



**LOS ANGELES COUNTY
SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION
ON INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS
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Thursday, April 3, 2025

9:00 A.M.

VIDEO FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (25-2182)

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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
Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians - Kizh Nation
San Manuel Band of Mission Indians
San Fernando Band of Mission Indians

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Roll Call. (25-1884)

Chairperson Haley Broder called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. followed by the reading of the LA County Land Acknowledgment. There was a quorum of in person members present. Commissioner Norma Cumpian left the meeting at 11:27 a.m. Roll call was performed by Commission staff, there was a quorum of in person members present.

Present: 9 - Chairperson Haley Broder, Immediate Past Chairperson Raymond Regalado, Commissioner Puja Bhatia, Commissioner Norma Cumpian, Commissioner Wynter Daggs, Vice Chairperson Eric J. Miller, Commissioner Katherine Hennigan Ohanesian, Chairperson Joahanna Terrones, and Commissioner Mary Veral

1. Opening Remarks from the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. (25-1885)

Chairperson Haley Broder thanked the Committee for completing the inspections for the month of March and indicated that staff will send out inspection assignments for the month of April 2025, and for those that did not complete their March inspections can carry them into April. And that for those doing inspections between April 25 – April 30, 2025, can report out in May.

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

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I. REPORTS

2. Commissioners Reports on Detention Facilities. (25-1886)

Chairperson Haley Broder, and Commissioner Puja Bhatia

- Twin Towers Correctional Facility (TTCF) 450 Bauchet St., Los Angeles, CA. 90012, March 06, 2025

Chairperson Haley Broder, and Commissioner Mary Veral

- Men's Central Jail (MCJ), 441 Bauchet Street, Los Angeles, CA. 90012, March 11, 2025

Vice Chairperson Wynter Daggs, Commissioner Norma Cumpian, and Commissioner Joahanna Terrones

- Century Regional Detention Facility (CRDF), 11705 S. Alameda St., Lynwood CA. 90262, March 22, 2025

Vice Chairperson Wynter Daggs, and Commissioner Puja Bhatia

- Men's Central Jail (MCJ), 441 Bauchet Street, Los Angeles, CA. 90012, March 25, 2025

Immediate Past Chairperson Raymond Regalado

- El Monte Courthouse, 11234 East Valley Blvd., El Monte, CA. 91731, March 26, 2025

Commissioner Bhatia reported out on the TTCF, Module 252 on March 6, 2025 inspection and reported that that there was a broken sprinkler with items on the ground to mop the water, loud noises heard were due to construction for the remodeling of a new shower and repainting. She observed, old on the ceiling, and large puddles of water. Lieutenant Jose Gonzalez indicated they are working on the replacing the elevators, starting with the ones inside so people can be transported throughout the facilities and to court. Chairperson Broder reported that the Watch Commander informed that in case of an emergent situation there are not enough restraints for the incarcerated people and that the stair chairs that they have are awaiting approval for use. The Watch Commander did not know the status of the approval to use the stair chairs, or who to go to for the approval. Chairperson Broder also reported broken sprinklers and large water puddles and that suicide gowns were being used to soak up the water.

Commissioner Veral reported that one of the reasons, aside from the regular inspection visit, for visiting the MCJ was due to an LA Times article in which Deputies were restricting access to water, and access to showers among other types of restrictions. There were also complaints and concerns of retaliation and verbal threats coming from Deputies to the incarcerated people at MCJ. In terms of cleanliness there was blood on the walls. She also reported that as a result of a fire from the night before their inspection there was chemical powder that came from the fire

extinguishers making it difficult to breathe. Chairperson Broder indicated they were told people were having trouble breathing, they were sneezing, had sore throats, and had requested cleaning products. The chemical powder could be seen in the air when doors opened and closed, and they were told when the fire occurred no fans were brought in. And the powder got all over personal belongings. Masks were requested and not provided until Chairperson Broder and Commissioner Veral asked for them to be brought at which point they were provided. An incarcerated individual in the D Row reported is asthmatic and feared he was being left there to die from the smoke. Chairperson Broder indicated there was a lot of concern on how the fire was handled.

Chairperson Broder also noted that the retaliation in 2500 B was extreme, personal belongings were taken including court and legal documents, people had half blankets, someone was issued a "new mattress" with blood on it, and Commissary away and there were no grievance forms. Blank grievance forms were requested by Chairperson Broder and Commissioner Veral. The incarcerated people reported that they fill out grievance forms only to not receive responses, they also noted water had been shut off the previous Sunday. And had no hot water available for months, and trash was not picked up since the attack on Sunday. The Watch Commander informed that the reason for shutting off the water was so that people could not flush things down the toilet after the attack, preventing people from flushing the toilet after using them. The D Row above where the incident happened also had no access to water as a form of retaliation.

