

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION ON INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS 500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, RM 372 LOS ANGELES, CA. 90012

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Thursday, August 7, 2025

9:00 A.M.

RECORDING FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (25-4542)

<u>Attachments:</u> RECORDING LINK

1. 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.

Opening Remarks, and Roll Call. (25-4349)

Chairperson Haley Broder called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. followed by the reading of the LA County Land Acknowledgement. Roll call was performed by staff, there was an in-person quorum of members present. Vice Chairperson Wynter Daggs joined the meeting virtually exercising AB 2449 emergency just cause. Commissioner Katherine Hennigan Ohanesian joined the meeting at 9:59 a.m. After roll call Chairperson Haley Broder acknowledged that to date there have been 30 deaths in LA County jails.

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

Commissioner Mary Veral

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Norma Cumpian

Commissioner Mary Veral motioned to approve Vice Chairperson Wynter Daggs AB 2449 Emergency Just Cause virtual appearance due to illness, seconded by Commissioner Eric J. Miller, this request was approved with the following roll call vote:

Chairperson Haley Broder, Immediate Past

Haley Broder. Immediate Past Aves: 7 -Chairperson Raymond Regalado, Commissioner Puia Commissioner Bhatia, Eric J. Miller, Commissioner Katherine Hennigan Ohanesian. Commissioner Joahanna Terrones and Commissioner Mary Veral

Absent: 2 - Vice Chairperson Wynter Daggs, and Commissioner Norma Cumpian

I. REPORTS

- **2.** Los Angeles County Sheriff Department (LASD) report and updates. (25-4350)
 - Update on the pre-portioned meal roll out and meal equipment.
 - Discontinued pilot program at Men's Central Jail (MCJ) discipline row.
 - In Custody Deaths
 - Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) Facility Lock Ups
 - Department IT resource restrictions
 - Viewing of Movies by Inmates and Department Personnel
 - Uniform Daily Activity Log's (UDALs) pertaining to the July 24, 2025 MCJ 8100 Inspection

Captain Deryl T. Walker II reported that phase one of the pre-portioned meal roll out will be implemented on August 10, 2025, MCJ will have the pre-portioned food distributed at 1750 with the entire roll out for MCJ implemented by the first week of September followed by Century Regional Detention Facility (CRDF) to follow. Furthermore, the LASD is submitting a letter to the Board to purchase additional equipment for Twin Towers Correctional Facility (TTCF), and that equipment has been purchased for MCJ and CRDF and upon completion of the basin, Pitches Detention Center will follow. Additionally, during food distribution staff will continue to be involved and food will be sealed at the time of delivery to the incarcerated person. Feedback was received from the incarcerated people was that they were receptive to the pilot program. And that they expect the pre-portioned meal roll out for distribution at the courts and expect the pre-portioned meals be designed keep in mind special diets and that allergens are taken into consideration.

Captain Walker II reported that the first new body scanner has been installed at CRDF and will be expanding the installations on a weekly basis and hopes this will mitigate deaths related to overdoses. Also, that the LASD continues to work with Correctional Health Services (CHS) on deaths related medical issues and to provide medical care. Lieutenant Gonzalez reported that LASD is working on preventative measures for overdoses, adding body scanners, and working with CHS partners to assist in death prevention. Captain Walker II informed that the LASD will be working with the younger population where they see the most overdoses. The LASD to follow up with data if available that supports may identify the age group with the highest overdose count.

The SBC expressed that scheduling the incarcerated people be worked on, so they do not have to choose between having a scheduled procedure or going to court. The LASD reported that the current body scanners are being replaced with scanners that have better technology which they hope will reduce drugs entering the jails and that they are being considered to scan

staff, contractors and vendors. In terms of addictions, the medical questionnaire provided to the incarcerated people upon entry poses the addiction question however the LASD is not privy to the information.

Commissioner Miller noted the following three concerns are contributing to a rise in jail deaths: 1) Body scanners not being used on employees who may be bringing drugs in, 2) there is no data that shows if people have an addiction before entering the jail system – or become addicted once inside the system, and 3) it's difficult to get medical treatment for incarcerated people with significant medical needs and stated it is the County's job to care for incarcerated people and are failing in this area.

The LASD informed that they only help ICE with crowd control and nothing else. And that the LASD does not use masks, and it is not part of the LASDs procedure.

Chairperson Broder opened the discussion on the issue of LASD employees watching inappropriate material while on duty citing a recent issue at TTCF. Lieutenant Gonzalez reported that the Division Chief has been notified and is addressing the concern. And encouraged the SBC to report these sorts of incidents to him so he can address them with the appropriate person.

