



# Los Angeles County Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission



## MEETING MINUTES

March 19, 2026 | 9 a.m. –1 p.m.  
St. Anne’s Conference and Event Center

<u>AGENDA</u>		<u>VIDEO</u>
<b>1 CALL TO ORDER</b>	Chair Hans Johnson called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.	<u>00:25</u>
<b>2 LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT:</b>	Chair Johnson read the land acknowledgement verbatim.	<u>00:28</u>
<b>3 PUBLIC COMMENT RULES:</b>		<u>04:43</u>
<b>4 ROLL CALL:</b>		<u>06:41</u>
	<p><b>Commissioners Present:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arthur Calloway II, Co-Vice Chair</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Irma Cooper</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Luis S. Garcia, Co-Vice Chair</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patricia Giggans</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> James P. Harris</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jamon Hicks</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hans Johnson, Chair</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> London McBride (joined around 9:30 and departed around 11:30)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> George Newhouse (excused absence)</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Agency Representatives Present:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sheriff Robert Luna, Asst. Sheriff Hugo Macias, L.A. County Sheriff’s Department (LASD)</li> <li>• Brenda Perez, L.A. County Office of County Counsel</li> <li>• Interim Inspector General Eric Bates and Deputy Inspector General Dara Williams</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Commission Staff Present:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sharmaine Moseley, Executive Director</li> <li>• Bikila Ochoa, Deputy Executive Director</li> <li>• Robert Flores, Community Services Coordinator</li> </ul>	
<b>5 CONSENT CALENDAR</b>		<u>07:19</u>
	<p><b>MOTION:</b></p> <p>Commissioner James Harris moved for the Commission to approve the consent calendar, consisting of February 19, 2025 Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Irma Cooper seconded the motion.</p>	
	<b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b> None	
	<p><b>VOICE VOTE:</b></p> <p><b>8 Ayes:</b> Calloway, Cooper, Garcia, Harris, Hicks, Johnson, McBride, Newhouse</p> <p><b>0 Nays</b></p> <p><b>0 Abstentions</b></p> <p>The motion passed with a vote of 8-0-0.</p>	
<b>6 FAMILY IMPACT REMARKS:</b>	None	<u>08:50</u>
	Chair Johnson allowed a member of the public, Lorena Lopez, to make “related remarks.”	
<b>7 LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF’S UPDATE</b>		<u>13:00</u>
	<p>Sheriff Robert Luna provided the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The LASD and Correctional Health Services (CHS) will respond to the Board of Supervisors’ (BOS) recent <a href="#">motion on in-custody deaths</a>. The LASD has made progress in complying with jail-related court orders and settlement agreements, decreased uses of force in jails, received funding for custodial maintenance and pest control, seeking approval of new body scanners and tablets.</li> </ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The LASD’s executive leaders participated in an all-day annual conference where Sheriff Luna handed out his leadership philosophy. Recent LASD events include the graduation of 51 new deputies. Recruitment is up 25% or more since the LASD hired a marketing firm.</li> <li>• Sheriff Luna commented on his disagreement with a blogger’s allegations about an LASD official’s testimony at a recent trial where the LASD was accused of denying a captain’s promotion over a tattoo.</li> <li>• He described as “disturbing” a photo on the Commission agenda showing a water bottle with a sticker endorsing jail violence that allegedly belongs to a deputy serving as a bailiff in a Los Angeles County court building. He requested additional information from the Commission.</li> <li>• Sheriff Luna shared that he does not like the Fort Apache logo, which was posted on the Commission’s agenda, but conceded that its use is “not unauthorized,” having been approved by the prior administration. He directed the undersheriff to review all department logos and make a recommendation.</li> <li>• Sheriff Luna emphasized the LASD’s and his own efforts regarding deputy gangs, cliques, and subgroups, including but not limited to working with labor associations to develop a policy prohibiting deputy gangs; developing an internal focus group to ensure department leaders at every rank take responsibility for addressing this issue; holding community meetings throughout the County; meeting with new recruits to reinforce a zero-tolerance policy for membership and/or participation in such groups; requiring all new deputies to sign a pledge not to join a law enforcement gang; ensuring all new supervisors, sergeants and above understand their responsibilities to end this issue; and meeting regularly with department executives to reinforce that the Sheriff will “absolutely not tolerate” activities related to deputy gangs, cliques, and subgroups.