Chairperson Broder stated they visited 3301 and were told by an incarcerated person there that they should not be in that section because they are not a "gasser", someone who throws bodily fluids. The 1750 G Row had a smell of smoke and fires were observed during the inspection. There is a continued pattern of mattresses without plastic and blocked doors and windows impeding inspections, Deputies informed that Deputies are at risk in removing those blocks because it is a discipline area. The shower had mold and trash and surrounded with dirt.

Commissioner Veral also noted that the retaliation discussed on 2500 included ripping off the TV antenna so incarcerated people could not watch the TV. Chairperson Broder quoted an incarcerated person who said a Deputy told them "this is not over, we're going to "F" you guys over, you're not even going to get a drop of water."

Commissioner Miller noted that denying people water is especially concerning given the high number of deaths in the jail and indicated that MCJ is on course for the highest number of deaths in two decades.

He then noted that it is almost the one-year anniversary over raised concerns about 1750 G and the manner in which safety checks are conducted due to it being a discipline unit, and indicated he would expect if a Deputy does not look inside the cell as required by the Consent Decree and are noting down that they are conducting the safety check, they are violating the Consent Decree and misrepresenting their legal obligation. Commissioner Veral stated in the last three and a half years of doing inspections she has noted that Deputies do the swipes but don't look in the cells in 1750 G. Commissioner Miller noted that eleven months ago they observed Deputies checking off cells in medium to high observation housing as safety checked even though they were not, and this is still happening. He also noted that there were at least two deaths at MCJ where deceased individuals were left on their beds for hours before Deputies discovered the bodies due to lack of observations from the Deputies. Commissioner Hennigan also noted that when they were at MCJ in the suicide watch area Deputies came by to click on the scanner and moved on without looking in the window of the cell.

Commissioner Cumpian reported out on the March 22, 2025 CRDF inspection and reported that one of the cells in the mental health ward had an incarcerated person with vomit all over her, and she asked what the process is to assist someone in that type of situation and if they are sent to the infirmary if it continues to occur. She then asked what the procedure is for people who have been incarcerated for a long time and are then bailed out on their own recognizance. And lastly, she noted that the Narcan is not readily accessible to incarcerated persons. A discussion ensued.

Commander Montoya informed in response to the cleaning that there is a cleaning crew, as opposed to one person, who cleans for things such as vomit because they are still being assessed in a mental health capacity and could have a propensity to harm themselves with cleaning materials. The cleaning crew consists of incarcerated people who are requested to clean based on who is schedule. Vice Chairperson Daggs asked Commander Montoya if a Hazmat team is brought in at any time to clean bodily fluids, and Commander Montoya indicated Hazmat teams are brought in if the cleanup is excessive, and it can take two to three hours for them to get to the Facility. But are working on contracting with an onsite cleaning service. Commander Montoya informed that the Watch Commander determines the extensiveness of the cleanup and who does the cleaning. She also informed when cells are being cleaned individuals are moved to an available area which could be another cell. Commander Montoya informed the SBC that if they observe that an individual needs to be moved that they can make that request, and cleaning will depend on the availability of the cleaning crew. She then informed that bail releases vary in time

due to the different types of releases and when the paperwork gets to the Inmate Reception Center (IRC) for processing and can take 6 to 72 hours. And once the IRC receives the paperwork the clerk processes their paperwork, then notifies CRDF who then issues a release pass. Intake area bail releases take longer due to those incarcerated needing to be cleared by medical staff before they can be released and if they are in the mental health area they also need to be seen by a mental health professional in case they need to be referred for outside care. Commander Montoya informed that releases due happen on the weekends but not between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. due to safety concerns for the women. Commander Montoya additionally noted that Narcan should be in the housing areas, on the pillars in the intake areas, and outside of the Deputy workstation, and will have CRDF look into why the Narcan is not in the housing area. Vice Chairperson Daggs indicated that Narcan was seen in the 1500 and 1700 areas but not in 1400. Additionally, Vice Chairperson Daggs indicated there is black sludge coming out of the sinks and are using menstrual products to clean it up and the toilets were not flushing unless they were snaked by a Deputy. Menstrual products are also not being disbursed to incarcerated persons and retaliation by not allowing showers is continuing to happen. Also, that the Watch Commander was gone therefore they could not address the issue regarding the Deputy that stayed with them while doing their inspections, and not giving them the privacy to speak with people.

