

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

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Thursday, September 4, 2025

9:00 A.M.

RECORDING FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (25-5101)

<u>Attachments:</u> RECORDING LINK

1. 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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Opening Remarks, and Roll Call. (25-4787)

Chairperson Haley Broder called the meeting to order at 9:19 a.m. Roll call was conducted by Commission Services Staff, confirming a quorum of in-person members. Commissioner Puja Bhatia joined virtually exercising AB 2449 Emergency Just Cause. Chairperson Broder then read the Los Angeles County Land Acknowledgement and reported seven additional deaths in Los Angeles County jails, bringing the 2025 total to 36. Commissioner Hennigan Ohanesian joined the meeting virtually at 10:29 a.m. also exercising AB 2449 Emergency Just Cause. Commissioner Bhatia left the meeting at 11:02 a.m. and rejoined at 12:12 p.m.

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

On motion of Vice Chairperson Wynter Daggs, seconded by Commissioner Mary Veral the SBC approved Commissioner Puja Bhatia's request to participate virtually exercising AB 2449 Emergency Just cause with the following roll call vote:

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

Ayes: 6 - Chairperson Haley Broder, Vice Chairperson Wynter Daggs, Immediate Past Chairperson Raymond Regalado, Commissioner Eric J. Miller, Commissioner Joahanna Terrones, and Commissioner Mary Veral

**Absent:** 3 - Commissioner Puja Bhatia, Commissioner Norma Cumpian, and Commissioner Katherine Hennigan Ohanesian

On motion of Commissioner Mary Veral, seconded by Vice Chairperson Wynter Daggs the SBC approved Commissioner Katherine Hennigan Ohanesian's request to participate virtually exercising AB 2449 Emergency Just Cause with the following roll call vote:

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

Ayes: 7 - Chairperson Haley Broder, Vice Chairperson Wynter Daggs, Immediate Past Chairperson Raymond Regalado, Commissioner Puja Bhatia, Commissioner Eric J. Miller, Commissioner Joahanna Terrones, and Commissioner Mary Veral

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Norma Cumpian, and Commissioner Katherine Hennigan Ohanesian

### I. REPORTS

- **2.** Los Angeles County Sheriff Department (LASD) report and updates. (25-4788)
  - Update on the pre-portioned meal roll out and meal equipment.
  - Update on data that supports and or identifies age group with the highest overdose count.
  - Update on protocols taken to address personnel watching TV while on duty.
  - Follow up items from inspection reports and the last SBC meeting.

Commander Montoya reported that pre-portioned meals are being distributed on the 2000 and 3000 floors of Men's Central Jail (MCJ). Once additional equipment arrives in October, distribution will expand to the entire MCJ, with the Century Regional Detention Facility (CRDF) and the Twin Towers Correctional Facility (TTCF) to follow. She stated that LASD has requested additional funding from the Board for equipment to streamline meal production and reported that pre-portioned meals are being served in the new housing units at the North County Correctional Facility (NCCF) on the 926 and 927 floors, though equipment is limited, meals are currently transported in warming trays similar to MCJ. Commander Montoya to follow up on whether the incarcerated people at NCCF, without disciplinary issues, are placed in cages during visitation hours. She further reported that a letter was sent to the Board requesting funding for construction at TTCF and CRDF to expand pre-portioned meal distribution and confirmed that additional equipment for MCJ is expected to arrive by the end of October. And that elevator repairs are underway at TTCF and clarified that overdoses are tracked by Correctional Health Services (CHS), not LASD. She asked the SBC to continue reporting any incidents of LASD staff viewing unauthorized content. Also, that corrective action was taken at TTCF, certain websites are blocked on LASD computers, and staff may only view content within their scope of duties. She clarified that laptops and phones must be approved by the Watch

Commander, and if issues involve the Watch Commander it should be reported to the Captain.

Chairperson Broder requested that Michael Markman from Operation Safe Jails (OSJ) attend an SBC meeting to provide clarity on the program. She also noted that the SBC has been reporting inappropriate content viewing for over a year. Tracy Jordan, COC, requested that the COC be provided with any reports/recommendations resulting from meetings between the SBC and the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) regarding the OSJ pilot program.

Virtual public comment provided by James Nelson, Hilda Eke and, Sahara White of Dignity and Power Now. In person comment was provided by Berkley Donnovan, ACLU. There was no written public comment.