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>DISCUSSION:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chair Johnson asked how the LASD responds when encountering statements denying the existence of deputy gangs. Sheriff Luna reiterated the efforts he previously enumerated.</li> <li>• Commissioner Harris hopes newly hired deputies will be reminded ahead of their first custody assignment about not engaging in gang activity. Sheriff Luna nodded.</li> <li>• Commissioner Calloway said it’s frustrating that logos cannot simply be changed. Sheriff Luna said the LASD has to follow a process, otherwise it could end up in court.</li> <li>• Chair Johnson asked if the Sheriff would share testimony from the case where a captain claimed to have been denied a promotion over a tattoo. Sheriff Luna agreed to share that testimony, as long as it falls within legal parameters.</li> <li>• Sheriff Luna said he is “a little taken back” by the comments that imply the LASD is backsliding, saying “it’s almost insulting” given all that the LASD has done and is continuing to do. He added, “I’ll argue with anybody that we are absolutely moving forward.”</li> </ul>	<a href="#">29:52</a>
<p><b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Miranda Finestone and Danielle Wyman of the Social Justice Legal Foundation opposed eliminating all physical mail and moving to digital mail in the jails.</li> <li>• Vanessa Perez advocated for her son to be provided with vegan food while in jail.</li> <li>• Isaac Asberry announced the first sheriff's candidates’ forum in Compton.</li> <li>• Ron Dowell said he hopes all 10 sheriff candidates attend the forum.</li> <li>• T. Carter accused the Chair Johnson of bias against him, and criticized both the tattoos and sticker shown on the Commission agenda.</li> </ul>	<a href="#">54:48</a>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jiren McGee expressed concern over the number of in-custody deaths.</li> <li>• Natasha Gasone called for terminating the employment of deputy gang members.</li> <li>• Ali Rubinfeld with the Loyola Anti-Racism Center and Check the Sheriff commented that it is unacceptable for the LASD to tolerate the Fort Apache logo. She also urged the Commission to pass a motion to secure court transcripts after Chair Johnson requested that the Sheriff share testimony of a senior LASD official regarding deputy gangs in a recent case.</li> </ul>	
<b>8A</b>	<b>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT</b> Executive Director Moseley provided updates on administrative items; a meeting that she and Deputy ED Ochoa with the San Diego County Citizens Law Enforcement Review Board's (CLERB) executive director to learn their efforts related to AB 847, meet-and-confer, and other topics; and new directives from the BOS justice deputies about creating a vision for the Commission.	<a href="#">1:13:43</a>
<b>8B</b>	<b>CHAIR'S REPORT</b> Chair Johnson provided updates on the Commission's proposed governing ordinance amendments, LASD's failure to comply with subpoenas, escalating use of meet-and-confer, in-custody deaths, and photos on the agenda showing the logo and sticker mentioned previously.	<a href="#">1:24:13</a>
	<b>PUBLIC COMMENT ON EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND CHAIR'S REPORTS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• T. Carter commented on how items are added to the Commission agenda.</li> <li>• Raquel Derfler with Cancel the Contract and Check the Sheriff commented on Sheriff Luna's response to Commissioners' remarks about the LASD possibly backsliding on deputy gangs.</li> <li>• Vanessa Perez commented on the water bottle sticker included as an attachment in the Commission meeting agenda.</li> <li>• Kyle Dunmire commented on his alleged encounter with a sheriff's deputy.</li> </ul>	<a href="#">1:33:53</a>
<b>9A</b>	<b>INSPECTOR GENERAL'S UPDATE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interim IG Bates commented that he attended the LASD executive conference because he considered it part of oversight to learn what the LASD teaches its executives. He found it to be a very professionally run conference.</li> <li>• Deputy IG Williams provided an overview of the OIG's latest quarterly report, which included a discussion of deputy-involved shootings, the Rosas Settlement, Joint Regional Intelligence Center, Automatic License Plate Readers (ALPR), deputy gangs, and alleged surveillance of oversight officials. She also raised concerns about the Sheriff's comments on the Fort Apache logo. By this time, the Sheriff had already departed.</li> </ul>	<a href="#">1:38:06</a>
