



**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, January 8, 2026**

**9:00 AM**

RECORDING FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (26-0672)

**Attachments:** [Hyperlink](#)

**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:

- Fernandeno (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
- Gabrieleno (GAB+REE+UH+LAY+NOH) or 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) or 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 [lanaic.lacounty.gov](http://lanaic.lacounty.gov).

Roll Call. (26-0202)

**Chairperson Haley Broder called the meeting to order at 9:14 a.m. followed by the reading of the Los Angeles County Land Acknowledgement. Staff performed roll call, and an in-person quorum was met. Commissioner Terrones arrived at the meeting at 9:22 a.m.**

**Present:** 7 - Chairperson Haley Broder, Vice Chairperson Wynter Daggs, Commissioner Puja Bhatia, Commissioner Katherine Hennigan Ohanesian, Commissioner Eric J. Miller, Commissioner Joahanna Terrones and Commissioner Mary Veral

**Absent:** 1 - Immediate Past Chairperson Raymond Regalado

**Chairperson Broder opened the meeting by acknowledging the survivors of the Eaton and Palisades fires of January 7, 2025. She also recognized the 46 deaths that occurred in Los Angeles County Jails in 2025, and the one death reported on January 1, 2026, and expressed concern. She provided an overview of the topics of discussions and noted that the Commission has a full agenda for review.**

## I. REPORTS

2. Los Angeles County Sheriff Department (LASD) follow ups, reports, status, and updates (Commander Geradette E. Montoya, LASD). (26-0203)
  - Update on the pre-portioned meal roll out and meal equipment
  - Follow up items from inspection reports and the last SBC meeting
  - Follow up on Town Halls
  - Grievance and Medical Form Availability and Access at Facilities
  - Follow up and Update on the Body Worn Camera Training
  - Follow up on the Lynwood Water Conditions and the status
  - Follow up on the Contractor for iPads/tablets
  - Facilities (Internal Services Decision, ISD) Contacts
  - Status on the additional Janitorial Staff Request from the Chief Executive Office (CEO)

**Commander Montoya reported that Men's Central Jail (MCJ) is now receiving the Cook-Chill pre-portioned meals, next step is to build out the kitchen at the Twin Towers Correctional Facility (TTCF) beginning in mid-January 2026. LASD is looking at an automated system and submitted a requisition for a Robotic Hopper Pick and Place System. Pre-portioned meals will be implemented next at the Century Regional Detention Center (CRDF), with Pitchess Detention Center (PDC) to follow. LASD expects to have TTCF and CRDF operational by mid-2026 and confirmed that MCJ is the only facility receiving the pre-portioned meals and will follow up on the pilot program at CRDF. LASD uses dietary guidelines provided by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Menus are reviewed by the Department of Public Health (DHS) for approval on an annual basis. Food samples are tested for potential issues such as food poisoning. Food poisoning concerns were followed up by LASD, CHS, and Food Services and were unfounded.**

**Chairperson Broder highlighted new federal guidelines on adult food consumption now at 1.2 to 1.6 kilograms of body weight, 50% - 100% more than what federal health officials had previously recommended. Commander Montoya stated that dieticians will evaluate the guidelines and increase food quantities as necessary. The LASD to provide an update on when dietary quantities will meet new federal guidelines and data on the amount of food waste the LASD encounters at the February 5, 2026, SBC meeting.**

**Commander Montoya reported that she and Captain Martin inspected CRDF for discoloration of water and water was found clear. The Chief Environmental Health Specialist also found the water clear during various times of inspection. Commander Montoya informed that cleaning solutions are used, and additional supplies has been purchased to address the bugs near drains due to the food waste issue.**

The SBC informed of reports received from the Department of Public Health (DPH) in which 23 modules were tested, and water ran clear upon activation in a two-day period and will continue to monitor it. Sewer moths were observed throughout the facility, particularly in the showers. CRDF has been instructed to clean the drains with a biological cleaner containing enzymes that break down organic matter followed by a high-pressure cleaning in which DPH will follow up to ensure compliance. Commander Montoya noted that pregnant incarcerated individuals are provided with bottled water as recommended by the Office of the Inspector General (OIG) and will follow up on the amount of water that can be purchased from the commissary and access to canteens for water. LASD is not aware if DPH performs scheduled facility visits to test water. Vice Chairperson Daggs stated they will request scheduled visits from DPH in a follow-up email. Lieutenant Gonzales suggested the SBC obtain an original of the Grievance form from the Watch Commander, in which the SBC informed that when requested it has been an issue to obtain from the LASD.

