



# Los Angeles County Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission



## MONTHLY MEETING

June 18, 2026 | 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
St. Anne's Conference and Event Center

### MEETING MINUTES

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#### COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

- Hans Johnson, Chair
- Arthur Calloway, Vice Chair
- Luis S. Garcia, Vice Chair
- Irma Cooper
- Patricia Giggans
- James P. Harris
- Jamon Hicks (departed 12:17 p.m.)
- London McBride

#### COMMISSIONER/S ABSENT:

- George Newhouse

#### STAFF PRESENT

- Sharmaine Moseley, Executive Director
- Robert Flores, Community Services Coordinator

#### AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

- Steven Edwards, Senior Justice Deputy, Office of Third District Supervisor Lindsey Horvath
- Sheriff Robert Luna (departed 10:31 a.m.)
- Hugo Macias, Asst. Sheriff of Custody Operations
- Eric Bates, Interim Inspector General (departed 10:54 a.m.)
- Shana Wilcher and Brenda Rodriguez, Office of County Counsel.
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1. **CALL TO ORDER (00:00:01)** Chair Hans Johnson called the Los Angeles Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission (Commission) meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. and provided an overview of the agenda.
  2. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (00:21:00)** Chair Johnson read the land acknowledgement statement.
  3. **PUBLIC COMMENT RULES (00:05:32)** Commission Community Services Coordinator, Robert Flores, explained how the community can provide public comment on agenda items during the meeting.
  4. **ROLL CALL (00:07:22)** Commission Community Services Coordinator, Robert Flores, conducted the roll call. The quorum requirement was established.
    - **Commissioners Present:** Chair Hans Johnson; Vice Chair Arthur Calloway; Vice Chair Luis S. Garcia; Commissioner Irma Cooper; Commissioner Patti Giggans; Commissioner James P. Harris; Commissioner Jamon Hicks; and Commissioner London McBride
    - **Quorum:** Eight Commissioners were present during the roll call, which constituted a quorum.
    - **Excused Absence:** Commissioner George Newhouse
  5. **CONSENT CALENDAR (00:08:44)** The Commissioners reviewed the items on the consent calendar, which consisted of the Commission's May 21, 2026 Meeting Minutes. There were no questions.  
**MOTION: (00:08:57)** Commissioner James P. Harris moved to approve the consent calendar. Commissioner Irma Cooper seconded the motion.  
**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None  
**VOICE VOTE (00:09:22)**

- **8 Ayes:** Chair Hans Johnson; Vice Chair Arthur Calloway; Vice Chair Luis S. Garcia; Commissioner Irma Cooper; Commissioner Patti Giggans; Commissioner James P. Harris; Commissioner Jamon Hicks; and Commissioner London McBride
- **0 Nays**
- **0 Abstentions**

The motion passed unanimously by a vote of **8 ayes, 0 nays, and 0 abstentions**.

**6. FAMILY IMPACT REMARKS (00:09:38):** None

**7. PRESENTATION OF A SCROLL AND PLAQUE IN HONOR OF COMMISSIONER PATTI GIGGANS FOR HER SERVICE ON THE COMMISSION (00:11:13)**

- Chair Johnson recognized the resignation of Commissioner Patti Giggans. He noted her role as an inaugural member of the Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission.
- Senior Justice Deputy Steven Edwards, representing Supervisor Lindsey Horvath, expressed gratitude for Commissioner Giggans' extensive service to the County. He praised her leadership, integrity, and steadfast commitment during difficult times. He highlighted the value of her work with Peace Over Violence and commended the example she set for county leadership.
- Commission Executive Director Sharmaine Moseley presented Commissioner Giggans with flowers and noted that a commemorative plaque was on its way. She praised her dedication and resilience and emphasized how deeply her work has been valued by the Commission and the community.
- Sheriff Robert Luna acknowledged that Commissioner Giggans' past interactions with the Sheriff's Department may not always have been positive but that this era had passed. He expressed sincere gratitude on behalf of himself and the Sheriff's Department for her decade of volunteer service, describing her as a mentor, coach, and partner in helping improve the LASD and its relationship with the community. He presented her with a certificate of appreciation.
- Commissioner Patti Giggans, speaking after receiving the recognitions, reflected on her 10 years of service. She recalled the Commission's early days, when trust had to be earned with families and community members. She described the importance of listening deeply, approaching difficult issues with empathy, and recognizing the humanity of both deputies and impacted families. She emphasized that the work has always required patience, understanding, and emotional resilience. She expressed her love for Los Angeles and gratitude for the opportunity to serve, thanking the Sheriff, commissioners, staff, and community members for their partnership and support.
- Chair Johnson provided personal remarks honoring Commissioner Giggans as a trailblazer for LGBTQ+ representation in oversight and for her creation of Denim Day, which brought global awareness to sexual assault. He stated that while she may be stepping down from the Commission, she will remain a vital part of our work.

