



**LOS ANGELES COUNTY
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION
ON INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS**

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Thursday, February 1, 2024

9:00 AM

AUDIO LINK TO THE ENTIRE MEETING. (24-0587)

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 www.lanaic.lacounty.gov.

Roll Call. (24-0430)

Chairperson Raymond Regalado called the meeting to order at: 9:08 a.m. Followed by the reading of the LA County Land Acknowledgement. A quorum of in-person members was confirmed.

Commissioner Ingrid Archie joined the meeting virtually at 9:21 a.m. and exercised AB 2249 just cause due to childcare.

Present: 7 - Chairperson Raymond Regalado, Commissioner Ingrid Archie, Commissioner Haley Broder, Commissioner Norma Cumpian, Commissioner Bob Frutos, Commissioner Eric Miller, and Commissioner Mary Veral

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Joahanna Terrones

I. REPORTS

1. Commissioners Reports on Detention Facilities. (24-0435)

Vice Chairperson Alexander Sherman and Commissioner Veral

- Men's Central Jail (MCJ), 441 Bauchet St., Los Angeles, CA. 90012, October 9, 2023

Commissioner Veral

- Men's Central Jail (MCJ), 441 Bauchet St., Los Angeles, CA. 90012, October 17, 2023

Commissioner Eric Miller and Commissioner Mary Veral

- Twin Towers Correctional Facility (TTCF), 450 Bauchet Street, Los Angeles, CA. 90012, January 16, 2024

Commissioner Veral reported her and former Commissioner Sherman's findings at MCJ, Module 4600, during her visit on October 9, 2023. Inmates expressed significant sanitation issues, particularly rodent infestation and having to press cartons against their cell unit walls to keep rats and rat feces from the showers, and on floors. She reported the concerns to the Watch Commander on duty. And she raised the question of what the criteria is to determine a space uninhabitable. Commissioner Veral then reported her findings at the MCJ Court line during her visit on October 17, 2023. She described the scene as an organized chaos and encouraged Commissioners to visit. She spoke to inmates in Mental Health Housing and noted a large number of men going to Mental Health Court in suicide gowns.

A discussion ensued regarding identifying the Los Angeles Sheriff Department (LASD) units responsible for transportation to court, jail operation, and that siloed assignments make cross reference and

communication difficult. Commissioner Miller suggested requesting an organization chart or document from the LASD for public reference.

Commissioner Miller reported his observations at TTCF, Module ABC 162, during his January 16, 2024 visit noting that he and the other Commissioners went to TTCF because the LA Times reported an in-unit death. The SBC expressed frustration that the LASD never informed the SBC of the death. Commissioner Miller also reported unsatisfactory cell inspections, despite at least 8 deputies staffed in Module ABC 162 compared to the two to three deputies staffed at other modules. Another jail-wide concern is the lack of hot water, dietary restrictions, and graffiti in cells. The Commissioners also visited the Forensic Inpatient (FIP) step down. They reported a roof leak, cold dayrooms, overcrowding, and found two deputies hiding behind a partition. He also noted that this Module was occupied by people with mobility, hearing, or speaking impairments.

Refer to the inspection report for additional details.

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT-MCJ 100923](#)
[SUPPORTING DOCUMENT-MCJ 101723](#)
[SUPPORTING DOCUMENT-TTCF 011624](#)
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2. Los Angeles Sheriff Department, LASD (Commander Hugo Macias). (24-0442)
 - LASD Roll Call
 - Follow-up discussion regarding Sheriff Luna's comments about a partnership with SBC.
 - Presentation of the LASD death review process

There was no LASD representative present.

