



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR 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, February 5, 2026

9:00 AM

RECORDING FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (26-1567)

Attachments: [RECORDING LINK](#)

1. Call to Order, Opening Remarks, and LA County Land Acknowledgment.

Los Angeles County Countywide Land Acknowledgment

The County of Los Angeles recognizes that we occupy land originally and still inhabited and cared for by the Tongva (TONG+VUH), Tataviam (TAH+TAA+VEE+UM), Serrano (SUH+RAA+NOH), Kizh (KEECH), and Chumash (CHEW+MOSH) 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:

- Fernandeano (FUR+NAN+DAY+EN+YO) Tataviam (TAH+TAA+VEE+UM) Band of Mission Indians
- Gabrielino (GAB+REE+UH+LEE+NOH) Tongva (TONG+VUH) Indians of California Tribal Council
- Gabrieleño (GAB+REE+UH+LAY+NOH) Tongva (TONG+VUH) San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians
- Gabrieleño (GAB+REE+UH+LAY+EN+YO) Band of Mission Indians, Kizh (KEECH) Nation

- Yuhaaviatam (yu+HAH+vee+ah+tahm) of San Manuel Nation
- San Fernando Band of Mission Indians
- Coastal Band of Chumash (CHEW+MOSH) Nation
- Gabrielino (GAB+REE+UH+LEE+NOH) Tongva (TONG+VUH) Nation
- Gabrielino (GAB+REE+UH+LEE+NOH) Tongva (TONG+VUH) Tribe

To learn more about the First Peoples of Los Angeles County, please visit the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission website at anaic.lacounty.gov.

Roll Call. (26-0998)

Chairperson Haley Broder called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. Commission Services staff performed roll call, and an in-person quorum was met. commissioner Joahanna Terrones arrived to the meeting at 9:17 a.m.

Present: 7 - Vice Chairperson Wynter Daggs, Immediate Past Chairperson Raymond Regalado, Commissioner Puja Bhatia, Commissioner Katherine Hennigan Ohanesian, Commissioner Eric J. Miller, Commissioner Joahanna Terrones and Commissioner Mary Veral

Chairperson Broder then acknowledged the 8 in custody deaths so far in 2026 expressing deep concern. She stated it is the obligation of the Sybil Brand Commission (SBC) per the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to conduct inspections and report back on the conditions of confinement in the jails. She then proceeded by reading the Los Angeles County Land Acknowledgement, noting there is a full agenda to review.

I. REPORTS

2. Los Angeles County Sheriff Department (LASD) report and updates, Commander Geradette E. Montoya, LASD.
 - Follow up items from inspection reports and the last SBC meeting
 - Update on the pre-portioned meal roll out and meal equipment.
 - Update on dietary quantities based on the new federal guidelines
 - Data on the amount of food waste the LASD encounters
 - Update on Water Quality at CRDF
 - Facilities (Internal Services Decision, ISD) Contracts and SBC involvement
 - Contractor for iPads/tablets Follow Up (26-0999)

This item was continued to the March 5, 2026 meeting.

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3. Discussion on how the District Attorney's (DA) office sexual assault cases reported to the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) and the follow up procedures and support the DAs office takes. (26-1000)

DA Hochman stated that Men's Central Jail (MCJ) should have been demolished and expressed support for the work of SBC. He affirmed his willingness to assist the Board as needed. Advised that his office maintains specialized sexual assault, domestic violence, and trauma units with trained personnel. Explained that his office reviews every case presented and invited the SBC to provide the names of officers accused of sexual crimes. And that Guillermo Santiso, Head of the Sex Crimes Division, would investigate such allegations. He stated that prosecutions would be pursued at any level if criminal misconduct is substantiated and further conveyed his openness to recommendations from the SBC regarding systemic improvements. He committed to the SBC that cases presented to his office would be reviewed to determine whether provable criminal violations exist. Additionally, that detention facilities must be safe, maintain healthy conditions, and provide rehabilitation and training opportunities to support productive outcomes for incarcerated individuals. He stated that construction of a newly built jail is important in moving forward.

