roll Call
  - Update on revisions to TTCF sanitation/infestation policies.
  - Compassionate release decision-making process.
  - Policy on personnel access to closed-circuit video.
  - High Observation Housing (HOH) out-of-cell time.
  - Update on In-Custody Deaths.
  - DPPH inspection findings on "no Shows"
  - LASD's Board of Supervisors July 25, 2023, motion plan.

**Present: Command Hugo Macias**

**Commander Macias confirmed that the updated policies were sent to the SBC and then went over the policy approval process. The SBC expressed concerns about who's responsibility it is to determine when someone in a cell is smeared with infectious waste and becomes a serious risk to health and safety. How was the 48--hour extraction rule determined?**

**Why isn't communication practiced to gain compliance from an individual despite its success at courthouses and sheriff stations? Commander Macias reported that extractions are considered and documented as a use of force incident.**

**He referred the SBC to CHS to discuss compassionate release, government code section 26605. He stated that closed circuit video provides coverage to about 90% of housing areas and discussed who has access.**

**He reported that the LASD is required to provide 10 hrs. of HOH structured out of cell time and 10 hrs. of non-structured out of cell time. And all program activity is logged in the Utility Daily Activity Log, UDAL. The LASD to follow up on the number of persons achieving full 10/10 out of cell time.**

**He reported a total of 31 deaths while in custody. And that the LASDs "no shows" role is to advise individuals of their medical appointment and escort them. LASD notifies medical of refusals, medical confirms the refusal and that they were offered the opportunity. Denials can only be provided to CHS. LASD does not know how CHS tracks refusals. And that they do not have a tracking system connected to CHS. The LASD to follow up on where the individuals that died on March 5, and August 11, 2023, were housed prior to being transferred to Cedars Sinai?**

**As far as the July 25, 2023, motion Commander Macias reported that the Inmate Services Bureau (ISB) unit will manage the contract and work directly with the CEO. First steps would be to determine costs. And has looked at San Francisco who entertained a no cost or limited call cost. He briefly went over procurement cost. And will inform ISB regarding the next SBC meeting. Public comment was provided by Barbara Siegel and Melissa Camacho.**

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**10 Minute Recess (23-3039)**

- 3. Department of Correctional Health Services (Dr. Sean Henderson).  
Update on Medi-Cal Justice-Involved Initiative.  
Compassionate release decision-making process.  
High Observation Housing (HOH) out-of-cell time.  
DPH inspection findings on "no shows" and informed consent". (23-3043)**

**Dr. Sean Henderson was not available. There was no discussion on this item.**

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4. Department of Public Health (DPH) Jail Inspection Reports. (23-3044)

Vice Chairperson Sherman provided context to the DPH Inspection Reports as it relates to the “no shows”, his experience in accessing the reports and how they are now treated as public record requests. He then read two citations from p. 18 of the report in which Dr. Sean Henderson, CHS provided written comment (see supporting document). Vice Chairperson stated that in this context there wasn’t a system for dealing with “no shows”. There was an appointment backlog, and when speaking to the incarcerated people, there are delays in receiving care which the SBC addressed in their recent report to the board. He also acknowledged that Dr. Henderson’s response was not a corrective action plan. And that there is no plan to share the corrective action plans with the SBC as they are not public records. The SBC stated they can accommodate records that are not public record. Noting that it is a setback when not given access to directives for their follow ups. Chairperson Clayton Johnson identified three action steps; 1. Provide the COC with the DPH report to act on identified concerns. 2. Explore the creation of a structure that the SBC can review confidential sensitive information that the SBC has not gotten access to. 3. That additional requests be made for corrective action plans through that structure or be provided with a redacted version.

On motion of Commissioner Eric Miller seconded by Vice Chairperson Alexander Sherman the SBC approved the action steps with the following roll call vote:

**Ayes:** 7 - Chairperson Mark - Anthony Clayton Johnson,  
Vice Chairperson Alexander Sherman, Commissioner  
Bob Frutos, Commissioner Eric Miller, Commissioner  
Raymond Regalado, Commissioner Johanna  
Terrones, and Commissioner Mary Veral

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Cheryl N. Grills Ph.D. and  
Commissioner Ingrid Archie

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5. Civilian Oversight Commission, COC announcements and upcoming meetings (Mr. Erick Montalban, COC and Commissioner Luis Garcia, COC). (23-3046)

Chairperson Clayton Johnson stated that they are working on who from the SBC will attend the COC meetings. Mr. Erick Montalban reported that the COC held a virtual conference series on deputies in schools and is studying the LASDs school deputy program and are drafting a report.

On 9/7/2023 they hosted a virtual conference on Peace Office Decertification. And invited everyone to watch the recording. Their next meeting will be held on September 21, 2023, from 9 am to 1 pm, the venue and agenda are pending. Lastly the Annual community policing conference will be held on October 5, 2023, and registration is encouraged as capacity is limited.

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6. Chairperson's Report on correspondence received. (23-3052)

**There was no Chairperson's Report.**

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## **II. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

7. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of July 5, 2023. (23-3053)

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

**Ayes:** 6 - Chairperson Mark - Anthony Clayton Johnson, Vice Chairperson Alexander Sherman, Commissioner Bob Frutos, Commissioner Raymond Regalado, Commissioner Joahanna Terrones, and Commissioner Mary Veral

**Abstentions:** 1 - Commissioner Eric Miller

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Cheryl N. Grills Ph.D. and Commissioner Ingrid Archie

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8. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of July 19, 2023. (23-3056)

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

**Ayes:** 6 - Chairperson Mark - Anthony Clayton Johnson, Vice Chairperson Alexander Sherman, Commissioner Bob Frutos, Commissioner Eric Miller, Commissioner Raymond Regalado, and Commissioner Mary Veral

**Abstentions:** 1 - Commissioner Joahanna Terrones

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Cheryl N. Grills Ph.D. and Commissioner Ingrid Archie

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9. Discussion and possible action on the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (BOS) July 25, 2023, motion to provide free phone calls and Robust Programming in the County Jails. (23-3058)

**After brief discussion on motion of Commissioner Eric Miller, seconded by Commissioner Bob Frutos the SBC approved the creation of an ad hoc committee to conform with the requirements to fulfill the LA County Board of Supervisors July 25, 2023, motion and be in existence until the SBC fulfills the mandates of that motion with the following roll call vote:**

**Ayes:** 7 - Chairperson Mark - Anthony Clayton Johnson, Vice Chairperson Alexander Sherman, Commissioner Bob Frutos, Commissioner Eric Miller, Commissioner Raymond Regalado, Commissioner Joahanna Terrones, and Commissioner Mary Veral

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Cheryl N. Grills Ph.D. and Commissioner Ingrid Archie

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### **III. MISCELLANEOUS**

10. Discussion and action on the SBC, Office of the Inspector General (OIG), COC Ad Hoc Committee members. (23-3061)

**Vice Chairperson Sherman went over the purpose of this ad Hoc committee and invited others to participate and that the next meeting is scheduled on September 15, 2023. Commissioner Terrones to join the committee.**

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#### **Public Comment**

11. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (23-3062)

**There were no public comments.**

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#### **Adjournment**

12. Adjournment for the Meeting of September 7, 2023. (23-3063)

**Chairperson Mark – Anthony Clayton Johnson adjourned the meeting of September 7, 2023, at 11:59 a.m.**