



STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
SHERIFF CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION  
BOB HOPE PATRIOTIC HALL  
1816 SOUTH FIGUEROA STREET  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90015  
<http://coc.lacounty.gov>

Thursday, March 23, 2017

9:30 AM

AUDIO FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING.

**Attachment:** [AUDIO](#)

Present: Chair Robert C. Bonner, Vice-Chair Xavier Thompson, James P. Harris, Sean Kennedy, Heather Miller, Priscilla Ocen, Lael Rubin, Brian K. Williams and Maryhelen Cohen

Absent: Patti Giggans, Hernán Vera

## **I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

1. Call to Order.

**The meeting was called to order by Chair Robert C. Bonner at 9:33 a.m.**

2. Approval of February 23, 2017 meeting minutes.

**On motion of Commissioner Rubin, seconded by Commissioner Ocen (Members Giggans and Vera being absent), there being no objection, the March 23, 2017 meeting minutes was approved.**

**[Attachments: SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS](#)**

3. Executive Director's Report
  - a. Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission (COC) Update
  - b. Resolution in Support of Los Angeles County Sheriff Jim McDonnell regarding "Exculpatory Evidence."

**Executive Director, Brian Williams reported, commencing, April 27, 2017 the location for the Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission meetings will be at the Headquarters of the Metropolitan Water District, located at 700 North Alameda Street, adjacent to Union Station. This information will be added to the Commission's website and notifications of the change will be sent out to all list servers.**

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**Mr. Williams also provided an overview of the proposed Resolution.**

**There were four members of the public that addressed the Commission.**

**After further discussion, on motion of Commissioner Kennedy, seconded by Commissioner Ocen, the resolution was approved by the following vote:**

**Ayes: Chair Bonner, Vice-Chair Thompson, Commissioner Kennedy, Commissioner Miller and Commissioner Ocen**

**Noes: Commissioner Harris and Commissioner Rubin**

**Absent: Commissioner Giggans and Commissioner Vera**

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## **II. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

4. Opportunity for members of the public to address the COC on items of interest which are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the COC.

**There were seven members of the public that addressed the Commission.**

## **III. DISCUSSION AND REPORTS**

5. Monitors' Reports on Use of Force and Mental Health Issues in County Jail Under Legal Settlements (Rosas v. Baca and Department of Justice vs. Los Angeles County) by Richard Drooyan, General Counsel for Citizens' Commission on Jail Violence.

**Mr. Drooyan provided a brief synopsis of the use of force and mental health issues in County jails.**

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6. Presentation on the Costs of Legal Settlements Relating to Allegations of Inappropriate Use of Force by Members of the Sheriff's Department by Steven H. Estabrook, attorney with the Office of the County Counsel holding the position of Litigation Cost Manager.

**Mr. Estabrook provided a presentation on the costs relating to allegations of inappropriate use of force by members of the Sheriff's Department.**

7. Presentations by the Sheriff's Department and Office of Inspector General on the Complaint Process by Captain John Roberts, Assistant Sheriff Kelly Harrington and Max Huntsman, Inspector General.

**Captain John Roberts and Assistant Sheriff Kelly Harrington provided a presentation on the Sheriff's Department complaint process.**

**The presentation by Max Huntsman, Inspector General, was continued without discussion until April 27, 2017.**

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#### **IV. MISCELLANEOUS**

8. Items not on the posted agenda, to be presented and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because an emergency situation or where the need to take immediate action came to the attention of the COC subsequent to the posting of the agenda.

**Commissioners discussed future agenda items.**

9. Adjournment.

**On motion of Commissioner Thompson, seconded by Commissioner Rubin, there being no objection, the Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission adjourned its meeting at 12:40 p.m.**