Commissioner Veral stated that Century Regional Detention Facility (CRDF) is not an old facility but is in poor condition. And that constructing a new jail is not a solution, asserting that the underlying issue is systemic. Noting that incarcerated individuals at MCJ experience violence at extreme levels.

Commissioner Miller clarified that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the conduct of deputies responsible for jail operations rather than

facility conditions. Furthermore, that abuse and retaliation remain significantly concerning. And emphasized that individuals' rights are not forfeited upon incarceration. He stressed the need for investigations to ensure accountability among those in command and that CRDF is the subject of credible allegations of sexual assault and requested that the DAs Office investigate alleged illegal practices within the jail system. DA Hochman reaffirmed that his office would prosecute violations to the full extent of the law regardless of an individual's status. He additionally stated that the SBC has been advised on multiple occasions not to engage with the press and clarified that it is not the SBCs role to function as a public affairs entity. DA Hochman stated his intent is to ensure the SBC has a direct pipeline to the District Attorney's Office for addressing allegations of abuse within the jail system. And that his office would provide information regarding the number of Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) cases under investigation at a future time.

Virtual public comment provided by Marcella Rosen. In person public comment provided by Berkley Donovan, ACLU. There was no written public comment.

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4. Discussion on:
- PREA training for the team
 - The Steps taken upon receipt of a complaint
 - The selection process for PREA staff
 - Requirements such as training, certification, education etc.
 - What is being done about the "cop shop" allegations,
 - How does the PREA team refer cases to the DAs office (26-1001)

Chairperson Broder expressed concerns that the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) declined to share information related to the "cop shop" allegations due to pending civil litigation. And expects that the DA will follow up on allegations of abuse and retaliation within the jails. She directed Commission Services staff to invite Guillermo Santiso, Head of the Sex Crimes Unit, and a representative from the Bureau of Victims Services of the District Attorney's Office to attend the next SBC meeting scheduled for March 5, 2026. A discussion ensued amongst the commissioners.

Immediate Past Chairperson Regalado stated that the allegations of abuse presented to DA Hochman and the LASD were compelling but did not result in corrective measures. And that, during remarks before the Board of Supervisors (BOS), members expressed general support for the construction of a new jail facility but objected to its placement within their

respective districts. He expressed frustration regarding what he characterized as insufficient support for the SBC's work by the BOS.

Commissioner Terrones emphasized that the SBC's role includes advocating for incarcerated individuals' access to basic needs and the protection of their rights.

Vice Chairperson Daggs agreed that MCJ should be closed but expressed opposition to the construction of a new facility. She stated that the SBC has maintained thorough documentation and has submitted materials to multiple entities. She further noted that the SBC has received procedural and reporting guidance from Tracy Jordan, COC, Kellie Johnson, Assistant Executive Office, and Commission Services staff to improve commission operations and reporting practices. She stated that commission continues to dedicate significant time to their duties, but encounter barriers related to reported concerns.

Commissioner Veral stated that neither the LASD nor the DA should be responsible for providing care to incarcerated individuals.

Tracy Jordan discussed the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) process and referenced potential Title 15 Code violations identified in SBC monthly reports across multiple facilities, including court facilities and stations. She recommended that the SBC submit a formal written request on commission letterhead identifying specific violations and request a written response outlining corrective actions and including a deadline to obtain those requests. She also noted that the COC previously requested that LASD publish CAP summaries on its public website and encouraged commissioners to review the Sheriff's Department transparency page for relevant information.

Chairperson Broder stated that CAP responses received by the commission have been inconsistent in timing and expressed concern regarding their reliability and status.

Vice Chairperson Daggs requested that minutes for items 3, 4, and 5 be recorded verbatim to enhance public awareness. Commission Services staff advised that verbatim records are available through official meeting transcripts.

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

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5. The Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) / Sexual Assault LASD Coordinator and their Coordinators overseer, Commander Roel Garcia, LASD.

