



Los Angeles County Sheriff Civilian Oversight COC

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 15, 2025
Hall of Records Hearing Room



| | AGENDA | VIDEO |
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| I. CALL TO ORDER | | |
| Chair Robert Bonner called the meeting to order at 9:24 a.m. | | 2:48 |
| II. PUBLIC COMMENT RULES | | |
| Reading of the guidelines for respectful participation and public comment. | | 5:23 |
| III. ROLL CALL | | 7:09 |
| Eight Commissioners were present, constituting a quorum | | |
| • Robert Bonner, Chair | Present | |
| • Luis Garcia, Vice Chair | Present | |
| • Hans Johnson, Vice Chair | Absent | |
| • Arthur Calloway II | Present arrived at 9:40 | |
| • Irma Hagans Cooper | Present arrived at 9:13 | |
| • Patricia Giggans | Present arrived at 9:05 | |
| • James Harris | Present | |
| • Jamon Hicks | Present | |
| COC Staff Present: | | |
| • Sharmaine Moseley (ED) | Executive Director | |
| • Bikila Ochoa | Deputy Executive Director (DED) | |
| • Christina Villacorte | Communications Manager | |
| • Starlet Atkins | Management Secretary | |
| • Tracy Jordan | Principal Staff Analyst | |
| • Robert Flores | Community Services Coordinator | |
| Agency Representatives: | | |
| • Jason Skeen | Assistant Sheriff, LA County Sheriff's Department | |
| • Dr. Steve Seetall | Commander, LA County Sheriff's Department | |
| • Max Huntsman | Inspector General, Office of Inspector General (OIG) | |
| • Janssen Diaz | Senior Deputy, Office of County Counsel (CoCo) | |
| IV. CONSENT CALENDAR | | |
| • April 17, 2025, Meeting Minutes were approved. | | |
| V. FAMILY IMPACT REMARKS | | |
| • No action on this item | | |
| VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS | | |
| • Motion to dissolve the Use of Force Ad Hoc. This item was deferred to the next meeting. | | 3:31:48 |
| VII. NEW BUSINESS | | |
| • Chair Bonner acknowledged Sean Kennedy and, along with Executive Director Moseley, presented him with a plaque and scroll in honor of his service as a Commissioner (December 2016 – March 2025). | | 9:40 |
| • Mr. Kennedy thanked the Commission, and the public, and pledged to continue supporting justice efforts with the community and Commission. | | 15:58 |
| • Ms. Moseley presented Sean Kennedy with a scroll on behalf of the Board of Supervisors. | | |
| • Commissioners Giggans, Hicks, Cooper, Garcia and Harris thanked Sean Kennedy for his years of service with the commission. | | 23:31 25:48 |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Bonner announced that Sean Kennedy will prepare a presentation on three cases involving uses of force by LASD deputies in three separate instances. Chair Bonner deferred the motion to dissolve the Use of Force Ad Hoc. | 32:37 |
| PUBLIC COMMENT: None on this item | |
| VIII. COMMISSION/LASD REPORTS | |
| A. Chair's Report <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Bonner reported attending the April 30 BOS Public Safety Cluster meeting with ED Moseley to propose amendments to Chapter 3.79, emphasizing the Commission's role in independent oversight of LASD. He also strongly opposed County Counsel's amendments restricting the Commission's access to confidential information in closed sessions. Chair Bonner and Commissioner Calloway attended the April 29 Assembly Public Safety Committee meeting in Sacramento in support of AB 847, which would allow the COC to subpoena and access confidential information in closed sessions. Chair Bonner commented on the enforcement of COC's three subpoenas for documents related to LASD's use of force against Emmett Brock, Joseph Perez, Andres Guardado. He addressed the Sheriff's declaratory relief action, noting it may require a closed session with outside counsel Harv Anand, and called on CoCo Diaz for review. Chair Bonner reported that ALADS requested audio from a COC closed session and anticipates a lawsuit from them. In closing, Chair Bonner announced that Commission meetings will be held at St. Anne's Conference Center starting in June through the rest of the year. | 34:31 |