Attachments: LASD Follow Ups

PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE

- 3. Correctional Health Services (CHS) follow ups and updates, Dr. Sean Henderson. (25-4789)
  - How are appointments scheduled?
  - Are they scheduled around court dates/times? Are court dates considered?
     What is that process?

Dr. Henderson informed that their new Medical Director is Jamie Ang, although she has no prior experience in the jail system has she does have lots of leadership experience. He noted that CRDF's population has increased by more than 250 incarcerated people over the past three months, presenting foreseeable challenges.

He stated that Health Services Request Forms (HSRF) are triaged by nursing within 24 hours, urgent cases are seen promptly and routine cases scheduled between 30 days to three months. He noted that schedules are adjusted for court appearances; however, no centralized system exists to track conflicts between medical appointments and court dates or the frequency of medical requests. Chairperson Broder expressed concern that some deceased incarcerated people had repeatedly requested medical care. Dr. Henderson clarified that his office conducts comprehensive reviews of each death and issues Corrective Action Plans when necessary. He informed that a request has been submitted to the Board of Supervisors Health Deputies on September 3, 2025, for the implementation of a digital database and is scheduled to meet with the Board of Supervisors on September 18, 2025 on this matter.

Commander Montoya noted that the Automated Justice Information System (AJIS), which tracks the status of incarcerated people, has the capability to reflect schedule updates and documents if LASD receives the information with sufficient time. Dr. Henderson stated he will review whether AJIS can

be integrated into his office's processes and added that staff turnover does not impact workflow efficiency due to a well-established workforce. A discussion ensued to include inquiries about the electronic health record (eHR) and the use of the Online Real-Time Centralized Health Information Database (ORCHID) in the jails to address the medical requests by priority to not impact court dates. As well as the use of the LASD site which lists upcoming court dates almost immediately after a hearing to which Dr. Henderson informed, he would follow up on how the tools mentioned can be incorporated into CHS workflow. And agreed to report back on the court coordination at the September 4, 2025 meeting.

Commissioner Miller expressed concern that the SBC could sunset while Los Angeles County is involved in litigation related to failure to provide care, at a time when the SBC is planning investigations into these issues. Dr. Henderson clarified that a Supervising Staff Nurse, Level 1, manages scheduling and coordination.

In person public comment provided by Berkley Donnovan, ACLU. There was no virtual or written public comment.

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

**4.** Commissioners Reports on Detention Facilities. (25-4790)

Commissioner Eric J. Miller, and Commissioner Mary Veral

• East Los Angeles Sheriff's Station, 5019 E. Third St., East Los Angeles, CA. 90022, August 15, 2025

Chairperson Haley Border, and Commissioner Joahanna Terrones

 Century Regional Detention Center (CRDF), 11705 Alameda St, Lynwood, CA. 90262, August 19, 2025

Vice Chairperson Wynter Daggs, and Commissioner Puja Bhatia

 Men's Central Jail (MCJ), 441 Bauchet Street, Los Angeles, CA. 90012, August 20, 2025

Commissioner Norma Cumpian, and Commissioner Joahanna Terrones

 Men's Central Jail (MCJ), 441 Bauchet Street, Los Angeles, CA. 90012, August 20, 2025

Immediate Past Chairperson Raymond Regalado, and Vice Chairperson Wynter Daggs

 Glendale Court House 600 E. Broadway, Glendale, CA 91206, August 20, 2025

East LA Sheriff's Station August 15, 2025 Inspection: Commissioner Miller, and Commissioner Veral reported that the boot and hat logo remain on display in multiple locations at the station and acknowledged that the COC and community members have expressed criticism regarding its us. And Commissioner Veral encouraged SBC commissioners to conduct

during non-standard hours, as was done during this inspection.

CRDF August 19, 2025 Inspection: Chairperson Broder, and Commissioner Terrones reported ongoing water issues in both the East and West towers, noting that plumbing problems have not been addressed and that standing water, which contains bugs, poses a health risk to the incarcerated people. Also, that the elevators are now operating, that incarcerated people are not receiving their mail, and that hunger and mealtime scheduling continue to be issues. Chairperson Broder expressed serious concern regarding staff observing women showering in module 2600. Commander Montoya to investigate the situation and report back.

