



Los Angeles County Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission



MEETING MINUTES

January 22, 2026 | 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
St. Anne’s Conference and Event Center

AGENDA ITEMS:	VIDEO
1 CALL TO ORDER Chair Hans Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.	00:09
2 LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT	00:26
3 PUBLIC COMMENT RULES	07:50
4 ROLL CALL Commissioners Present: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arthur Calloway II, Co-Vice Chair <input type="checkbox"/> Irma Cooper (excused absence) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Luis S. Garcia, Co-Vice Chair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patricia Giggans <input type="checkbox"/> James P. Harris (excused absence) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jamon Hicks <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hans Johnson, Chair <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> George Newhouse <input type="checkbox"/> (Vacant) Six Commissioners were present during the roll call, constituting a quorum. Commissioner Hicks departed at 11:01 a.m, but quorum was maintained following his departure. Agency Representatives Present: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sheriff Robert Luna and Asst. Sheriff Jason Skeen, LA County Sheriff’s Department (LASD) • Janssen Diaz and Brenda Perez, LA County Office of County Counsel (CoCo) • Assistant Inspector General Mahdi Mohamed Commission Staff Present: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sharmaine Moseley, Executive Director • Bikila Ochoa, Deputy Executive Director • Tracy Jordan, Principal Staff Analyst • Robert Flores, Community Services Coordinator 	
5 CONSENT CALENDAR MOTION: Commissioner Giggans moved for the Commission to approve the consent calendar, which consisted of the December 22, 2025 Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Newhouse seconded the motion.	08:51
PUBLIC COMMENT None	
VOICE VOTE: 6 Ayes: Calloway, Garcia, Giggans, Hicks, Johnson, Newhouse 0 Nays 0 Abstentions The motion carried with a vote of 6-0-0.	
6 FAMILY IMPACT REMARKS: None	9:53

7 LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF’S UPDATE

Sheriff Luna provided the following updates:

- The LASD worked alongside other agencies during the recent rainstorms to protect residents, particularly in the burn areas in Altadena, Malibu and Pacific Palisades.
- The LASD helped ensure public safety around the Rose Parade and Rose Bowl.
- The LASD in 2025 made “substantial progress in public safety accountability, operational improvements, employee wellness and technology modernization, all while managing unprecedented operational demands from wildfires and other natural disasters, as well as public demonstrations.” The Sheriff noted a 12.5% reduction in Part I crimes compared to 2024 (14% when compared to 2023).
- The LASD’s Homeless Outreach Services Team (HOST) contacted more than 4,500 people experiencing homelessness and conducted 420 encampment operations.
- Some LASD stations coordinated law enforcement with the LASD and CHP (California Highway Patrol) on illegal street takeovers. The LASD will launch a street takeover training curriculum for staff early this year.
- The LASD decreased deputy-involved shootings by 42% compared to the previous year. Contributing factors were the purchase of Taser 10, the development of a Specialized Training and Crisis Stabilization Team, and the new Use of Force policy.
- The LASD received Board of Supervisors support to fund eight Academy classes. 401 deputies graduated in 2025, with average class sizes increasing 29% over the previous year. Using targeted recruitments, the average number of applicants per week increased from 190 to 300, an approximately 50% increase. To date, over 18,000 applications have been processed.
- Men’s Central Jail, Twin Towers Correctional Facility, Inmate Reception Center and Century Regional Detention Facility Center began using body worn cameras, with more than 1,000 personnel trained and 70 to 100 additional deputies trained weekly. Pitchess Detention Center is expected to use body worn cameras in early 2026 (the delay is due to technical difficulties which are being resolved).
- Use of force incidents in custody decreased by 20% in 2025 leading to an over 40% reduction over the last four years. The Sheriff attributed this decline to the development of a custody force investigation team and body-worn cameras.
- The LASD maintained 10 months of sustained compliance with the Rutherford settlement by significantly improving inmate reception throughout the Department by shortening wait times and speeding up medical and mental health screening.
- The LASD achieved significant compliance with 42 out of 69 requirements in the Rosas settlement.
- The Forensic Inpatient Step Down Housing Program expanded to 18 housing areas at Twin Towers. The program graduated its highest number of individuals in December.
- The Board of Supervisors has funded the new Computer Aided Dispatch System (CADS), and is looking into funding the next two phases, which would result in a centralized state-of-the-art call taking dispatch and training center that will help the Department be more efficient when responding to 911 calls.

