



**LOS ANGELES COUNTY
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION
ON INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS
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Thursday, August 1, 2024

9:00 A.M.

RECORDING FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (24-3235)

Attachments: [VIDEO 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
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
www.lanaic.lacounty.gov.

Roll Call. (24-3076)

Chairperson Raymond Regalado called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m. He then read the LA County Land Acknowledgment, followed by a round of introductions. A Quorum of in person members was present. Commissioner's Puja Bhatia, and Katherine Hennigan joined virtually exercising AB 2449, Just Cause. Commissioner Hennigan had technical issues and therefore was absent during a portion of the meeting.

Present: 8 - Raymond Regalado, Commissioner Puja Bhatia, Commissioner Haley Broder, Commissioner Wynter Daggs, Commissioner Bob Frutos, Commissioner Katherine Hennigan, Commissioner Joahanna Terrones and Commissioner Mary Veral

Absent: 2 - Vice Chairperson Eric J. Miller, and Commissioner Norma Cumpian

I. REPORTS

1. Commissioners Reports on Detention Facilities. (24-3077)

Vice Chairperson Eric Miller and Commissioner Haley Broder

- Twin Towers Correctional Facility, 450 Bauchet Street, Los Angeles, CA. 90012, June 14, 2024.

Commissioner Haley Broder, and Commissioner Mary Veral

- Men's Central Jail (MCJ), 441 Bauchet Street, Los Angeles, CA. 90012, June 25, 2024.

Commissioner Mary Veral

- Inmate Reception Center (IRC), 450 Bauchet Street, Los Angeles, CA. 90012, June 25, 2024.

Commissioner Haley Broder reported an ongoing of trash, and dirty conditions, including a cell covered with feces. The person housed in the cell did not want it removed as he claimed it was his "artwork." Which left her thinking about other ways to incorporate and or providing art classes, and or art supplies. They had a conversation with the Infectious Disease specialist who said a request for mental health services, resources and programing has been made. And received a compliment for a deputy, who helped an individual through a panic attack. Opposite of a prior attack led to them being hurt. Emphasizing that training is available to address Mental Health. But training is not always the answer.

Commissioner Frutos added that in the standpoint of caring there should

be mental health professionals dealing with the mental health crisis versus deputies who are constantly given more responsibilities. Leaving the public with an expectation.

Commissioner Broder and Commissioner Veral reported out on the June 25, 2024 visit to MCJ. Commissioner Broder reported on K-6G, which continues to be crowded and hot. There were additional concerns of possible deaths due to extreme temperatures. As well as concerning medical conditions including, severe Staph-like Infections. As well as visible mold on mattresses. And that conditions were just as bad as the last visit. There is no air conditioning, and no windows. Deputies do their checks, but there is no follow up. Observations are reported to the LASD and there are no changes. With an emphasis on the staph infections observed all over the bodies of those housed. Family members later reported that signs were put up informing people of the infection. They conducted a follow up on 1750 regarding the noose they observed from a prior inspection. And learned that the incarcerated person was placed at TTCF for 24hrs. then returned to MCJ, to the same conditions he was in and his mattress was in shreds.

The LASD confirmed they are supposed to be swapping out mattresses in a reasonable amount of time.

Commissioner Veral reported that the conditions at IRC were pretty good. And that the staff were very aware they must get people processed. Emphasizing that it can be done, and that it doesn't seem to happen unless there is some sort of accountability.

Dr. Henderson reported that CHS is working on an electronic que to determine urgency on medical requests. He also noted that nurses have 24hrs to turn around a Health Service Request (HSR). Urgent are seen next available, and routine are seen within 7-14 days.

The LASD to follow up on the mattresses, staph infection signage, the thermostat issue, medical attention and if the staph infection issue had been controlled. The LASD Inmate Services Bureau to follow up with Commissioner inspection clearance.

Refer to audio for full details.

There were no in person, written or virtual public comments.

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2. Los Angeles Sheriff's Department (LASD) Written Report on the June 25, 2024 Board Motion, "Conditions at Men's Central Jail, Reaffirm the County's Commitment to Care, and Respond to Support Those in Our Care." (24-3078)

Chairperson Raymond Regalado reported he has not received a status from the LASD on the report back. And that he walked away from the board meeting feeling as if the SBC was going to have a timely response. He then shared his experience the day of the Board meeting. Including the fact that he spent most of the day waiting for the item to be called, just to be given little time to comment. And when the item was finished, he and the others on the panel were ushered out before public comment was called.