Commissioner Bhatia noted that concerns reported by the SBC continue to contradict their inspection reports. Captain Walker II stated that watching movies or sports games although not a part of the LASD policy it is up to the Unit Commander to address. The SBC emphasized that this is an ongoing and systemic issue that needs to be addressed.

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

Attachments: 060825-061825 LASD Facility Lockdowns

Custody Division Manual Lockdown

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UDAL MCJ 8100 072425

PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE

- Correctional Health Services (CHS) follow ups and updates, Dr. Sean Henderson. (25-4352)
 - How are appointments scheduled?
 - How are appointments scheduled around court dates/times? Are court dates considered? What is that process?

Commissioner Mary Veral motioned to move this item to the September 2025 agenda, seconded by Immediate Past Chairperson Raymond Regalado, this motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

Attachments: PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE

4. Commissioners Reports on Detention Facilities. (25-4353)

Commissioner Joahanna Terrones, and Commissioner Mary Veral

- Twin Tower's Correctional Facility (TTCF), 450 Bauchet Street, Los Angeles, CA. 90012, July 21, 2025
 - Chairperson Haley Broder, and Commissioner Joahanna Terrones
- Men's Central Jail (MCJ), 441 Bauchet Street, Los Angeles, CA. 90012, July 22, 2025
 - Chairperson Haley Border, and Vice Chairperson Wynter Daggs
- Inmate Reception Center (IRC), 450 Bauchet St, Los Angeles, CA 90012 July 23, 2025
 - Commissioner Puja Bhatia, and Commissioner Mary Veral
- Men's Central Jail (MCJ), 441 Bauchet Street, Los Angeles, CA. 90012, July 24, 2025
 - Immediate Past Chairperson Raymond Regalado, and Vice Chairperson Wynter Daggs
- North County Correctional Facility (NCCF), 29340 The Old Road, Castaic, CA 91384, July 28, 2025

Commissioner Terrones reported out on the 7/21/2025 TTCF inspection in which she observed staff watching a movie. The incarcerated people reported that the LASD staff do not check cells, do not follow up on commitments, just walk back and forth that there are lot of missed opportunities to provide care the incarcerated persons that pass away and have a history of head trauma and diabetes.

Captain Walker II stated that homicide oversees the interview as it related to in custody deaths and therefore LASD does not duplicate the efforts in interviewing incarcerated people. and that it is not something they can provide to the commission due to the uniqueness of each case. Commissioner Veral noted that it is difficult to partner with the LASD when

LASD staff watch TV but report being understaffed. Vice Chairperson Daggs observed trail of dry blood between TTCF and MCJ in which the Watch Commander informed it has been there for two weeks.

Commissioner Terrones reported out on the 7/22/2025 MCJ inspection in which she and Chairperson Broder were denied entry to module 2600. And observed no access to water or hot water, lights were covered, phones were not working, and medical requests were not being addressed. Incarcerated people were throwing up blood for over a month, they had bloody stools, breathing issues, and allergic food reactions all of which were reported to Dr. Henderson. Lastly Title 15 checks continue to be quick scans and LASD staff continue to make no observations into the cells.

Chairperson Broder, and Vice Chairperson Daggs reported out on the 7/3/2025 IRC inspection and observed sewage leaking into cell floors and as a result they requested that a group of incarcerated people be moved out of their cell due to the sewage leaking on to the cell floor in which the SBC was told by LASD to not enter the area. Also observed was TV being watched in the reception room and the incarcerated people's urine found in a water bottle due to not being able to use the toilets because of the overflowing sewage.

Commissioner Veral reported out on the 7/24/2025 MCJ inspection in which they received complaints from the incarcerated people experiencing roadblocks in accessing medical care and when reported to medical the responses are not comprehensive. Also, an incarcerated person reported a nurse who told them they could not do an enema for them and would have to do it themselves. The SBC recommend corrective action against the nurse.

Immediate Past Chairperson Regalado, and Vice Chairperson Daggs reported out on the 7/28/2025 NCCF inspection and observed that incarcerated people coming from MCJ were placed in the 927 disciplinary modules even though they were classified as general population. She reported that the Office of Inspector General (OIG) inspected the disciplinary module on July 7, 2025, and at that time no one had write ups, and after the OIG visit on 7/8/2025 the incarcerated people in the 927 disciplinary module received write-ups and expressed concerns possible retaliation. She requested confirmation of the OIG visit and report to cross-reference what she witnessed and looked into it with the Deputy present. She requested that representatives who are part of the pilot program for Operation Safe Jail attend an SBC meeting to provide information on which modules are a part of the pilot program.