The LASD has moved forward with the body-worn cameras at the Inmate Reception Center (IRC), TTCF, MCJ, and CRDF, and the last set up at the LA County General Medical Center. Infrastructure is being built at PDC and North County Correctional Facility (NCCF) where cameras will be charged and video uploaded. Proposals were received and evaluated for iPads and tablets and are negotiating contracts and plan to present to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) in the next couple of months. The LASD custodial contract was approved at IRC and CRDF with temporary contracts in place for MCJ and a new contract request to the BOS for custodial service at all facilities by the end of 2026.

Commander Montoya reported 46 deaths in 2025, 25 deaths occurred in hospitals, 19 in a jail facility, one in LASD's transportation compounds, and one at a station jail. Nine were determined accidental, 21 were natural, seven suicides, one homicide, and eight pending autopsies. The death on January 1, 2026, occurred at a hospital and autopsy is pending. In terms of contacting family members when an incarcerated individual is taken to a hospital, if death is imminent, a compassionate release is requested, and visitation is coordinated with the family. If not imminent, the family is not notified.

County Counsel confirmed that the SBC has the authority to inspect the location of an incarcerated individual which includes hospital stays.

In person public comment was provided by Berkley Donovan, ACLU and Jireh Deng, LA Public Press. There was no virtual or written public comment.

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT-Grievance form](#)  
[SUPPORTING DOCUMENT-Body Worn Camera](#)  
[SUPPORTING DOCUMENT-UJD](#)  
[PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE](#)

3. Discussion with the LASD on the rise in the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) / Sexual Assault Cases that the SBC has been hearing about at Century Regional Detention Facility (CRDF). (26-0204)

**The SBC has raised concerns for over six months of cross-gender shower viewing by staff at CRDF. Multiple women reported being sexually assaulted or being forced into oral sex by deputies. Women reported a “cop shop” in the disciplinary area where male deputies go to watch women shower and turn the water temperature extremely hot so that the women move in uncomfortable positions the deputies find amusing as well as retaliation and comments about their bodies. No cases were reported to the District Attorney’s Office (DA). Multiple deputies named in these assaults are continuing to work at CRDF, some were moved to other locations. Cross-gender shower viewing continues to occur and is a violation of the PREA Act. Cross-gender shower viewing also occurs at MCJ with incarcerated individuals using juice boxes to cover the cameras in the K6G/LGBTQ dorms. This is an issue across the jail system not just at CRDF.**

**Commissioners Veral and Terrones stated that when they were reporting the shower situation to an investigating officer it was clear they did not want to speak of the situation and both commissioners felt intimidated while reporting it. Commissioner Miller stated that the LASD has a culture where officers feel comfortable engaging in sexually explicit actions and that these actions are criminal in nature and suggested that LA County District Attorney (DA) Nathan J. Hochman attend an SBC meeting.**

**Commander Montoya stated LASD maintains a zero-tolerance policy toward any form of sexual abuse or harassment. She acknowledged awareness of the actions involving deputies at CRDF and noted that, due to a pending class-action lawsuit, she could not engage in further discussions on the matter. Furthermore, when allegations are received, LASD conducts a preliminary investigation. The SBC had the following concerns and questions for the LASD:**

- Request the PREA Coordinator and person overseeing the coordinator attend an SBC meeting**
- What is the selection process and training for PREA staff**
- Request that DA Nathaniel J. Hochman attend the February 5, 2026, SBC meeting. And provide the DA with the SBC CRDF inspection reports from August to November 2025**

**Chairperson Broder stated that the class-action lawsuit has wide monetary implications for the County and is something that could have been avoided had LASD addressed the situation, particularly as the Sybil Brand Commission has raised these issues continually for 6+ months.**

**In person public comment was provided by Gwen Smith, Civil Grand Jury. There was no virtual or written public comment.**

**Attachments:** [PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE](#)

4. Correctional Health Services (CHS) follow ups and update on the medical appointment and court date coordination continued from the September 2, 2025, meeting (Dr. Sean O. Henderson, Chief Medical Officer, CHS). (26-0205)