Lt. Gonzalez stated that the report back was pending the Sheriff's signature, and that the SBC will receive a copy of the report as soon as it is signed. Commissioner Broder, and Veral expressed frustration on the delay of the report back and the promises made by the LASD to provide the SBC with timely responses, including the report back. They also had concerns on the message that was provided at the Board meeting. As they felt it was impartial and did not cover the Commissions ongoing concerns, observations, or what had been prepared leading up to the meeting.

Refer to audio for details.

There were no in person, written or virtual public comment.

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3. Follow Up with the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department (LASD) on the Office of the Inspector Generals (OIGs) April 10, 2024 report to the Civilian Oversight Commission (COC) regarding an in-custody death of a 28-Year-old Black male found unresponsive in a dorm at North County Correctional Facility (NCCF). (24-3079)

Lt. Gonzalez reported that all deaths are tracked regardless of the circumstance. And that due to the Health Insurance and Accountability Act (HIPAA) and are limited to how much information they can disclose. The SBC clarified that they would like to receive information related to trends, and patterns, not so much about any one individual.

The OIG noted that what would be helpful is that title 15 checks be taken more seriously. Which would really reduce the number of in custody deaths. Also, noted that despite the LASD having great policies, there is a breakdown on between policy and application, and the accountability, to correct these issues. And that they will provide the SBC with updates on what's included on the death reports and what the focus is on.

Chairperson Regalado emphasized that the SBC is looking forward to what Sheriff Luna stated at the Board of Supervisors meeting about accountability, and timely responses.

Ms. Tracy Jordan, Civilian Oversight Commission (COC) inquired if the LASD has conducted any audits and or corrective action, and if so if they could provide the SBC and COC a report back by September 19, 2024.

Commissioner Bob Frutos motioned to advise the LASD to create a written policy, memorandum, document notifying the SBC and COC notification within 48 hours of any in custody death, what happened, when it happened, provide any allowable demographics, patterns, trends and a 90 day follow up on anything else they learned on the death. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Haley Broder. No further action was taken as it was recommended it be placed on the next SBC agenda for discussion.

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4. Civilian Oversight Commission (COC), Announcements and upcoming meetings. (24-3080)

Ms. Tracy Jordan, COC, announced that the COC held its election of their 2024/2025 officers, and that their new Chair is Robert Bonner, and their two new Co Vice Chairs, are Haris Johnson, and Luis Garcia. Their next meeting will be September 19, 2024. And invited SBC to continue to participate and provide updates. Also, that the COC in February 2023 issued recommendations to the LASD to quarterly provide a Conditions of Confinement report to the COC and make it publicly available on their website and suggested it may be of interest to the SBC. Information in the report includes deaths, and townhalls conducted in the jail settings, which may include concerns and feedback from the incarcerated people regarding bedding, and phones all by priority. She also mentioned that the townhalls can be attended by the COC and or SBC that the SBC does have the right to request a townhall in a particular time frame so that the SBC can observe.

There were no in person, written or virtual public comment.

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5. Chairperson's Report on Correspondence received. (24-3081)

Chairperson Raymond Regalado acknowledged the correspondence received. Thereafter the SBC discussed the possibilities of having a number of services to be made public. As well as how it can affect or benefit the inmates in the jail system. And informed the SBC of the correspondence received that was attached to the agenda.

Commissioner Bob Frutos praised the work of the SBC and acknowledged that the Commission work has gotten the attention of the Board of Supervisors, specifically Supervisor Solis and the Chair of the Board, Lindsey P. Horvath. And commended everyone.

Commissioner Mary Veral asked about the SBC number being made public. A discussion ensued and after discussion it was decided that an agenda item be added to discuss an SBC phone line and or call center.

There were no in person, written or virtual public comments.

Refer to audio for details.

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II. DISCUSSIONS

6. Discussion and Action on the Board of Supervisors June 25, 2024 Board Motion "Dignity and Health for People Who are Incarcerated: Ensuring Accessibility to Menstrual Products in the Los Angeles County Jails, Probation Detention Facilities, Patrol Lockups, and Court Holding Tanks". (24-3082)

Correction this agenda item should read June 25, 2024 Board Motion, not July 25, 2024.

A discussion ensues in which the OIG noted that the report back is due in 60 days and once received the OIG would provide recommendations. The SBC expressed concerns about their ability to provide timely recommendations if they are not given ample time to review the report and comment on it. The LASD agreed to provide an update regarding the report and any policy changes to the SBC no later than August 29, 2024.

Commissioner Frutos acknowledged that the SBC is supposed to conduct inspections to ensure that assembly bill 1810 is in effect and validate that through inspections.

Chairperson Regalado set the expectation that menstrual products be made available to the incarcerated people. The SBC also asked if it can be expected that the LASD provide timely responses on such matters per Sheriff Luna at the July 30, 2024 Board of Supervisors meeting affirmed that the LASD will provide timely responses to the SBC.