- Overview of the process that occurs after sexual misconduct is reported
- Selection process and training for PREA staff (26-1002)

Commander Garcia delivered an overview of the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) process and advised that Sergeant John Bartley serves as the PREA Compliance Manager (PCM) and is PREA-trained. Commander Garcia explained that upon receipt of a PREA complaint, a PREA Allegation Alert is generated in the system and categorized by the type of alleged abuse or harassment. The PCM initiates the investigation, and the matter proceeds through established protocols. Allegations warranting Internal Affairs or Internal Criminal Investigations Bureau involvement are referred accordingly. Allegations involving incarcerated individual-on-incarcerated individuals are assigned to the Jail Investigations Unit, also PREA-trained. PREA investigations are generally classified as either incarcerated individual-on-incarcerated individual handled by the Jail Investigations Unit or staff-on-incarcerated individual. These cases are referred to Internal Affairs or the Internal Criminal Investigations Bureau for further investigation and potential filing consideration by the DAs Office.

Commander Garcia further reported that PREA Compliance Managers must hold the rank of Sergeant and be certified through the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) on in-custody sexual violence, and must complete a POST-certified, 40-hour Sexual Abuse Investigator Course conducted by the LASD. He stated that LASD is conducting a nationwide review of PREA training practices. However, due to federal budget reductions, NIC PREA training is currently unavailable. Also, newly onboarded PCMs must possess prior investigative experience or served in a Special Victims Unit. And that LASD is onboarding two individuals meeting these criteria.

A discussion followed on the observations by commissioners related to the treatment of women and transgender women in Los Angeles County jails. In which Chairperson Broder stated that she has spoken directly with women who reported sexual abuse by deputies at the Century Regional Detention Facility (CRDF), including incidents occurring during transportation to court. And that allegations were made that male deputies entered housing areas to observe women showering and that retaliation occurred following reports of misconduct. Commissioner Miller noted that such allegations have been raised repeatedly within the past four months.

Commissioner Veral described an interaction with a Watch Commander, characterizing the experience as intimidating and stating that assistance was not readily provided. Commissioner Terrones stated that the Watch

Commander directed her and commissioner Veral to obtain detailed information from the incarcerated individual regarding an alleged incident. Commissioner Miller stated that the SBC employs three trained social workers who continue to document and report allegations of abuse.

Commander Garcia clarified that incarcerated individual-on-incarcerated individual complaints are routed to the PCM and subsequently to the Jail Investigations Unit. Staff-on-incarcerated individual complaints undergo an initial inquiry at the facility level, after which the facility Captain determines whether the matter is elevated through the chain of command.

Commissioner Miller expressed concern regarding persistent reports of sexual abuse and violence, stating that the Watch Commander had been notified multiple times without resolution. Furthermore, conditions appear to be worsening, and retaliation remains a recurring concern. Commander Garcia stated he could not comment on matters related to the “cop shop” due to pending civil litigation.

Tracy Jordan, Civilian Oversight Commission (COC), inquired about the notification process for complainants and updates regarding investigative outcomes. Commander Garcia acknowledged that complainants had not consistently been notified and stated that corrective measures are underway. Commander Garcia stated that the following actions will be implemented:

1. Assignment of a Lieutenant to the PREA Unit for oversight and supervision
2. Implementation of sensitivity training for PREA Compliance Managers
3. Incorporation of sensitivity assessments into the interview and selection process.

Virtual public comment provided by Marcella Rosen. In person public comment provided by Berkley Donovan, ACLU. There was no written public comment.

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6. Correctional Health Services (CHS) follow-ups and update, by Dr. Sean Henderson. (26-1003)

This item was continued to the March 5, 2026 meeting.

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7. Commissioners' Reports on Detention Facilities.