DISCUSSION:

- Chair Johnson asked whether a custodian of records was present to provide the documents subpoenaed by the Commission, and, if not, why?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sheriff Luna responded that the information falls under AB 847, but added the LASD is “in a holding pattern until somebody tells us that I’m not breaking the law by giving you the documents.” He added that County Counsel has advised him that the Commission has a legal obligation to meet and confer with unions regarding AB 847. • Chair Johnson commented that “the Sheriff is not citing confidentiality as a basis for withholding compliance with the subpoenas. The Sheriff is invoking and has explained that an interpretation of state labor law involving the meet and confer statute is being invoked as a barrier to compliance with state law and the fulfillment of subpoenas issued by this commission in March of 2025 jointly under state law and under Measure R authority for this Commission.” 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Newhouse commented that “there is no legal impediment to the Sheriff’s Department from responding in a responsible manner to the outstanding subpoenas.... Our position is there is nothing to meet and confer with anyone about the implementation or the execution of state law.” 	34:02
	<p>PUBLIC COMMENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emmett Brock and his mother Deanna Brock commented that his case is one of the subjects of the subpoena and urged the LASD to be responsive. • Vanessa Perez advocated on behalf of her own son regarding insufficient water and rat infestation during his confinement. • Anthony Arenas urged the Commission to delve into the LASD’s 45 active meet-and-confer. • Trammell Carter commented on the Commission not considering his complaints against the Department as part of the Commission’s agenda. • Eric Strong, Cindy Nunez, Julie Martinez, and Yousef Miller commented negatively on the Sheriff’s refusal to respond to the subpoena. • Jacqueline Venters commented that she would provide the Sheriff with documentation about an alleged coverup by a deputy. • Isaac Ashbury presented documentation that he described as listing every deputy sheriff who has been sentenced to federal prison. 	37:16
8A	<p>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT</p> <p>Executive Director Moseley reported on various administrative matters, and announced events being organized by the Commission.</p>	1:01:09
9A	<p>INSPECTOR GENERAL’S UPDATE</p> <p>Chair Johnson moved up Item 9A, and Assistant Inspector General Mohamed summarized the OIG’s third quarterly report in 2025, including that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The District Attorney’s (DA’s) office declined to charge deputies in seven deputy-involved shooting cases and decided that one was a self-inflicted injury. • Over 2,800 new Taser 10 devices are now employed. There were 242 taser uses during this quarter with an 88% effective effectiveness rate. 82% of those uses involved unarmed individuals. • OIG made recommendations about deficiencies in the LASD’s eyewitness identification policy and noted a serious incident involving the LASD’s Custody Division and Rosas. 	1:10:21
	<p>DISCUSSION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Director Mosely inquired about SB 1421 compliance. 	1:15:04

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OIG Mohamed responded that County Counsel won't assume all duties of handling such requests until they are fully staffed to do so. Those who have been hired are assisting with redactions and advising the Probation Dept. and LASD. 	
9B	<p>SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION (SBC) UPDATES</p> <p>Chair Johnson moved up Item 9B, but no one was available to speak on it. SBC Chair Haley Broder would later provide general public comment remotely.</p>	
8Bi	<p>CHAIR'S REPORT</p> <p>Chair Johnson reported that the Commission sent a letter to Sheriff Luna on January 5, 2026 regarding AB 847, asserting that "there is no legal requirement to meet and confer regarding self-executing state law." He added, "We object to the invocation of meet and confer as some kind of veto."</p>	1:10:20
8Bii	<p>Chair Johnson credited the Commission with raising issues about PREA compliance that resulted in recent LA Times articles about jailer-on-inmate sexual abuse.</p>	1:28:29
8Biii	<p>Chair Johnson commented that the Commission is continuing to work to strengthen LA County Ordinance 3.79. He noted it is one of his primary goals as Chair.</p>	1:22:27
	<p>PUBLIC COMMENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> T. Carter commented he would file a claim for bias. Ron Dowell commented about oversight in Compton. Isaac Ashbury presented documentation related to shootings. Vanessa Perez reiterated her concern about rats where her son is incarcerated. 	1:25:18
10a	<p>UNFINISHED BUSINESS: COMMISSION'S 2024-25 STRATEGIC PLAN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Commission's Deputy Executive Director Bikila Ochoa reported that eight objectives out of 24 (33%) in the Strategic Plan have been completed, 14 (60%) are in progress, two (8%) have not yet been completed. Under Goal 1, to improve trust in the department, four out of 11 objectives have been completed. Under Goal 2, to restructure and strengthen civilian oversight of the LASD, no objectives have been completed but four are in progress, including revising the Commission's governing ordinance. All Goal 3 objectives have been completed. Under Goal 4, only one objective has been completed, which is improving and/streamlining the New Commissioner Orientation and Training. 	1:19:15
	<p>DISCUSSION</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Executive Director Moseley commented that in 2026, the Commission should consider changing how it names its ad hoc committees to differentiate them from standing committees. 	1:50:38
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Executive Director Moseley and Asst. Inspector General Mohamed noted the Commission and OIG are unable to investigate complaints against LASD. ED Moseley noted that, "we need to do better." 	1:52:53
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Co-Vice Chair Garcia and Commissioner Giggans expressed interest in the Department of Health Services' Correctional Health Services Division in connection with in-custody grievances. 	1:56:10
	<p>PUBLIC COMMENT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> T. Carter commented on what he perceived as a lack of Commission priorities in 2026. 	
11A	<p>NEW BUSINESS: 13 PRINCIPLES FOR EFFECTIVE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT</p>	2:01:36
	<p>MOTION</p>	2:02:26