	<b>DISCUSSION:</b> Commissioner Giggans inquired about the LASD's response to the OIG's requests for information. Deputy IG Williams offered suggestions for how the BOS could address the issue.	<a href="#">1:53:46</a>
<b>9B</b>	<b>SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION (SBC) UPDATES</b> SBC Commissioner Katherine Hennigan Ohanesian reported on in-custody deaths and pervasive issues at the jails.	<a href="#">2:02:35</a>
	<b>DISCUSSION:</b> Commissioners Cooper and Calloway commented about individuals incarcerated in L.A. County jails missing court appointments due to a bus shortage. Chair Johnson inquired about mail at the jail. SBC Commissioner Hennigan Ohanesian said the SBC would look into both.	<a href="#">2:06:04</a>
	<b>15-MINUTE RECESS</b>	<a href="#">1:42:59</a>
<b>9C</b>	<b>AD HOC COMMITTEE UPDATES</b>	<a href="#">2:21:24</a>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioner Garcia reported that the Protection of Media in Demonstrations ad hoc is reviewing materials provided by the LASD.</li> <li>• Commissioner Cooper stated that the Jail Conditions and Staffing Ad Hoc is planning a community forum on in-custody deaths.</li> <li>• Commissioner Harris reported that the Budget Ad Hoc is reviewing the \$4 billion LASD budget.</li> <li>• Commissioner Harris stated that the Law Enforcement Gangs Ad Hoc plans to work closely with the OIG in relation to their update on deputy gangs earlier in the meeting.</li> <li>• Commissioner Calloway stated that the Complaints Ad Hoc continues to work on an online complaints dashboard.</li> <li>• Commissioner Hicks stated that the Legal Ad Hoc has chosen former Commission chair Robert Bonner to serve as outside counsel.</li> <li>• Chair Johnson reported that the Governance Ad Hoc is developing a vision and new structure for the Commission. He added that the Technology Ad Hoc provided the LASD with guidance on the LASD’s draft ALPR policy.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• T. Carter commented on the filing of complaints.</li> <li>• County Counsel Brenda Perez read aloud County Counsel’s position on the Commission’s selection of outside counsel.</li> <li>• Eric Castano commented on deputy gangs.</li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">2:34:19</a></p>
<p><b>10A</b></p>	<p><b>EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION – UPDATE ON AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE READERS (ALPR)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commander Ernest Bille from the LASD’s Office of Constitutional Policing provided an overview of ALPR, including laws governing ALPR use, LASD efforts to update policy, transparency and oversight measures, and safeguards for data access, use, retention and data sharing.</li> <li>• Commander Bille explained the ALPR system’s purpose is to assist law enforcement in identifying vehicles associated with criminal investigations or public safety alerts.</li> <li>• The LASD has 42 vehicle-mounted ALPR systems and 438 fixed ALPR camera locations, which gathers only the following data: license plate number; date, time and geographic location of capture; and an image of the license plate. No personal identifying information is collected. The ALPR system does not detect the driver of the vehicle.</li> <li>• ALPR use is subject to multiple layers of oversight and accountability, both internally and by oversight partners such as the Commission.</li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">2:42:54</a></p>
	<p>Deputy Inspector General Williams said the OIG worked closely with Commander Bille on the LASD’s draft ALPR policy and made a recommendation on data retention.</p>	<p><a href="#">3:01:16</a></p>
	<p><b>DISCUSSION:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioner Calloway inquired about the audit of ALPR data use, particularly whether the logs can be used to identify anomalies in user behavior. Commander Bille said users logging in frequently doesn’t necessarily indicate an anomaly; however, the LASD works to identify people logging in when ALPR data has no nexus to their work. Commissioner Calloway asked whether the audit is interpreted manually by supervisors. Commander Bille said he would defer to technical experts to answer that question.</li> <li>• Commissioner Giggans inquired about whether LASD can report ALPR success rates. Commander Bille said case studies can be provided.</li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">3:05:09</a></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioner Harris inquired whether investigators must be on an active investigation to access the database. Commissioner Calloway asked related questions, as well. Commander Bille responded that investigators need to provide legitimate reasons.</li> <li>• Commissioner Cooper inquired about the existence of laws requiring public venues such as concert arenas to notify the public about their use of ALPR. Commander Bille said that event tickets note that photography is taking place on-site.</li> <li>• Chair Johnson said the Commission would look forward to a demonstration of the ALPR system. Commander Bille responded in the affirmative.</li> <li>• Deputy IG Williams commented that the Commission should give the LASD guidance on what data it would like to see in reports on ALPR.</li> </ul>	