Chairperson Haley Broder, and Commissioner Eric J. Miller

- Men's Central Jail (MCJ), 450 Bauchet Street, Los Angeles, CA. 90012, January 4, 2026

Commissioner Puja Bhatia, and Commissioner Mary Veral

- Century Regional Detention Center (CRDF), 11705 Alameda Street, Lynwood CA. 90262, January 12, 2026

Chairperson Haley Broder, and Commissioner Mary Veral

- Twin Towers Correctional Facility (TTCF), 450 Bauchet St, Los Angeles, CA 90012, January 21, 2026

Immediate Past Chairperson Raymond Regalado, and Commissioner Joahanna Terrones

- Clara Shortridge Foltz Criminal Justice Center, 210 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012, January 23, 2026. (26-1004)

Chairperson Haley Broder and commissioner Eric J. Miller reported out on the MCJ January 4, 2026 inspection in which they reported incidents of "man down" in Module 6000 allegedly go unnoticed. They further reported that a PREA complaint filed approximately 1.5 years earlier had not received a response to the complainant. And that multiple medical complaints were submitted to Dr. Henderson. The extent of "tenting" observed in Module 6000 was significant. While acknowledging that incarcerated individuals may seek privacy, he expressed concern that deputies' inspections did not appear to meet mandated security check requirements. Grievances submitted by incarcerated individuals were not addressed in a timely manner. And reports of food poisoning and concerns regarding insufficient food portions.

Commissioner Bhatia and Veral reported out on the CRDF January 12, 2026 inspection in which commissioners observed grievance forms in a day room dating back to October 2018. Noting that the presence of outdated grievance materials is a recurring issue across facilities. The area inspected was unsanitary, with visible accumulations of trash. And noted concerns related to PREA compliance and water-related issues. The matters were reported to the Watch Commander, who was receptive to the commissioners' concerns. Additionally, incarcerated individuals expressed feeling that they were not being treated with dignity or humanity.

Chairperson Haley Broder and commissioner Mary Veral reported out on the TTCF January 21, 2026 inspection and identified complaints that had remained unaddressed for approximately two years. They observed deputies in the high-observation housing areas were present but appeared inactive, with some personnel watching television. The Tower 1 elevator remains inoperable. And noted sanitation concerns, including the presence of bags of urine, and that incarcerated individuals reported hunger and insufficient food portions. Also, that visitation operations in Tower 2 have resumed.

Immediate Past Chairperson Raymond Regalado and Commissioner Joahanna Terrones reported out on the Clara Shortridge Foltz Criminal Justice Center January 23, 2026 inspection in which graffiti was observed on the 9th floor and holding cells were clean. A concern was raised that women requiring toilet paper and feminine hygiene products were not being provided without SBC intervention. An insufficient number of PREA informational posters were displayed throughout the courthouse. And were advised that the facility had been recently painted, which delayed the reinstallation of posters. There were concerns that incarcerated individuals may not be receiving medications in a timely manner. Tracy Jordan inquired whether the SBC had formally requested a report from LASD regarding corrective actions or best practices related to medication distribution. And if the SBC noticed if the tenting is a fluid situation that changes by location, moment-to-moment, shift-to-shift, or day-by-day. In which the SBC reported that tenting is inconsistent as to when it is removed.

Chairperson Haley Broder and Commissioner Joahanna Terrones reported out on the MCJ January 28, 2026 inspection. This inspection was in response to reports of a hunger strike. Module 1750, Cell 24, Row C was permanently closed. Concerns were raised regarding reported limitations on shower access and the absence of outdoor activities for over one month. Conditions within the module were described as unsanitary. Observations include stains on walls and ceilings consistent with food, blood, and fecal matter, reportedly exceeding levels noted during prior inspections. Row G appeared to have been recently painted and cleaned, with lighting restored. Hot water was running in the shower area, resulting in elevated humidity levels. Inadequate lighting conditions frequently hinder the ability of the SBC and deputies to conduct inspections and safety checks. Additionally, there was visible dirt, grime, and the presence of unidentified fluids on screen surfaces. They raised concerns regarding medical issues affecting several incarcerated individuals, including allegations of retaliation involving the denial of special diets. And will follow up with Commander Montoya regarding reported compliance issues related to Kosher diet accommodations for incarcerated individuals. Incarcerated individuals with documented disabilities requested front waist

restraints as an accommodation that had not been provided. Environmental conditions, including reports of persistent coughing allegedly associated with possible black mold. Water observed in B Row was reported to contain black particles. Lastly there were reports of odors described as burning, as well as the presence of mold- and mildew-like smells.