Commander Montoya informed that Watch Commanders have an eight-hour schedule with the ability to do a double-shift. Also, that stated showers are only tracked for those with mental health issues, and not for general population, who may refuse showers when the opportunity is presented to use the showers and that it is documented when showers are offered. She informed that yes Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) services are offered to people arriving who are detoxing. Facility and follow ups with Correctional Health Services (CHS) are done for those who initially deny service. Vice Chairperson Daggs noted the Trustees are a very important aspect in giving dignity to incarcerated persons.

Commissioner Cumpian noted that on March 21, 2025, it was reported that an incarcerated person was banging her head on the wall throughout the night that led to her bleeding, and Deputies did not help. A nurse who came in for the morning shift noticed the state the individual was in and gave her the help needed. Commander Montoya informed that the procedure for this sort of matter is to call the on-call Psychologist for incidents who will evaluate the person and determine what type of care is needed. And that she needs the circumstances surrounding that incident and is something that should be looked into.

Vice Chairperson Daggs reported out on the March 25, 2025 MCJ 5800 and 9400 K 6 Classification intended for LGBTQI + persons inspection. She had concerns about the option of earning conservation work credits. Commander Montoya informed that they do have the option for conservation work credits but they are not in crews that have the ability to go to other areas within the jail, and Vice Chairperson Daggs informed that the Watch Commander confirmed they do not have the ability to get conservation work credits. Commander Montoya clarified that the Population Management Bureau controls the conservation work credits, and the documentation determines if a person qualifies and also noted that a person must be sentenced before they can qualify. Vice Chairperson Daggs further noted there is a concern around the Education Based Incarceration (EBI) classes due to consistent class termination which affects the special class population who want to continue their classes. She reported that they spoke with a trans woman who shared concern with the inconsistency in choice of undergarments provided, not having access to the women's Commissary, not receiving hormone treatment, and not receiving menstrual products. Commissioner Bhatia noted that there are no Trustees available in the modules making it difficult for incarcerated people who have things such as allergies, and cleaning supplies provided to them to keep their areas clean which can affect those that have infectious diseases or are very sick. Vice Chairperson Daggs interjected that there are over 50% of people with HIV in the dorms. Commissioner Bhatia noted there is a general culture in the 9400 modules where a female Deputy feels it is ok to call incarcerated people by derogatory names.

Commissioner Miller stated there is another report of a Deputy not adequately checking the areas, so it is important to request the Uniform Daily Activity Logs (UDAL) during inspections to confirm Deputy checks. Commander Montoya asked that any requests be made well in advance of 72 hours, so there is time to redact before providing the UDAL and that she would rather the requests came from Commission staff and not the Watch Commanders to ensure they receive proper documentation. Based on this information, Chairperson Broder stated the way to request the UDAL will be to send an email to the Watch Commander, CC: Commander Montoya, Lieutenant Gonzalez, SBC inbox, Chairperson Broder, and Vice Chairperson Daggs. The email subject line should indicate they are requesting the UDAL and location. Immediate Past Chairperson Regalado asked if the UDAL is being requested for the historical aspect of it to identify patterns or is it a particular point in time. He stressed the importance of having the historical aspect of it to identify patterns and find solutions to solve the issues that are recurring. Commander Montoya questioned whether the UDAL is the proper document for what the Committee is looking to solve. Commissioner Miller indicated they are

looking to see if mandated observations are being done. He also expressed it is very important for the well-being of incarcerated people to have the opportunity to get involved in EBI.

Immediate Past Chairperson Regalado reported out on the El Monte Courthouse inspection on March 26, 2025. He expressed that the inspection was rushed due to Courthouse activities. He had concerns of the holding facilities due to graffiti and scratches on the. He also recognized that requests and the time it takes to address a request has become a pattern. Then expressed there is a need for the Courthouse to do repairs in a timely manner. And the food provided may be inadequate for those with dietary restrictions, and those that need medication may not be receiving it what they need it.

Ms. Tracy Jordan, from the Civilian Oversight Committee (COC) indicated the Commission may want to have a Subject Matter Expert speak on Title 15 requirements on specific areas, and any other areas such as the water, bedding, the grievance process, and inspections.