<b>11A</b>	<b>NEW BUSINESS: ASSIGN ALPR COMMUNITY FORUM PLANNING TO TECHNOLOGY AD HOC</b>	<a href="#"><u>3:18:45</u></a>
	<p><b>MOTION:</b> Commissioner Jamon Hicks moved to approve assigning the ALPR topic to the Technology Ad Hoc to plan and coordinate a community forum in fulfillment of the BOS motion dated September 16, 2025, titled "<a href="#"><u>Safeguarding ALPR Data to Restore Community Trust and Prevent Improper Civil Immigration Enforcement.</u></a>" Co-Vice Chair Arthur Calloway seconded the motion.</p>	
	<b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b> - None	
	<p><b>VOICE VOTE:</b> <b>6 Ayes:</b> Calloway, Cooper, Garcia, Giggans, Harris, Johnson (Commissioner McBride had departed the meeting) <b>0 Nays</b> <b>1 Abstentions:</b> Hicks (he had stepped out briefly and did not hear the discussion) The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 6-0-0.</p>	<a href="#"><u>3:19:28</u></a>
<b>11B</b>	<b>NEW BUSINESS: LA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2026-27</b>	<a href="#"><u>3:20:25</u></a>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commission Management Fellow Ingrid Williams reported on the LASD's budget priorities and unmet needs. She explained the priorities, categorized under operations and public safety, custody and facilities, workforce and technology, represent approximately \$562 million in net county cost plus an additional 357 positions.</li> </ul>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LASD Commander Conrad Meredith shared a presentation that Sheriff Luna originally provided to Interim County CEO Joseph Nicchita. Commander Meredith reported that the LASD has 1,400 sworn staffing vacancies and its budget gains are outpaced by rising costs. He noted that when the County approves salary increases, it does not provide funding for them.</li> <li>• The LASD has a fleet of 82 buses with an additional 17 new buses on order. However, it has an aging helicopter fleet.</li> <li>• Challenges include the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system, jail management systems, electrical systems. LASD wants to pursue projects, including a shooting range, consolidating detective units, a real-time crime center, addressing extraordinary maintenance issues.</li> <li>• Over the past seven years, the County budget has increased 45% while the LASD budget has increased about 20%.</li> </ul>	<a href="#"><u>3:24:59</u></a>
	<p><b>DISCUSSION:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioner Cooper inquired about whether the LASD needs to expand its bus fleet. Commander Meredith repeated that the LASD has 82 buses and 17 more on the way, which</li> </ul>	<a href="#"><u>3:33:22</u></a>

	is more than the 70 buses that typically considered a “healthy fleet”. Chair Johnson noted the LASD budget once accounted for 11% of the County budget but only 8%, currently.	
	<b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• T. Carter commented on incarcerated individuals missing court dates.</li> <li>• Deanna Brock commented on LASD’s legal settlements related to excessive uses of force.</li> </ul>	<a href="#">3:38:47</a>
	<b>MOTION:</b> Chair Johnson moved to approve the staff report on the LASD Budget for FY 2026-27. Commissioner Cooper seconded the motion.	<a href="#">3:41:29</a>
	<b>VOICE VOTE:</b> <b>6 Ayes:</b> Calloway, Cooper, Garcia, Giggans, Harris, Johnson <b>0 Nays</b> <b>1 Abstentions:</b> Hicks (he had stepped out briefly and did not hear the discussion) The motion passed unanimously with a vote of 6-0-0.	<a href="#">3:41:40</a>
<b>12</b>	<b>NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raquel Derfler read a statement from Cindy Nunez alleging LASD surveillance of her home.</li> <li>• Vanessa Perez said the LASD should fund plumbing and exterminators for L.A. County jail facilities, not shooting ranges.</li> <li>• T. Carter repeated his complaint about his human rights being violated when he was labeled “schizophrenic” and criticized the Commission for not forwarding his complaint to the Board of Supervisors as he had requested.</li> <li>• Deanna Brock agreed with the Commission’s position that the LASD should respond to the Commission’s subpoenas in light of AB 847.</li> <li>• Paloma Bustos, speaking on behalf of the Sunita Jain Anti-Trafficking Initiative, urged the Commission to put human trafficking on the agenda of an upcoming meeting.</li> </ul>	<a href="#">3:43:37</a>
<b>13</b>	<b>UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS:</b> Chair Johnson announced the next Commission meeting will be on April 16, 2026.	<a href="#">3:51:42</a>
<b>14</b>	<b>ADJOURNMENT</b> The meeting adjourned at 12:57 p.m.	<a href="#">3:52:11</a>