**PUBLIC COMMENT (00:23:33)**

- Former Commission Chair Sean Kennedy thanked Commissioner Giggans for her compassion and leadership, noting that her work exemplified true bridge-building between the community and the Sheriff's Department. He reflected on how her advocacy for people struggling with mental illness and for families impacted by use-of-force helped shape the Commission's approach. He expressed gratitude for having worked alongside her during both difficult and rewarding times.
- Michelle Infante thanked Commissioner Giggans' for her support from the earliest days of the Commission. She praised her availability, compassion, and commitment to elevating the voices of families affected by the Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Giggans is the model of what a commissioner should be.

- Vanessa Perez thanked Commissioner Giggans for everything she did to support her son Joseph and other families impacted by the Sheriff's Department.

#### **8. SHERIFF'S UPDATE (00:27:51)**

- **Sheriff Luna made a statement** that included reaffirming his strong support for civilian oversight, noting he has cooperated consistently by attending meetings, providing materials, disbanding abusive units, and creating the Office of Constitutional Policing.
- He highlighted major reform achievements: new use-of-force and taser policies, deputy gang ban, transparency dashboards, body-worn cameras in jails, crime reduction gains, and increased compliance with settlement agreements.
- Addressing the Commission's lawsuit, he stated that the dispute is not about whether records will be released but how. The law requires a meet-and-confer process with labor unions before releasing confidential personnel records. He warned that bypassing this process could cause legal challenges, undo reforms, empower anti-oversight factions, and harm long-term cultural change.
- Sheriff Luna urged the commission to complete the meet-and-confer process, saying reform must be sustainable, lawful, and collaborative. He cautioned that fighting in court risks recreating past dysfunction seen under prior sheriffs who resisted oversight. He closed by stressing the need to finish reforms together and correctly, protecting progress for the public.

#### **DISCUSSION (00:42:52)**

- Commissioner Irma Cooper expressed deep concern that meet-and-confers takes years, not months. She stated that these delays obstruct the public's right to oversight.
- Commissioner Giggans emphasized that "reform is fragile." She warned the Commission to avoid actions that could undermine systemic progress and encouraged Commissioners to focus on transformation rather than one-off wins.
- Commissioner Luis Garcia stated that he was not informed the lawsuit would be filed, which raises internal process concerns, since the Commission is supposed to act as a body. He also highlighted the structural conflict created by County Counsel representing both LASD and the Commission. Chair Johnson stated that the Commission conferred to the chair the discretion for filing an enforcement action, and reiterated concerns about County Counsel's conflict of interest. He noted that the meet-and-confer process has stretched far beyond the intended timeline and may be undermining Measure R and AB 1185. Recent statements questioning Measure R's enforceability heighten these concerns. Chair Johnson emphasized the Commission's duty to uphold the law while maintaining partnership with the Sheriff's Department.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT (00:55:00)**

- Abdullah Pucket commented that LASD has not demonstrated transparency and questioned delays in releasing records and reducing harm.
- Olivia Irene Fitz-Simmons commented that her infant son was reported deceased or missing under unclear circumstances, raising concerns about law enforcement and Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) actions.
- Vanessa Perez commented that the LASD did not protect her son and criticized LASD for failing to provide accountability.
- Raquel Derfler commented that she supported the subpoena-enforcement lawsuit because LASD has obstructed access to information.
- Michelle Infante commented that the Sheriff's remarks relied on fear-based messaging and lacked actionable solutions.
- Patricia Mendoza commented that deputy misconduct is pervasive and dangerous deputies must be removed.

- Deanna Brock commented that excessive-force records in her son's case were redacted and misleading, and FBI findings proved the need for subpoenas.
- Carlos Montes commented that the lawsuit was overdue and meet-and-confer has been misused to obstruct oversight.
- Film the Police commented that Penal Code 832.7 is misused as a blanket exemption to deny transparency.
- Cindy Nunez commented that she has experienced multi-year public records act (PRA) delays and harassment by deputies.

## **10. OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL (OIG), SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION (SBC), AND COMMITTEE UPDATES**

Chair Johnson moved this Item 10 up on the agenda, hearing it after Item 8 and before Item 9, to accommodate the interim Inspector General's schedule.