Immediate Past Chairperson Regalado reported that module 928 was empty except for three incarcerated persons who called themselves "dropouts",

due to no gang affiliations. The incarcerated people were attacked by another incarcerated person who got through a slider door in which medical was not available to provide medical care. He notified CHS and was told they are looking into it. He also observed backed up sewage in the toilets and no hot water. Chairperson Broder added that Dr. Henderson has stated in the past that the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) restrictions have made it difficult to obtain medical information on incarcerated people. Commissioner Miller noted that CRDF previously provided HIPAA release forms to incarcerated people, allowing them to authorize the release of medical records with their consent. Chairperson Broder moved the discussion of HIPAA forms to item three. She then reminded the SBC to make an effort to conduct and submit inspection reports. Additionally, if any commissioner wishes to change assignments to please contact her to address the change.

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

Attachments: Inspection Reports

PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE

5. Civilian Oversight Commission (COC), Announcements and upcoming meetings, Tracy Jordan, COC. (25-4355)

Tracy Jordan announced a "Virtual Forum on LA County Law Enforcement Roles with U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE)" on August 7, 2025, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. and encouraged everyone to register at coc.lacounty.gov. She then informed that the next COC meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at St. Anne's Conference Center. which will include representatives from the LASD.

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

Attachments: PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE

- **6.** Chairperson's Report on Correspondence received. (25-4357)
 - Reminders.
 - Next Meeting: September 11, 2025
 - Quorum Count
 - Month Activities
 - Update on auto reply resources listed on the SBC website.
 - Update on the Inspection Report Changes and Pilot.

After a discussion regarding the next SBC meeting Chairperson Haley Broder moved to schedule a special meeting on September 4, 2025, and cancel the September 11, 2025, meeting, seconded by Commissioner Eric J. Miller this motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Norma Cumpian

<u>Attachments:</u> <u>SBC Meeting Schedule</u>

PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE

Chairperson Haley Broder then motioned to cancel the October 9, 2025, meeting with a plan to revisit holding a special October meeting, seconded by Commissioner Eric J. Miller this motion approved with the following roll call vote:

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Norma Cumpian

Chairperson Broder reminded the SBC that the August inspection assignments were sent out on Friday, August 1, 2025. She reported that the auto email reply has been set up and that the interruption of the auto reply has been escalated to the Information Technology team (IT). She then announced that the resources found in the auto email reply have also been added to the SBC website. And that the inspection portal is in progress with more updates to come. She then informed that a meeting with Allison Ganter has been scheduled, as well as a meeting with the Board offices and Justice Deputies regarding the high number of in custody deaths. And that making the public aware of what the SBC is witnessing in the jails is an important step in moving forward as a body. She requested that SBC members meet regularly with their Justice Deputies to keep them informed of their inspection observations. Commissioner Bhatia informed that Supervisor Mitchell Assistant Justice Deputy, and Health Deputy have expressed interest in inspecting MCJ. Commissioner Veral noted in the past there have been LASD clearance issues that have taken up to 10 months and inquired how to best navigate this logistical issue. Commissioner Hennigan Ohanesian inquired if the Commissary contract and installation of cameras has been resolved.

County Counsel will be following up regarding the SBCs inspection count when joined by a deputy and if it effects their inspection count?

Commissioner Eric J. Miller motioned to agendize an ad-hoc committee on care for those in the jail system at the September 4, 2025 meeting, seconded by Chairperson Haley Broder this motion was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Norma Cumpian

II. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

7. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of July 7, 2025. (25-4356)

On motion of Chairperson Haley Broder, seconded by Immediate Past Chairperson Raymond Regalado this item was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

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

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Norma Cumpian

Attachments: 071025 SBC DRAFT Minutes

PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE

8. Discussion and take appropriate action on restructuring the SBC meeting agenda. (25-3812)

Chairperson Broder acknowledged that the new agenda structure has been adopted.

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

Attachments: Agenda Restructuring Proposal

PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE

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. (25-4358)

Public comment for items 8 and 9 were taken together. There was no in person, virtual, or written public comment.

<u>Attachments:</u> PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE

Adjournment

10. Adjournment for the Meeting of August 7, 2025. (25-4359)

Chairperson Haley Broder adjourned the meeting of August 7, 2025, at 11:38 a.m. Then announced that the next meeting is scheduled for September 4, 2025.