| B. Executive Director's (ED) Report <ol style="list-style-type: none"> ED Moseley reported on mandatory training for Commissioners and provided an overview of the County policy requirements. ED Moseley highlighted Commissioner and staff activities, including internal operations, trainings, upcoming events, and meetings, and noted the Commission's mandate to conduct a self-evaluation every three years. ED Moseley reported that the annual report is being reviewed by Chair Bonner and should be completed ahead of the COC's June meeting. ED Moseley provided stats on news coverage of COC as well as analytics of COC's social media and noted an overall increase in engagement. ED Moseley shared upcoming events, including a virtual listening session on deputy gangs, a special hearing, and the COC annual conference. She also noted vacant staff and commissioner positions and highlighted County budget constraints. | 48:31 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Bonner inquired if staff could conduct the self-assessment and generate a report rather than hire from outside. Chair requested that the Commissioner training be focused on items relevant to oversight duties. Regarding training, ED Moseley said Commissioner training is mandated by the County and is separate and apart from LASD training. Commissioners Cooper and Garcia inquired if the training could be more accessible. | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Bonner advised that Sheriff Luna is in Washington, DC attending the National Peace Officers Memorial Day, and acknowledged Assistant Sheriff Jason Skeen as his representative. | 1:07:53 |
| C. Sheriff's Report (Assistant Sheriff Jason Skeen) Assistant Sheriff Skeen reported a 9% decrease in crime and highlighted staffing challenges, including 1,500 sworn and 4,100 total personnel vacancies. He introduced Commander Steve Seetall of the Psychological Services Unit and noted progress on the CAD system, expected to launch by yearend. | 1:08:54 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Bonner requested the number of authorized "full-time equivalent" (FTE) sworn personnel. | 1:14:56 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioner Cooper inquired about how the current budget is affecting the hiring process. | 1:17:04 |

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| • Commissioner Giggans inquired about the LASD recruitment plan. | 1:19:48 |
| • Commissioner Harris inquired about Custody Assistance vacancies. | 1:21:22 |
| PUBLIC COMMENT | |
| • Vanessa Perez commented on Assembly Bill 847. | 1:22:57 |
| • Usef Miller commented on Commissioner Kennedy and AB 847. | 1:23:44 |
| BREAK: 10:33 a.m. – 10:57 a.m. | |
| IX. EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION: | |
| • Vice Chair Luis Garcia delivered a presentation on suicide prevention and employee wellness initiatives within the LASD, which included four recommendations from the Civilian Oversight Commission (COC). | 1:48:56 |
| • Dr. Steve Seetal, Director of the LASD Psychological Services Bureau, presented an overview of the comprehensive support services available to law enforcement personnel and their families. | 2:02:34 |
| • Chair Bonner inquired about the 4 COC recommendations and if LASD is in favor of them. | 2:13:23 |
| • Dr. Seetal expressed concern with recommendations #2 (Critical Incident Policy) and #3 (Public Posting of PSP data). | 2:13:56 |
| MOTION: moved by Vice Chair Garcia, seconded by Chair Bonner, for the Commissions to adopt all 4 recommendations. | 2:16:16 |
| • Vice Chair Garcia provided a justification for adopting recommendation #2. | 2:16:44 |
| • Dr. Seetal noted the challenges if recommendations 2 & 3 are adopted. | 2:18:56 |
| • Commissioner Giggans expressed concern with the recommendation to “mandate” personnel involved in any event that has the potential to overwhelm their normal coping skills to attend a debriefing with a Department psychologist | |
| • Vice Chair Garcia suggested modifying the verbiage to reflect “strongly encourage” rather than “require” treatment. | 2:20:51 |
| • Chair Bonner inquired if Vice Chair Garcia is fine with amending the motion. | 2:21:51 |
| • Commissioner Cooper suggested follow-up on employees. | 2:22:10 |
| • Commissioner Giggans inquired about different modalities offered, and Dr. Seetal responded. | 2:23:16 |
| • Commissioner Harris suggested care beyond the 2 and 4-week follow up currently in place. | 2:25:43 |
| • Chair Bonner inquired about Dr. Seetal’s concern with recommendation #3. | 2:26:40 |
| • Dr. Seetal shared his concerns with recommendation #3 to publicly post annual Psychological Services Bureau data. | 2:26:58 |