### **C. INSPECTOR GENERAL UPDATES (01:16:18)**

- Interim Inspector General Eric Bates discussed the Office of Inspector General's (OIG) review of a fatal Palmdale shooting while at a location to issue a search warrant. He said the OIG will look into whether the deputies had reasonable suspicion of criminal activity to justify ordering the driver to stop, whether the deputies violated policy related to firing at a moving vehicle, and the lack of body worn cameras.
- He reported that the LASD's Homicide Bureau currently has six open deputy-involved shooting investigations and, during this quarter, the LASD submitted four deputy-involved shooting cases to the District Attorney for filing.
- He reported 11 in-custody deaths occurring from January through March, with no confirmed overdoses to date, and ongoing assessments of narcotics pathways into facilities.
- Finally, Interim Inspector General Bates described a new body-worn camera translation feature piloted during the World Cup, noting its potential value for custody operations and PREA-related investigations.

### **DISCUSSION (01:22:43)**

- Chair Johnson asked whether body-worn cameras are used consistently and whether key moments are being missed because they were turned off. Interim Inspector General Bates said usage is increasing but he will verify the data.
- Chair Johnson asked how drugs enter jails and whether the OIG is investigating overdose sources. Interim Inspector General Bates replied that no report is underway but believes drugs likely enter via staff or visitors. He will follow up.
- Chair Johnson asked whether in-custody death classifications may be misleading. Interim Inspector General Bates said the OIG has resumed death reviews. He will examine the issue further.
- Commissioner Garcia reported on concerns raised at a Naloxone inspection at Men's Central Jail and Twin Towers. He stated that there were missing grievance and health services request forms and concerns about oversight gaps.
- Commissioner Cooper asked if multilingual body-camera features were purchased because of the World Cup and raised funding concerns. Interim Inspector General Bates said he did not know and only knew the World Cup was the first large-scale deployment. Assistant Sheriff Macias replied that the multilingual feature is in a trial phase, and the World Cup offered a chance to test it. He further stated that about 60% of custody deputies now have body cameras.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT (01:34:35)**

- Raquel Derfler commented that the Palmdale shooting reflects deeper concerns about deputy conduct in the Antelope Valley.

- Film the Police commented that the County should consider Utah’s multi-layered administrative review model for public records act (PRA) requests and complaint appeals.

## **9. COMMISSION REPORTS**

### **A. CHAIR’S REPORT (01:38:39)**

- Chair Johnson reported on the Commission’s June 10 public forum regarding the public’s rights during encounters with federal Immigration and Enforcement.
- He further reported on the County’s litigation costs. The LASD accounted for nearly half of LA County’s \$229.3 million litigation costs in fiscal year 2024-25, according to a County Counsel report. This included \$57 million in law enforcement settlements and \$14 million in employment litigation.
- Chair Johnson noted that an analysis by the UCLA-based research initiative Million Dollar Hoods illustrated the heavy financial burden of incarceration on Los Angeles County residents, with an annual estimated cost of \$3.32 per resident and over \$19 per property owner.
- Chair Johnson ended his report noting that the County is on track for another record year for in-custody deaths.

### **B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT (03:38:50)**

- Executive Director Sharmaine Moseley reported that Commissioner Garcia and certain staff attended a two-day First Amendment Rights training. Commissioners and staff also participated in jail inspections at MCJ and the North County Correctional Facility (NCCF), which was preceded by an orientation.
- Commissioners should have received a notice that a county mandatory cybersecurity training must also be completed in 15 days.
- Since our last meeting, the Commission’s community engagement efforts have increased. Handouts are available at this meeting for attendees to see statistics on the Commission’s Community Engagement and Communications activities.
- The Commission’s ongoing budget constraints include the lack of a dedicated legal services line item and increasing County Counsel billing. She has requested dedicated funding in the County’s Supplemental Budget for legal services.
- The Commission will relocate to the same office occupied by the OIG and continue to work collaboratively with the Probation Oversight Commission’s Executive Director and the OIG to identify ways to strengthen oversight of law enforcement in LA County.
- The Commission’s next Annual Report would span January 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. Future Annual Reports would cover fiscal years instead of calendar years.
- This year’s NACOLE conference is scheduled for November 8-12, 2026 in Louisville, Kentucky. Three commissioners were approved to attend, along with the Executive Director.
- The Commission has a new intern: Joseline Olivares.
- Commissioner James P. Harris has been reappointed to the Commission.