MCJ August 20, 2025 Inspection: Vice Chairperson Daggs, and Commissioner Bhatia reported that in the 9400 module incarcerated people stated they were not receiving FISH Kits or hygiene products after shampoo was depleted, the Captain on duty informed that multiple FISH Kits were available. Vice Chair Daggs noted this reflects a communication disconnect between LASD and the incarcerated people.

Vice Chairperson Daggs emphasized the importance of unannounced SBC visits and expressed concern that trans women at MCJ are not receiving the dignity they are owed due to the unavailability of FISH Kits. She also reported that one of the three modules in the K6G unit, which houses the LGBTQ population, was shut down, causing tensions among various groups during integration into another module. Commander Montoya to report back on the reason for the K6G unit closure.

MCJ August 20, 2025 Inspection: Commissioner Cumpian and Commissioner Terrones reported the SBC received correspondence from a member of the public to investigate a rat infestation at module 1750. An incarcerated person was having medical issues to which Dr. Henderson was asked to advise if the rat infestation could be the reason.

Glendale Courthouse, August 20, 2025 Inspection: Immediate Past Chairperson Raymond Regalado, and Vice Chairperson Daggs stated there was a safety issue due to the lack of a secure, controlled entryway into the courthouse. Immediate Past Chairperson Regalado reported the phones did not work, safety kits were in a drawer, and Narcan was not visible.

Refer to inspection reports for details.

In person public comment provided by Berkley Donovan, ACLU and Marsela Rosen, Dignity and Power Now. There was no virtual or written public comment.

**Attachments:** Inspection Reports

PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE

5. Civilian Oversight Commission (COC), Announcements and upcoming meetings, Tracy Jordan, COC. (25-4791)

Tracy Jordan, COC reported that the next COC meeting is September 18, 2025, at St. Anne's Conference Center, 155 N. Occidental Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90026. LASD will provide updates on station statistics. And invited the SBC to attend.

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

Attachments: PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE

- **6.** Chairperson's Report on Correspondence received. (25-4792)
  - Reminders.
    - Meetings:
      - September 11, 2025 meeting is CANCELLED
      - Next Meeting: October 9, 2025
        - Quorum Count
  - Month Activities
  - Update on the Inspection Report Changes and Pilot.

Chairperson Broder reported that the September 11, 2025 and that a special meeting will be held on October 2, 2025 in lieu of the October 9, 2025.

On motion of Chairperson Haley Broder, seconded by Commissioner Mary Veral the SBC approved to hold a special meeting on October 2, 2025 and cancel the October 9, 2025 meeting 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>Meeting Schedule</u>

PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE

Commissioner Miller reported on his meeting with Allison Ganter, Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) and stated based on discussions it is unclear what additional oversight is provided by the in-custody death agency that is not already provided by the OIG, COC, and SBC, and stated the agency does not want to meet with the SBC in a public setting. And that in speaking with the SBC on failure to care, it was clear the SBCs responses replicate the issues raised in this meeting such as sanitation, supervision, and quality of healthcare provided. He then informed the SBC that he will prepare a set of proposals for review at the next meeting to see how the SBC can structure the special meeting occurring in November 2025.

Chairperson Broder reported that the SBC commission has received a lot of correspondence from the public with concerns of rodents, medications and assaults which are then reported to the OIG and ACLU to investigate. She also reported that pilot changes to the Inspection Reports will be available in September 2025 for the commissioners to test and that additional updates will be available at the SBC October meeting.

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

# II. DISCUSSION AND ACTION

7. Discussion and possible action on a letter to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) regarding the Commission Assessment Report to sunset SBC into COC. (25-4793)

Chairperson Broder gave an overview of the assessment and expressed great concern in combining the SBC with the COC and stated that in doing so they will lose the ability to conduct unannounced inspections costing LA County millions of dollars in liability due to deaths of incarcerated people in the jail system. She further stated the SBC will prepare a letter to the Board stating they are against sunsetting the SBC. Vice Chairperson Daggs clarified that costs to LA County for the SBC commission are \$40,000.00 for stipends and operational costs. Chairperson Broder asked the SBC to submit proactive next steps they would like submitted to the Board. Commissioner Miller requested that the SBC commission be provided with an itemized cost analysis of what it costs to maintain the SBC commission to include an audit on what commissioners have been paid out in the last three years. He further stated the SBC should reject the subpoena power being offered by the Board if they were to be combined with the COC.