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

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8. Civilian Oversight Commission (COC), Announcements and upcoming meetings, Tracy Jordan, COC. (26-1005)

Tracy Jordan shared that the upcoming COC meeting will take place on February 19, 2026, from 9:00 - 1:00 p.m. at St. Anne's Event Center located at 155 North Occidental Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90026. A representative from LASD will provide updates on the Sheriff's department, current COC Chair Hans Johnson and Executive Director, Charmaine Mosley, will also provide updates. The hybrid meeting will be available via Webex and livestreamed on YouTube.

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

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9. Chairperson's Report on Correspondence received.

- Reminders.
- Next Meeting: March 5, 2026.
- Next Meeting Quorum Count.
- Month Activities. (26-1006)

Chairperson Broder reported that she met with the new Interim Inspector General and expressed appreciation for the continued collaboration with the Office of the Inspector General (OIG). She thanked the COC for approving the third inspection, which enabled the SBC to observe the hunger strike at MCJ. She requested that commissioners follow up with their respective Justice Deputies regarding potential candidates for appointment to the SBC. Commissioner Veral identified a prospective candidate who has submitted a background check to the LASD and is awaiting a response.

Chairperson Broder reminded the SBC that the next meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2026, and encouraged attendance. Commissioners present confirmed their availability, establishing a quorum for the March 5, 2026

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

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II. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

10. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of January 8, 2026. (26-1007)

Commissioner Mary Veral requested that Commission Services staff provide the transcript for the meeting of January 8, 2026 to review and motioned to move this item to the next meeting of March 5, 2026.

Chairperson Broder requested that Commission Services send a link to the audio or transcript when providing the minutes and requested that discussion on the minutes be agendized for the next meeting.

On the motion of Commissioner Mary Veral, seconded by Commissioner Eric J. Miller, this motion passed with the following roll call vote:

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

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

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11. Discussion, review and possible action on the SBC goals continued from the January 8, 2026, meeting:
1. Engage entities responsible for enforcement of existing State/County standards for humane and constitutional conditions inside the county jails, including:
 - a. Department of Health Services (DHS) and Correctional Health Services (CHS)
 - b. Civilian Oversight Commission (COC)
 - c. Board of State and Community Corrections
 - d. Jail Closure Implementation Team
 - e. Court lock ups and Court leadership
 2. Monitoring quality of access, treatment, and outcomes related to medical care and mental health care.
 - a. Underlying causes of in-custody deaths deemed natural by the Medical Examiner.

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- a. Regular meetings with the Department of Health Services and Correctional Health Services (CHS)
 - b. Monitor mental health patient rights and access to mental health services.
 3. Seeking feedback and making recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on areas of concern regarding the closure of Men's Central Jail (MCJ) and implementation of the Care First, Jail Last plan as it impacts jail conditions and community capacity.
 4. Evaluate expansion and target programming in the jails, including access, retention, and outcomes of programming.
 5. Periodic direct engagement with the Board of Supervisors on areas of concern.
 6. Conduct periodic self-assessment of the commission's impact on jail conditions to determine the extent at which we may need to advocate for changes to statute. (26-1008)

This item was combined with item 12 and continued to the March 5, 2026 meeting.

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

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12. Discussion and Possible Action on the 2025 SBC Annual Report. (26-1010)

This item was combined with item 12 and continued to the March 5, 2026 meeting.

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

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III. MISCELLANEOUS

Public Comment

13. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (26-1011)

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

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Adjournment

14. Adjournment for the Meeting of February 5, 2026. (26-1012)
Chairperson Broder adjourned the meeting of February 5, 2026 at 12:20p.m.