After a brief discussion on the motion of Commissioner Eric Miller, seconded by Commissioner Bob Frutos the SBC approved a letter to express the SBCs disappointment on the LASDs lack of attendance to the SBC meetings and send it to the LASD and copy the Board of Supervisors with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: 6 - Chairperson Raymond Regalado, Commissioner Haley Broder, Commissioner Norma Cumpian, Commissioner Bob Frutos, Commissioner Eric Miller, and Commissioner Mary Veral

Abstentions: 1 - Commissioner Ingrid Archie

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Joahanna Terrones

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3. Department of Correctional Health Services (Dr. Sean Henderson). (24-0444)
 - Update on Medi-Cal Justice-Involved Initiative

Dr. Henderson reported on large projects with many moving parts are in place and consultants have been brought in, as well as the re-tasking of individuals running the pilot programs. He also mentioned that the Cali Medical Program that was reinvented a few years ago has turned into Cal Aim. The justice in-reach initiative, for jails that don't have services because of rural locations. A discussion ensued on the challenges with the jail system; lack of medicine or other basic needs, Mental health problems, with the long-term goal of placing at risk individuals in a successful place following release.

Resources for former inmates will include transportation to get home, assistance with obtaining a driver's license, and setting up doctor's appointments. These initiatives will be facilitated in real time via telehealth meets with clients prior to release.

A discussion ensued regarding eligibility and a timeline. Dr. Henderson responded with medical eligible qualifications such as: medical and mental health problems, substance abuse, and pregnancy or birth in the last 12 months. Lastly Dr. Henderson share that a readiness statement will be available April 1, 2024 with 6 months to review and time for feedback. And the expected go live date is scheduled as early as October 2024.

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4. Civilian Oversight Commission, COC announcements and upcoming meetings. (24-0447)

There was no COC report. Commissioner Archie did share that she attended the January 18, 2024, COC meeting and reported out on the SBCs work.

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II. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

5. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of December 7, 2023. (24-0450)

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

Ayes: 7 - Chairperson Raymond Regalado, Commissioner Ingrid Archie, Commissioner Haley Broder, Commissioner Norma Cumpian, Commissioner Bob Frutos, Commissioner Eric Miller, and Commissioner Mary Veral

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Joahanna Terrones

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6. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of November 2, 2023. (24-0453)

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

Ayes: 7 - Chairperson Raymond Regalado, Commissioner Ingrid Archie, Commissioner Haley Broder, Commissioner Norma Cumpian, Commissioner Bob Frutos, Commissioner Eric Miller, and Commissioner Mary Veral

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Joahanna Terrones

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7. Nomination and election of the Los Angeles County Sybil Brand Commission for Institutional Inspections (SBC) Vice Chairperson, for a term of office beginning January 1, 2024, and ending December 31, 2024. (24-0454)

Commissioner Eric Miller nominated himself, seconded by Commissioner Bob Frutos. There being no further nominations, Commissioner Eric Miller was appointed as the Vice Chairperson of the Sybil Brand Commission for Institutional Inspections with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: 6 - Chairperson Raymond Regalado, Commissioner Ingrid Archie, Commissioner Haley Broder, Commissioner Norma Cumpian, Commissioner Bob Frutos, and Commissioner Mary Veral

Abstentions: 1 - Commissioner Eric Miller

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Joahanna Terrones

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8. Discussion and appropriate action regarding the Los Angeles County Sybil Brand Commission for Institutional Inspections' (SBC) Strategic Goals for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024. (24-0455)

The SBC reviewed the 2023 Strategic Goals. After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Bob Frutos, seconded by Commissioner Mary Veral, the SBC approved the following changes:

- **Make the SBC goals a living document.**
- **4 to read: Monitor expansion and targeting of programming in the jails, including access, retention, and outcomes of programming.**
- **Add a 7th Goal to Read: Hold public meetings in community settings**
- **And Remove 2023 from the title.**

With the following roll call vote:

Ayes: 7 - Chairperson Raymond Regalado, Vice Chairperson Eric Miller, Commissioner Ingrid Archie, Commissioner Haley Broder, Commissioner Norma Cumpian, Commissioner Bob Frutos and Commissioner Mary

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Joahanna Terrones

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT-2023 SBC GOALS](#)
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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. (24-0456)

There was no in-person, written, or virtual public comment.

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Adjournment

10. Adjournment for the Sybil Brand Commission meeting of February 1, 2024. (24-0457)

Chairperson Raymond Regalado adjourned the meeting of February 1, 2024, at 10:51 AM.