## **RECESS (01:58:44)**

## **11. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION (02:12:06):**

### **A. Presentation on voting rights of incarcerated individuals, including voter eligibility, voter registration, access to voting resources, and efforts to ensure eligible individuals are able to exercise their right to vote.**

- LASD Custody Commander Roel García presented on the LASD’s voting access program for incarcerated individuals. He described voter education efforts provided through lunch-bag inserts, bulletin boards, peer educators, and classroom sessions, supported by staff trained as Deputy Registrars.

- He explained how the LASD partners with the Registrar-Recorder to operate Flex Voting Centers across multiple jail facilities, ensuring secure ballot handling and election integrity. He reported that 1,436 registrations were recorded for the June 2026 primary.
- He added that no coercion complaints had been received and emphasized that individuals released before Election Day still retain options to submit their ballots.

**DISCUSSION: (02:21:48)**

- Commissioner Harris asked whether incarcerated people are registered at their home addresses so they can vote in local elections; Cmdr. Garcia replied that they are registered at the jail's address and encouraged to re-register upon release.
- Commissioner Cooper described a case where someone did not receive a ballot during an election, even though they had previously been able to vote in custody. She asked how such issues are handled. Cmdr. Garcia replied that these complaints are sent directly to the Registrar-Recorder's staff who manage incarcerated voter issues.
- Chair Johnson asked whether incarcerated voters could participate in cities' off-cycle municipal elections. Cmdr. Garcia replied that the LASD follows the Registrar's timelines and has supported some special elections in the past.
- Chair Johnson asked whether eligible inmates voted on Prop 50 in the November 4 special election. Cmdr. Garcia replied that he believes they did but will verify.
- Commissioner Harris praised high voter turnout in custody, and Cmdr. Garcia credited strong partnerships, such as with the League of Women Voters and the Public Defender's Office, for fostering civic engagement.
- Chair Garcia asked whether there had been complaints of coercion or pressure in voting. Cmdr. Garcia replied that there had been none.
- Chair Johnson asked if "unused ballots" referred to ballots belonging to individuals released before voting. Cmdr. Garcia replied that they were uncast vote-by-mail ballots that are secured and returned to the Registrar-Recorder.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS 9A, 9B, AND 11A: (02:30:44)**

- On Item 9A, Abdullah Pucket from Million Dollar Hoods invited the commission and Sheriff's Department to request a fuller presentation of its additional data and insights not included in the written report. He added that incarcerated people lack adequate access to information about candidates and ballot measures, limiting their ability to make informed voting decisions.
- On Item 11A, Yusef Miller commented that voting rights should be restored for all incarcerated people.
- On Item 9A, Film the Police commented that litigation costs are driven by accountability failures and stressed the need for reform.

**12. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Recommendation by the Governance Ad Hoc Committee for the Commission to Adopt Revisions to the Commission Bylaws (02:37:16)**

Chair Johnson tabled this item until the Commission's July meeting.

**B. Nomination Ad Hoc Committee's Presentation of the Slate of Nominations for Commission Officers for Fiscal Year 2026-27 (02:38:00)**

- Commissioner Cooper, who chairs the Commission's Nominations Ad Hoc Committee, described the roles of the Chair, First Vice Chair, and Second Vice Chair.
- After announcing that Chair Johnson is the sole nominee for Chair, she opened the floor for nominations. Hearing none, she stated that nominations for the position of Chair are closed.



- Commissioner Cooper announced that incumbent Co-Vice Chairs Garcia and Calloway were the two nominees for the position of First Vice Chair, and that Commissioner George Newhouse was the sole nominee for Second Vice Chair. She opened the floor for nominations. Hearing none, she announced that nominations for the positions of First Vice Chair and Second Vice Chair are closed. She then asked each candidate to state their qualifications.
- In [Chair Johnson's statement](#), he highlighted his work upholding independence, accountability, and statewide oversight legislation (AB847), and emphasized need to protect statutory subpoena authority and address County Counsel conflicts.
- In [Co-Vice Chair Garcia's statement](#), he cited his extensive committee work and LASD training. He shared his lived experience with incarceration and doctoral scholarship on correctional education. He vowed to emphasize governance discipline, transparency, and relationship building.
- In [Co-Vice Chair Calloway's statement](#), he emphasized the need for key performance indicators (KPIs) and data-driven oversight and advocated for enhanced transparency and modernization of complaint processes.
- Commissioner Cooper read [Commissioner Newhouse's statement](#) in his absence. The statement highlighted his 45 years of criminal law experience and emphasized need to secure investigative tools promised under state law.