**Dr. Henderson overviewed the hospitals and illnesses and reported that as of January 8, 2026, there are 11 in-custody patients submitted to outside known local private hospitals. 35 in-custody patients at LAC General Medical Center. And that in-custody patients go to outside hospitals if they are too far from LAC General Medical Center, are in court and get sick while being near a local hospital, or the Medical Center is at capacity. When an incarcerated individual reports illness, such as COVID, the Deputy is informed and a Health Service Request (HSR) form is submitted, a nurse is then assigned to review and see the patient. It can take a day to be seen. There are fewer COVID and are not a major issue at present. If someone is severely ill, they are considered a “man down” and an active medical response is initiated to provide triage at the jail. Chairperson Broder informed that the SBC has heard, on occasion, that when “man down” is initiated, it can take hours to be seen. Dr. Henderson was not aware of such instances. He informed when sexual assault is reported the policy is for staff to inform the Watch Commander, the patient is examined for life-threatening injuries, then sent to the hospital for evidence collection. Neither he, nor his staff, are involved in the process once the patient is at the hospital so as not to hinder a criminal investigation. Injuries are addressed while they are being seen at LAC General Medical Center. He will follow up on whether post-traumatic counseling is provided. And provide contact information of the scheduling staff. SBC requested mental health staff come to the next meeting for further information on post-PREA reports.**

**Attachments:** [PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE](#)

5. Commissioners' Reports on Detention Facilities: (26-0206)

Commissioner Eric J. Miller, and Commissioner Mary Veral

- Men's Central Jail (MCJ), 450 Bauchet Street, Los Angeles, CA. 90012, November 24, 2025

Chairperson Haley Broder, and Commissioner Puja Bhatia

- Century Regional Detention Center (CRDF), 11705 Alameda Street, Lynwood CA. 90262, November 25, 2025

Chairperson Haley Broder, and Commissioner Katherine Hennigan Ohanesian

- Men's Central Jail (MCJ), 450 Bauchet Street, Los Angeles, CA. 90012, November 28, 2025

Immediate Past Chairperson Raymond Regalado, and Commissioner Joahanna Terrones

- Long Beach Courthouse, 275 Magnolia Avenue, Long Beach, CA 90802, December 4, 2025

**Commissioner Miller and Commissioner Veral reported out on the MCJ November 24, 2025, inspection and that a newly assigned Watch Commander informed that he had been instructed to escort and record the inspection using body-worn cameras and said so in an abrasive manner. Subsequent discussion with the other Watch Commander on duty informed that no such directive had been issued. Tenting was also observed.**

**Chairperson Broder and Commissioner Bhatia reported out on the CRDF November 25, 2025, inspection and reported on the overall dirtiness of the facility. Showers in modules 2100 and 2200 were filled with gnats, flies, and mold and reported to the Watch Commander. Brown water coming out of a sink in a cell was also observed.**

**Chairperson Broder and Commissioner Hennigan Ohanesian reported out on MCJ November 28, 2025, inspection. They observed rodents, bugs, leaks, trash, water overflowing in a hallway, the smell of fire, cells without running water near module 3700, reports on slow medical follow ups and grievance forms not being processed. In the K6G Unit showers, incarcerated individuals use boxes to cover cameras directed toward the showers for privacy. Also observed 142 incarcerated individuals with only two working toilets and 20 chairs where meals are consumed.**

**Immediate Past Chairperson Regalado and Commissioner Terrones reported out on the Long Beach Courthouse December 4, 2025, inspection and observed five broken toilets, broken glass, and slow repairs not managed by the LASD but an outside contractor.**

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

**Attachments:**    [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)  
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6. Civilian Oversight Commission (COC), Announcements and upcoming meetings, Tracy Jordan, COC. (26-0207)

**Tracy Jordan informed the next Hybrid COC meeting is on January 15, 2026, from 9:00am to 1:00pm at St. Anne’s Event Center, 155 North Occidental Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90026, available via Webex and livestreamed on YouTube. It will cover an update on the COCs enforcement three subpoenas, and LASDs declaratory response, the COCs 2024 – 2026 strategic plan, and updates from the OIG, SBC, and LASD. Members of the public can learn more by visiting [www.coc.lacounty.gov](http://www.coc.lacounty.gov).**

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

**Attachments:**    [PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE](#)

7. Chairperson’s Report on Correspondence received. (26-0208)

Reminders:

- Next Meeting: February 5, 2026
- Next Meeting Quorum Count
- Month Activities

**Chairperson Broder stated the next SBC meeting is February 5, 2026. Staff confirmed the resignation of Commissioner Cumpian. Commissioner Miller informed the body that February 5, 2026, will be his last meeting as he is stepping down. Chairperson Broder concluded there will be three vacancies after February 5, 2026, meeting: one in the First Supervisorial District, One in the Second District, and one in the fourth District. She will be sending out inspection assignments soon. And six is the quorum that will still be needed.**