| • Chair Bonner restated Dr. Seetal’s recommendation to change from “various categories of data to service utilization data aggregated” and noted this was a proposed amendment to the report. | 2:29:19 |
| • Upon further discussion, Chair Bonner tabled the motion to approve the report, and referred the issue back to the ad hoc committee for further evaluation. He requested a report back in June with specific recommendations. | 2:30:44 |
| X. A. OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL UPDATE (MAX HUNTSMAN, INSPECTOR GENERAL) | |
| • IG Huntsman reported on Recommendation No. 19 among the Commission’s 27 recommendations regarding the elimination of deputy gangs and cliques. He said his office cannot effectively monitor LASD’s implementation of the deputy gang/cliقة ban due to investigative roadblocks and lack of access to confidential information. He also expressed concerns about the effectiveness of the subpoena process. | 2:34:03 |
| • Chair Bonner inquired about the number of deputies disciplined and investigated for violating the policy banning, joining, or participating in deputy gangs, effective as of October 2024. | 2:36:50 |
| • IG Huntsman advised that 2 deputies have been disciplined for violating the policy. | 2:38:07 |
| • Chair Bonner noted for the record that LASD submitted a letter in response to the OIG’s letter and will be made part of the record. Chair Bonner called on Assistant Skeen to provide information on what action is being taken for deputies who violate the policy. | 2:40:10 |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assistant Sheriff Skeen noted that investigations are currently being conducted and noted that the investigative process could take up to 1 year or more. | 2:41:16 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Bonner requested IG Huntsman report back in two months on the number of disciplines that have been administered. | 2:43:09 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IG Huntsman agreed to comply with the Chair's request if LASD provides the requested information and paperwork related to current investigations. | 2:43:40 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioner Calloway questioned if current investigations are in progress. | 2:45:34 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Bonner requested an LASD subject matter expert be present at the next meeting to provide information on current investigations related to violations of the policy. | 2:46:18 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioner Giggans commented on oversight and overcoming verification obstacles. | 2:47:05 |
| B. Reports of Ad Hoc Committee | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Bonner met with the UOF ad hoc committee to plan a special hearing on three case studies and a presentation by Sean Kennedy. Chair Bonner gave an overview of the cases and, with a second from Vice Chair Garcia, moved to authorize issuing subpoenas for witness testimony. | 2:49:01 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioner Calloway suggested reviewing the cases further to identify the goal of the COC. | 3:05:03 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioner Harris agreed that further review of the cases is needed to redefine the goal. | 3:06:54 |
| Motion: moved by Chair Bonner seconded by Vice Chair Garcia. | 3:09:26 |
| VOICE VOTE: Bonner, Calloway, Cooper, Garcia, Giggans, Harris, Hicks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 Ayes: Bonner, Calloway, Cooper, Garcia, Giggans, Harris, Hicks 0 Nays 1 Absent: Johnson Motion passed 7-0 | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Bonner advised that the meeting will be held on 6/26 and requested ED Moseley to secure the Hall of Records Hearing Room for the Special Hearing. | 3:10:26 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Bonner moved to the Budget Ad Hoc and inquired if the ad hoc should be dissolved. | 3:11:20 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioner Harris reported the Budget ad hoc completed its work and, with a second from Chair Bonner, moved to dissolve the committee. | 3:11:40 |
| VOICE VOTE: Bonner, Calloway, Cooper, Garcia, Giggans, Harris, Hicks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 Ayes: Bonner, Calloway, Cooper, Garcia, Giggans, Harris, Hicks 0 Nays 1 Absent: Johnson Motion passed 7-0 | |
| Chair commented on the vacant commissioner position. | 3:12:12 |