Commissioner Bhatia noted that per the Boards motion, the LASD must report back within 60 days, August 29, 2024 would have been out of the 60-day period. Therefore, they must report back by August 23, 2024.

There were no in person, written or virtual public comment.

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7. Discussion and Action on the Board of Supervisors June 25, 2024 Board Motion “Conditions at Men’s Central Jail, Reaffirm the County’s Commitment to Care, and Respond to Support Those in Our Care.” (24-3084)

Chairperson Raymond Regalado reported he has not received a status from the LASD on the report back. And that he walked away from the board meeting feeling as if the SBC was going to have a timely response. He then shared his experience the day of the Board meeting. Including the fact that he spent most of the day waiting for the item to be called, just to be given little time to comment. And that he also walked out with the expectation that the LASD would keep their word on having better lines of communication with the Commission so that their work and tasks requested by the board be completed efficiently. He shared his approach, background, viewpoint and leadership style as a way to defuse and circumvent to get positive results. And clarified his interpretation of a partnership which is working together. And that closing MCJ does not solve the problem that the SBC has with the LASD which is the lack of timely responses and resolutions to their observations. He then acknowledged Supervisor Hahn’s endorsement who emphasized and read the list of concerns that the SBC brought up. And when the item was finished, he and the others on the panel were ushered out before public comment was called which was disappointing as the panel did not get the opportunity to listen and respond.

The SBC then expressed concerns and frustration that the observations of the Commission was not conveyed despite the preparation leading up to the Board meeting. And that this was the opportunity for the SBC to emphasize its ongoing findings and observations and the LASD lack to act and respond as they have an obligation to the incarcerated people. And emphasized the closure of MCJ, not a replacement to MCJ.

Also, announced was a service made available by the Justice, Care and Opportunities Department service accessible to inmates exiting the jail lock ups to assist with transportation, housing, and other miscellaneous services. The requested the flyer so that the LASD can post throughout the facilities.

Commissioner Bob Frutos reminded the SBC that the Commission is an advisory board. And that the work of the SBC was acknowledged with the Board in writing. And emphasized the most powerful communication is when the Commissioners meet one on one with their respective Supervisors and discuss their observations and concerns.

Commissioner Wynter Daggs uplifted that the Board of Supervisors about five years ago committed to the closure of MCJ, not a replacement.

There were in person, written or virtual public comments.

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8. Discussion and Action on the Board of Supervisors July 9, 2024 Board Motion, "People Over Profit: Fairness and Equity in Commissary Prices for the Los Angeles County Jails". (24-3085)

Chairperson Regalado introduced the item and expressed the cost of the commissary items and appears to be out of priced. And questioned how anyone without a support system could afford these items. The Commission expressed that the prices are not reasonable prices and the impact it has on the loved ones supporting the incarcerated persons. A discussion ensued in which the SBC decided that there must be a survey to develop feedback.

The OIG noted that based on the LASDs report back, that according to this motion that they are to address the commissary markups.

There was in person, written or virtual public comment.

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9. General Condition Complaints the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Southern California received June 22 - July 5, 2024 from Men's Central Jail (MCJ), Twin Towers Correctional Facilities (TTCF), Century Regional Detention Center (CRDF), and North County Correctional Facility (NCCF). (24-3086)

Commissioner Broder informed the SBC that Vice Chairperson Miller wanted this item on the agenda for review and as an example. And Dr.

Belavich, Correctional Health Services asked the SBC to consider this list as an example when informing the Department of medical concerns so that they can follow up with the incarcerated people.

There were no in person, written or virtual public comments.

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III. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

- 10.** Approval of Minutes for the meeting of June 6, 2024. (24-3087)

The SBC noted that the EBI responses received were not comprehensive. And a correction was made to p. 4 of the minutes to reflect that the OIG representatives name is Eric Montalban Lara. Not Eric Lara Montalban. And that the other June 6, 2024 LASD follow up items are still missing and due. On motion of Commissioner Wynter Daggs, seconded by Commissioner Mary Veral this motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: 5 - Chairperson Raymond Regalado, Commissioner Puja Bhatia, Commissioner Haley Broder, Commissioner Wynter Daggs, and Commissioner Mary Veral

Abstentions: 2 - Commissioner Bob Frutos, and Commissioner Joahanna Terrones

Absent: 3 - Vice Chairperson Eric J. Miller, Commissioner Norma Cumpian, and Commissioner Katherine Hennigan

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IV. MISCELLANEOUS

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. (24-3089)

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

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Adjournment

- 12.** Adjournment for the Meeting of August 1, 2024. (24-3090)

Chairperson Raymond Regalado adjourned the meeting of August 1, 2024 at 12:38 p.m.