In-person public comment was made by Berkley Donovan of the ACLU. There were no virtual or written public comment.

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3. Los Angeles County Sheriff Department (LASD) Report and updates. (25-1887)
 - Follow up and Update regarding deaths while in custody

Chair Broder reported that thus far the total number of deaths is 15 all with pending autopsy reports. Seven are black men, one black woman, and six Hispanic men. Commander Montoya indicated that this is a very high number for 2025 considering there were 32 deaths in all of 2024. In January there were six in-custody deaths, in February there were three, and in March there were six deaths. She indicated she could not disclose the manner of deaths for the three that died in one weekend but could say all three are not related and two passed at the hospital and one passed at MCJ. Of the 15 deaths nine occurred at a Los Angeles Medical Center or at a hospital that were seeking medical attention. The remaining four occurred at MCJ, one occurred at CRDF, and one occurred in a bus at their transportation compound. She further noted that the 32 in-custody deaths that occurred in 2024, thirteen were natural, seven were accidents, three were suicides, three were homicides, and there are six that are pending an autopsy report. She emphasized it is important to note of the 2024 deaths that of the seven accidents six were attributed to overdose with one that was narcotics related but not an overdose. She also indicated they received approval to purchase body scanners to replace their old ones which will offer better technology that will help reduce contraband or

narcotics entering their jails and created a new housing area for those that overdose where they can receive assistance from MAT and the Substance Treatment and Re-Entry Transition (START) program, and they will work hand in hand with Correctional Health Services. And that the housing area is only for those who overdose at facilities, it is voluntary and up to the individual to participate with ten incarcerated individuals currently participating. Also, that the LASD is working with the Chief Executive Office (CEO) to purchase additional equipment and software for their crime lab, as well as equipment which includes property and body scanners. And that the body scanners are only for people who are incarcerated and not medical staff or Deputies that is correct. She also informed that policy is being finalized for the use of body camera use in the facilities to include Deputies use of body cameras in the facilities. And that body cameras they will be the primary form of usage, but strip searches will be used in certain circumstances.

Commander Montoya informed that she can that she could provide the manner of death for the nine that died at the General Medical Center once the report comes out from the Coroner and that CHS might be able to assist with medical history questions on jailed persons. Vice Chairperson Daggs expressed concern with how long it takes to receive medical attention. Commissioner Veral expressed she hopes the Sheriff's Department is looking at the bigger picture in preventing deaths, and Commander Montoya stated aside from the after-death reviews they look at systemic issues and contributing factors.

Commissioner Miller requested to agendize a representative from the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC), the Correctional Health Services or Sheriff's Department, and County Counsel be present at the next SBC meeting to tell them whether the information from in custody deaths can be released and if the information disbursed is the same across the board. Commissioner Hennigan reiterated the importance of having the body scanners in place, and body always worn cameras inside the jails.

In person public comment by Berkley Donovan of the ACLU. There were no virtual or written public comments.

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4. Discussion, and Update on the LASD Report Back regarding the Board of Supervisors July 9, 2024 Board Motion, "People Over Profit: Fairness and Equity in Commissary Prices for the Los Angeles County Jails". (25-1888)

Commander Montoya indicated that the Commissary Contract will go to the Board in April and will provide information to the SBC at the next meeting including the pricing list. Also, that the LASD requested that vendors submit three receipts when creating their pricing list to show the price range is valid. Commander Montoya to share the date the LASD is meeting with the Board. Commissioner Cumpian requested that Commander Montoya provide the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Commissary pricing before they meet with the Board, and Commander Montoya indicated she will try to provide it for the Committee beforehand.

Commissioner Miller stressed it is important to note that friends and families of incarcerated people are most likely financially burdened and shouldn't be gouged by Commissary pricing. He stated incarcerated people consistently stress they are hungry and not provided with necessities such as toothpaste, deodorant, menstrual products, and undergarments. Commissioner Veral asked if the County can provide the cost per meal for an individual incarcerated and cited an article, she read that the cost is around \$10:00 - \$12.00 per person. Ms. Jordan, COC suggested the Committee obtain a Subject Matter Expert and develop specific questions that may relate to Title 15 areas of discussion and Chairperson Broder indicated she will follow up on her suggestion.

Vice Chairperson Daggs shared a statistic on the financial burdens on families of incarcerated people which indicated that 65% of families experience difficulties buying food, paying for housing utilities, transportation, and clothing.

Commissioner Hennigan asked what the is the number of incarcerated people fed in County jail system and requested to agendize the LASD food services representative.