| Commissioner Calloway reported on the Complaints ad hoc and noted that a mini conference was held on April 24 regarding the LASD complaints and accommodation process. | 3:12:42 |
| Chair Bonner reported on Deputy Gangs ad hoc, adding IG Huntsman will report back in July. | 3:15:53 |
| Chair Bonner reported the Governance ad hoc is working with ED Moseley to educate Justice Deputies and others on proposed revisions to Chapter 3.79. | 3:15:48 |
| Commissioner Cooper reported the PREA ad hoc committee completed its work and submitted its final report. Commissioner Cooper, seconded by Chair Bonner, moved to dissolve the committee. | 3:16:22 |
| VOICE VOTE: Bonner, Calloway, Cooper, Garcia, Giggans, Harris, Hicks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 Ayes: Bonner, Calloway, Cooper, Garcia, Giggans, Harris, Hicks 0 Nays 1 Absent: Johnson Motion passed 7-0 | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioner Cooper reported the Jail Conditions Ad Hoc committee met on May 12 with Sybil Brand Commission representatives and LASD to discuss care in the County jail system. | 3:19:08 |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioner Cooper reported on the Nominating ad hoc and announced the candidates for chair and vice chair position. | 3:22:35 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Bonner inquired about the deadline for Commissioners to submit their name as a candidate for Commission leadership positions. | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioner Harris reported the Technology Ad hoc and COC staff visited LASD's Special Enforcement Bureau (SEB) May 8 and saw an impressive drone and robotic dog demonstration. | 3:27:08 |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Bonner tabled the motion to create a Force Reduction ad hoc until the next meeting; it will focus on reducing lethal LASD force and addressing lack of discipline for jail head strikes. | 3:32:11 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioner Harris suggested incorporating those two items with the UOF ad hoc. | 3:33:12 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair Bonner deferred creating a new Force Reduction committee. | 3:34:26 |
| PUBLIC COMMENT | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raquel Derfler commented on an incident that occurred in Palmdale on April 25. | 3:35:35 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tramell Carter commented on his treatment while housed in the LA County jail. | 3:39:22 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cindy Nunez commented on LASD harassment, retaliation, and deputy gangs. | 3:51:54 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deanna Brock commented about her son Emmett Brock. | 3:44:06 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enry Marini commented on her fear of deputy retaliation. | 3:46:12 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paloma Serna commented on the death of her daughter Lisa Serna who died in LASD custody. | 3:48:20 |
| XI. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raquel Derfler shared a letter from a community member. | 3:52:42 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tramell Carter commented on his concerns not being addressed being labeled as schizophrenia. | 3:54:10 |
| XII. UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 21, 2025, Justice Deputy Public Safety Cluster Meeting June 26, 2025, monthly Commission Meeting at St. Anne's Conference Center June 24, 2025, Special Hearing (Tentative Date) June 10, 2025, Commissions proposed revisions to 3.79 will possibly be on the BOS agenda. | 3:50:30 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CoCo Diaz noted that a vote was not taken on the motion to approve the report on LASD Staff Wellness and Suicide Prevention and recommended tabling the motion indefinitely. | 3:58:15 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commissioner Harris made a motion seconded by Chair Bonner to table the motion while the ad hoc committee reconsiders its recommendations. | 3:59:11 |
| Voice Vote: | |
| VOTE: Bonner, Calloway, Cooper, Garcia, Giggans, Harris, Hicks | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 Ayes: Bonner, Calloway, Cooper, Garcia, Giggans, Harris, Hicks 0 Nays 1 Absent: Johnson | |
| Motion passed 7-0 | |
| Meeting adjourned at 1:07 p.m. | |