**MOTION: Commissioner Giggans filed a motion to approve the FINAL slate of nominations.**

**Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. ([03:00:12](#))**

**DISCUSSION:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**VOICE VOTE ([03:01:01](#))**

- **8 Ayes:** Chair Hans Johnson; Vice Chair Arthur Calloway; Vice Chair Luis S. Garcia; Commissioner Irma Cooper; Commissioner Patti Giggans; Commissioner James P. Harris; Commissioner Jamon Hicks; and Commissioner London McBride
- **0 Nays**
- **0 Abstentions**

The motion passed unanimously by a vote of **8 ayes**, **0 nays**, and **0 abstentions**.

#### **10. OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL, SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION, & COMMITTEE UPDATES**

Chair Johnson took Items 10A and 10B out of order, hearing them after Item 11 and Item 12. He took up Item 10C earlier in the meeting, between Items 8 and 9.

##### **A. Reports of Ad Hoc Committees ([03:02:02](#))**

- **Budget Ad Hoc Committee:** Commissioner Harris reported that the committee continues its work on the Sheriff's Department's FY 2026–27 priorities and unmet needs. He said that the committee will be dissolved at the Commission's next meeting after having fulfilled its purpose.
- **Discipline Ad Hoc Committee:** Commissioner Hicks stated that he had no update.
- **Protection of Media in Demonstrations Ad Hoc Committee:** Co-Vice Chair Garcia reported that staff contacted LASD regarding the Board of Supervisors' motion for protecting journalists during protests and that LASD provided updated policies. He added that he, community specialist Robert Flores, and an OIG representative attended the 16-hour First Amendment Auditor Training.
- **Complaints Ad Hoc Committee:** Commissioner Calloway reported that the committee continues to advance the Commission's complaint-system project and is working with the Executive Office and stakeholders to finalize business requirements.

- **Legal Ad Hoc Committee:** Chair Johnson reported that the committee met to prepare for the enforcement action related to LASD's refusal to comply with Commission subpoenas.
- **Jail Conditions and Staffing Ad Hoc Committee:** Commissioner Cooper reported that, in line with the Board's March 3 motion to reduce jail deaths, she, Co-Vice Chair Garcia, Commissioner Newhouse, and COC staff joined OIG on site visits to monitor naloxone access in Men's Central Jail and Twin Towers. Co-Vice Chair Garcia asked OIG for a report on the visit.
- **Nomination Ad Hoc Committee:** The Chair noted that this committee fulfilled one of its key functions during the previous agenda item, related to the Commission election.
- **Deputy Gangs and Deputy Cliques Ad Hoc Committee:** Commissioner Harris stated that he had no updates.
- **Technology Ad Hoc Committee:** Chair Johnson reported that staff is monitoring LASD's use of Automated License Plate Readers and drone technology.
- **Governance Ad Hoc Committee:** Chair Johnson stated that the committee is working to revise the Commission's operating bylaws, with updates expected at the Commission's July meeting.

**B. Sybil Brand Commission Update on Jail Facility Conditions (03:10:24)**

- Chair Johnson said a Sybil Brand Commission (SBC) member had planned to the Commission meeting but became unavailable due to last-minute work obligations.
- Commissioner Harris expressed concern over water-related issues reported by SBC at the Century Regional Detention Center. Asst. Sheriff Macias said the LASD is working to address the problems. Chair Johnson said the Commission might take up this issue at its July meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Audit LA started to make public comments but these were deemed unrelated to the item.

**13. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENTS (3:17:21 )**

- Steve Hill commented that he was falsely arrested and has sought justice for four years.
- Olivia Irene Fitz-Simmons commented that her infant son is missing and that she has experienced violations of protective orders.
- Patricia Mendoza commented that jail conditions are unsafe and require immediate action.
- Jesus Gomez commented that deputies mishandled an eviction and harmed a disabled family member.
- Raquel Derfler commented that school resource deputy data must be collected as the Board required.
- Audit LA commented that she was harassed during court proceedings involving Scientology.
- Deanna Brock commented that excessive-force records are concealed behind redactions.
- Cindy Nunez commented that deputies have harassed her family and the complaint system has failed her.
- Film the Police commented that LASD should publish a public roster of deputies for accountability.

**Chair Johnson acknowledged the attendance of a member of the Civil Grand Jury in the audience. He commended the Grand Jury for recommending in its fiscal year 2025-2026 final report that the Commission have its own independent legal staff, and that County Counsel not be involved in recommending outside counsel for the Commission.**

**14. UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS (03:36:35)**

The next Commission meeting is scheduled on July 16, 2026.

**15. ADJOURNMENT (03:38:50)** The meeting was adjourned unanimously.