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

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5. Discussion and appropriate action on the Los Angeles County Sybil Brand Commission for Institutional Inspections (SBC/Commission) 2024 Annual Report. (25-1933)

Chairperson Broder recommended the Committee focus on patterns and overarching patterns that they have identified over the years and review the 2023 report on patterns observed. She indicated she created a patterns document that goes through medical, nutrition, grievances, cleanliness, mattresses, linens, deaths, safety checks, and building issues and can provide it as a draft to whomever wants to volunteer to support the effort. Commissioner Veral, and Commissioner Miller volunteered to support the 2024 Annual Report.

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

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6. Discussion and appropriate action on process for the Los Angeles County Sybil Brand Commission for Institutional Inspections to address and/or respond to public concerns, and or inquiries. (25-1936)

This item was tabled until after the April 9, 2025 cluster meeting so that they can get receive feedback from the deputies.

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

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7. Civilian Oversight Commission (COC), Announcements and upcoming meetings, Tracy Jordan, COC. (25-1937)

Ms. Jordan stated the next COC Hybrid meeting is on April 17, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and asked if the SBC cannot appear in join virtually. Also, that they are preparing for an educational virtual conference that will be held on April 24, 2025, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to discuss the LASD complaint process and will include a Subject Matter Expert from the LASD who will inform the departments process.

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

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8. Chairperson's Report on Correspondence received. (25-1938)
- Update on the cluster meeting with the Justice Deputies
 - Update on a jail closure plan of MCJ from the Jail Closure Implementation Team (JCIT).
 - Update on the Sybil Brand Commission for Institutional Inspections (SBC), Civilian Oversight Commission (COC), Probation Oversight Commission (POC), Office of the Inspector General (OIG) meeting
 - Update on Correctional Health Services (CHS) at the SBC meetings

Chairperson Broder reminded the SBC that the cluster meeting is on April 9, 2025, at 9:30 a.m., and thanked Vice Chairperson Daggs, Commissioner Bhatia, and Commissioner Veral for the slides that will be presented to the Justice Deputies. She then gave an overview of the report informing that the presentation goes through major themes and major matters. Regarding the jail closure plan, it is now with the CEO, and they will be present at the next SBC meeting. She asked members to submit their JCIT questions ahead of time. Also, that Dr. Henderson has been invited to the next meeting to present a health review and will follow up to confirm his attendance. Commissioner Miller to provide his BSCC questions in advance to give to the BSCC, so they may prepare their responses.

Chairperson Broder then discussed the meeting with the SBC, the COC, Probation Oversight Commission (POC), and the Office of the Inspector General (OIG). And what came up was that the SBC does not have jurisdiction on inspections pertaining to juvenile detentions and that the POC has asked the if the SBC can support them in checking on juveniles held at courts and lockup facilities at the Sheriff's stations while conducting an inspection. This matter is currently under review with County Counsel.

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

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II. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

9. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of March 6, 2025. (25-1941)
On motion of Vice Chairperson Wynter Daggs as amended, seconded by Commissioner Mary Veral this item was approved with the following roll call vote:

Amendments: Item 6 on page 10. Paragraph 3. Include the language provided by Counsel and government code, explaining why the SBC was unable to discuss the resignation of Sean Kennedy, COC. "Council advised that the Brown Act allows bodies such as commissions to discuss matters within its subject matter jurisdiction at a meeting. (Government Code Section 54952.2(a).) The SBC's jurisdiction is to conduct inspections as described in its ordinance and advise on industrial and educational programs for adult inmates in County jail facilities. (LACC 2.82.070)." Other amendments: Replace "Arthur Calloway" with "James Harris" and add replace "not" to "now".

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

Ayes: 8 - Chairperson Haley Broder, Immediate Past Chairperson Raymond Regalado, Vice Chairperson Wynter Daggs, Commissioner Puja Bhatia, Vice Chairperson Eric J. Miller, Commissioner Katherine Hennigan, Chairperson Joahanna Terrones, and Commissioner Mary Veral

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Norma Cumpian

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III. MISCELLANEOUS

Public Comment

10. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (25-1942)

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

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Adjournment

11. Adjournment for the Meeting of April 3, 2025. (25-1943)

Chairperson Haley Broder adjourned the meeting of April 3, 2025, at 11:44 a.m. Then informed that the next meeting is scheduled for May 1, 2025. And reminded the SBC that the cluster meeting with the Justice Deputies is on April 9, 2025.