	Commissioner Newhouse moved for the Commission to formally adopt NACOLE’s 13 Principles for Effective Oversight of Law Enforcement. Commissioner Giggans seconded the motion.	
	VOICE VOTE: 5 Ayes: Calloway, Garcia, Giggans, Johnson, Newhouse 0 Nays 0 Abstentions The motion carried with a vote of 5-0-0.	
11B	NEW BUSINESS: RECOGNITION OF THE NEED FOR INDEPENDENT OUTSIDE COUNSEL	2:04:28
	MOTION Commissioner Giggans moved for the Commission to “empower the Chair to make selection of well-qualified, unconflicted, pro bono counsel [for the Commission] based on demonstrated need.” Commissioner Newhouse seconded the motion.	
	PUBLIC COMMENT Jacqueline Venters criticized County Counsel.	
	VOICE VOTE: 5 Ayes: Calloway, Garcia, Giggans, , Johnson, Newhouse 0 Nays 0 Abstentions The motion carried with a vote of 5-0-0.	
11C	NEW BUSINESS: CREATION OF A NEW LEGAL AD HOC COMMITTEE	2:12:45
	MOTION – Co-Vice Chair Calloway moved for the Chair of the Commission to form a new ad hoc committee named the “Legal Ad Hoc Committee” and select Commissioners of less than a quorum to serve on this committee. Commissioner Newhouse seconded the motion.	
	PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE	
	VOICE VOTE: 5 Ayes: Calloway, Garcia, Giggans, , Johnson, Newhouse 0 Nays The motion carried with a vote of 5-0-0.	
11D	NEW BUSINESS: CREATION OF A NEW 2026-27 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET AD HOC COMMITTEE	2:14:58
	MOTION: Co-Vice Chair Calloway moved for the Chair of the Commission form a new ad hoc committee named the “2026-27 Fiscal Year Budget Ad Hoc Committee” and select Commissioners of less than a quorum to serve on this committee. Commissioner Newhouse seconded the motion	
	PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE	
	VOICE VOTE: 5 Ayes: Calloway, Garcia, Giggans, , Johnson, Newhouse 0 Nays	
11E	NEW BUSINESS: Revisit the Commission’s December 18, 2025 action regarding the dissolution of the Deputy Gangs Ad Hoc Committee	2:18:06

	<p>Chair Johnson explained the events at the previous meeting that necessitated calling the dissolution back to a vote.</p> <p>MOTION: Commissioner Giggans moved for the Chair of the Commission to form a newly titled “Deputy Gangs and Deputy Cliques” Ad Hoc Committee and select Commissioners of less than a quorum to serve on this committee. Commissioner Newhouse seconded the motion.</p>	
	<p>PUBLIC COMMENT</p> <p>Vanessa Perez commented on the Industry Indians.</p>	
	<p>VOICE VOTE:</p> <p>5 Ayes: Calloway, Garcia, Giggans, Johnson, Newhouse</p> <p>0 Nays</p>	
12	EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION: Postponed to next meeting	2:23:12
13	UNFINISHED BUSINESS – CLOSED SESSION: None.	2:24:30
14	REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION: None.	
	<p>DISCUSSION</p> <p>Co-Vice Chair Calloway sought clarification from County Counsel on why the Commission can’t get information about cases that are closed. County Counsel Janssen Diaz commented that he would connect with Commissioners offline to discuss this.</p>	2:27:40
15	NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT	2:34:21
	<p>Emmett and Deanna Brock criticized the actions of County Counsel</p> <p>Sybil Brand Chair Haley Broder reported that there were 46 deaths in the jails as 2025 ended. “We are very, very concerned about the high number of deaths.”</p>	2:37:55
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raquel Derfler noted that POST has revoked Deputy Trevor James Kirk's certification. • Jaqueline Venters, Vanessa Perez, and Ali Rubinfeld called for the Commission to be given access to documents they need to perform their oversight duties. 	2:40:44
16	UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:	2:51:15
	<p>Chair Johnson announced the next Commission meeting is on Feb 19 and its annual conference, April 11.</p>	
17	ADJOURNMENT	
	<p>The meeting adjourned at 12:01 p.m</p>	