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

**Attachments:**    [PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE](#)

## **II. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

8. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of November 6, 2025. (26-0211)

**On motion of Chairperson Haley Broder, seconded by Commissioner Eric J. Miller this item passed 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, Commissioner Puja Bhatia, Commissioner Katherine Hennigan Ohanesian, Commissioner Eric J. Miller, Commissioner Joahanna Terrones and Commissioner Mary Veral

**Absent:** 1 - Immediate Past Chairperson Raymond Regalado

**Attachments:** [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)  
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9. Discussion and possible action on the SBC Minute structure and use of transcript and or assign a commissioner at each meeting to write the minutes. (26-0212)

**After discussion it was agreed that staff will continue to draft the minutes. And will include all SBC members to review ahead of meetings.**

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

**Attachments:** [PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE](#)

10. Discussion, review and possible action on the SBC goals.
1. Engage entities responsible for enforcement of existing State/County standards for humane and constitutional conditions inside the county jails, including:
    - Department of Health Services (DHS) and Correctional Health Services (CHS)
    - Civilian Oversight Commission (COC)
    - Board of State and Community Corrections
    - Jail Closure Implementation Team
    - Court lock ups and Court leadership
  2. Monitoring quality of access, treatment, and outcomes related to medical care and mental health care.
    - Underlying causes of in-custody deaths deemed natural by the Medical Examiner.
    - Regular meetings with the Department of Health Services and Correctional Health Services (CHS)
    - Monitor mental health patient rights and access to mental health services.
  3. Seeking feedback and making recommendations to the Board of Supervisors

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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 targeting 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. (26-0213)

**This item was continued to the February 5, 2026, meeting for further**

**Attachments:** [PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE](#)

11. Discussion and appropriate action on the Appointment of the 2025 SBC Annual Report Author(s). (26-0214)

**Commissioner Eric J. Miller motioned to establish an ad hoc committee to draft the 2025 Annual Report incorporating the SBC goals with the following members: Chairperson Haley Broder, Commissioners Puja Bhatia, Eric J. Miller, and Joahanna Terrones, seconded by Commissioner Mary Veral this item passed 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, Commissioner Puja Bhatia, Commissioner Katherine Hennigan Ohanesian, Commissioner Eric J. Miller, Commissioner Joahanna Terrones and Commissioner Mary Veral

**Absent:** 1 - Immediate Past Chairperson Raymond Regalado

**Attachments:** [PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE](#)

### **III. DISCUSSIONS**

12. Election of the Los Angeles County Sybil Brand Commission for Institutional Inspections (SBC) Chairperson, for a term of office beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026. (26-0209)

**Commissioner Eric J. Miller nominated Chairperson Haley Broder, seconded by Commissioner Mary Veral the SBC reappointed Chairperson Haley Broder to resume the role of Chairperson with a term ending on December 31, 2026, 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, Commissioner Puja Bhatia, Commissioner Katherine Hennigan Ohanesian, Commissioner Eric J. Miller, Commissioner Joahanna Terrones and Commissioner Mary Veral

**Absent:** 1 - Immediate Past Chairperson Raymond Regalado

**Attachments:** [PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE](#)

13. Election of the Los Angeles County Sybil Brand Commission for Institutional Inspections (SBC) Vice Chairperson, for a term of office beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026. (26-0210)

**Commissioner Mary Veral nominated Vice Chairperson Wynter Daggs, seconded by Commissioner Katherine Hennigan Ohanesian, the SBC reappointed Vice Chairperson Wynter Daggs to resume the role of Vice Chairperson with a term ending December 31, 2026, 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, Commissioner Puja Bhatia, Commissioner Katherine Hennigan Ohanesian, Commissioner Eric J. Miller, Commissioner Joahanna Terrones and Commissioner Mary Veral

**Absent:** 1 - Immediate Past Chairperson Raymond Regalado

**Attachments:** [PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE](#)

#### **IV. MISCELLANEOUS**

##### **Public Comment**

14. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (26-0215)

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

**Attachments:** [PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE](#)

##### **Adjournment**

15. Adjournment for the Meeting of January 8, 2026. (26-0216)

**Chairperson Haley Broder adjourned the meeting of January 8, 2026, at 11:08 a.m.**