Commissioner Veral informed there is an inaccuracy on page 9 of the report and stated it is because the SBC is not regulated. Vice Chairperson Daggs asked the SBC if their reports have been reviewed in the last year to which the SBC responded they have not. The COC stated they communicate with CHS on an individual basis. The OIG stated they communicate with CHS in much the same way as the SBC does. Chairperson Broder recognized the need to remove duplicated efforts within bodies and emphasized that what the SBC commission does with unannounced inspection are not duplicated efforts.

Immediate Past Chairperson Regalado expressed there is a need to show the value the SBC provides to the Board. Commissioner Terrones expressed that the SBC believes in what they do because each has been impacted in some way by the system. Chairperson Broder stated that the human rights of incarcerated people will be greatly affected with the loss of the SBC. Commissioner Hennigan Ohanesian expressed her support in keeping the SBC an independent body.

Commissioner Miller stated that although there is overlap between the OIG and SBC with the work they do, they are significantly different in part because the OIG is charged with identifying systemic issues in the jail system, whereas the SBC is not. And that the Board of Supervisors (BOS) has relied heavily on the SBC to conduct work on its behalf such as the investigation into education-based incarceration. Vice Chairperson Daggs emphasized the work performed is lifesaving and unique to other bodies.

Chairperson Broder thanked the SBC for their comments and reported a letter will be sent to the BOS requesting that the SBC not be combined with the COC.

On motion of Chairperson Haley Broder, seconded by Commissioner Eric J. Miller the SBC approved to obtain a budget breakdown on what the SBC commission has spent along with itemized costs and actuals on stipends with the following roll call vote:

Virtual public comments were provided by Lila, Justice LA and Dignity and Power Now, Anthony Arenas, and Ingrid, Dignity and Power Now, Nicolette, District 5 resident, James Nelson, Justice LA, and Dignity and Power Now, Hilda Eke, Dignity and Power Now, Sahara White, Dignity and Power Now.

There was no in person public comment, and no 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> Commission Assessment Report

PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE

Commissioner Mary Veral amended her motion to write a letter to the BOS in response to the Commission Assessment to sunset the SBC to have Chairperson Haley Broder, Vice Chairperson Wynter Daggs, Commissioner Eric J. Miller, Commissioner Mary Veral, and Commissioner Puja Bhatia write the letter, seconded by Vice Chairperson Wynter Daggs. This motion passed with the following roll call vote:

In person public comment was provided by Berkley Donavan, ACLU, Marsela Rosen, Dignity and Power Now, Anthony Robles, Covered California Coalition and Dignity and Power Now. There was no 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

### III. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

**8.** Approval of Minutes for the meeting of August 7, 2025. (25-4794)

On motion of Chairperson Haley Broder, seconded by Vice Chairperson Wynter Daggs the SBC approved the minutes as amended with the following roll call vote:

Revisions to item 4, "Commissioners Reports on Detention Facilities" including:

- 1. Remove Commissioner Puja Bhatia from paragraph 4
- 2. Remove Chairperson Haley Broder from paragraph 1, page 6
- 3. Add Chairperson Haley Broder to the IRC inspection with Vice Chairperson Wynter Daggs
- 4. Add Immediate Past Chairperson Raymond Regalado to the NCCF inspection

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:** DRAFT Minutes

PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE

### IV. 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. (25-4795)

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

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

# **Adjournment**

**10.** Adjournment for the Special Meeting of September 4, 2025. (25-4796)

Chairperson Haley Broder overviewed the meeting and stated the following are to be addressed: A letter to the Board to not combine the SBC with the COC, a request to Commission Services to provide an itemized report on costs and budget stipends, Failure to Care proposal from Commissioner Miller to be provided at the October meeting, a special meeting scheduled for October 2, 2025, Chaired by Vice Chairperson, Wynter Daggs. Commander Montoya to report back on the K6G unit, request to have a representative from OSJ attend an SBC meeting, and that MCJ will have equipment in by the end of October for the food pilot program. She then informed that September inspection assignments would be distributed soon. She requested that the agenda's cover page be updated to reflect that this is a "SPECIAL" meeting not a "Regular" meeting. She then adjourned the SPECIAL September 4, 2025 meeting at 12:40 p.m.