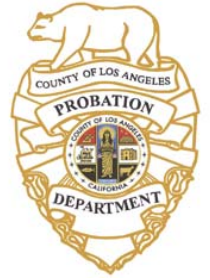




**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PROBATION COMMISSION
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION, ROOM 140A
500 W Temple St. Los Angeles, CA 90012**



Thursday, August 8, 2019

10:00 AM

Present: Commission President Joe Gardner, Commissioner Yamashiro, Commissioner Mitchell, Commissioner Martinez-Sonoqui, Commissioner Butler – 2nd Vice President, Commissioner Swartz, Commissioner Meredith, Commissioner Shutan, Sheila Mitchell, Chief Deputy, Jennifer Donnell, Bureau Chief, Lydia Jurado, Staff Assistant

Attachment: [Audio Transcript](#)

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Commission President Joe Gardner welcomed all and called the meeting to order at 10:06 A.M. President Gardner informed the Commissioners and all present that the meeting was being recorded and asked that all identify themselves prior to making any statements.

1. Excused Absences: Commissioner Daniel Seaver, Commissioner Jacqueline Caster, Commissioner Randy Herbon and Commissioner Jan Levine.
2. Roll Call

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3. N/A

III. PROBATION DEPARTMENT

4. Presentation of date regarding number of active internal affairs cases.

The Probation Commission will receive, exchange, distribute information, conduct discussion and take possible action relevant to Item #4

Internal Affairs Bureau provided a presentation on active cases from 2018 – 2019 and the process of referrals/complaints. In addition to the presentation she discussed staffing issues and training.

Speaker(s): Jennifer Donnell, Internal Affairs Bureau Chief

Action Item(s): Commission asked for Probation provide a copy of slide # 5 with the numbers included; a comparison of five years and population numbers broken down by year.

Commissioners

Joe Gardner-President,

Hon. Jan Levine (Ret.)-1st Vice President, Hon. Betsy Butler (Ret.), – 2nd Vice President, Donald Meredith-Sergeant at Arms, Daniel Seaver, Azael Martinez-Sonoqui, Cyn Yamashiro, Esq., Jacqueline Caster, Esq, Jo Kaplan Esq, Olivia E. Mitchell, Peter Shutan, Rev. Zachary Hoover, Randy Herbon, Gale Swartz

IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

5. **Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest within the subject matter of the Commission. Three (3) minutes are allowed, per person, on each agenda and non-agenda item with a total of 15 minutes for public comments unless the Commission sets alternative limits or other allocations of time.**

No public comments were received.

V. BUSINESS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- 6 **Update from sub-committee regarding list of top seven priorities for the Probation Oversight Commission.**

No one available from sub- committee to provide an update.

7. **Continued discussion regarding emergency preparedness in facilities located within and adjacent to wilderness areas.**

No updates were provided.

8. **Continued discussion regarding sending a letter to Board of Supervisors and Presiding Judge of the County regarding impact of the closure of Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall and Superior Court.**

Letter was sent directly by Commissioner Yamashiro on his capacity as Director of Independent Juvenile Defender Program, rather than making it a Commission issue. Commission discussed the response from Presiding Judge not much information was provided regarding the closure of the court and impact to the community and public.

Action Item(s): Presiding Judge to be added to the agenda to appear in front of the Commission - date to be confirmed and a reminder was given that he will only answer to questions provided to him ten days before the meeting.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

The Probation Commission will receive, exchange, distribute information, conduct discussion and take possible action relevant to Items 6, 7 and 8

Reserve Program discussion to be added to first meeting of October.

VII. COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND UPDATES

From Commissioner Gardner: The draft of the use of force policy is in the hands of labor for their approval. Chief McDonald said she expects to see the draft finalized in two weeks (from July 30th). The Chief seeks to begin Departmental training by September 1st. She told me she

would be glad to share the policy after Labor signs off.

Chief McDonald said she will work to attend the Probation Commission meeting on August 22nd meeting.

The Commission shared and thanked Chief Mitchell for bringing L.A. Conservation Corp to present a partnership regarding kids in camp and hopes something develops from there. Commissioner shared that in the past couple of months they have been bringing Los Angeles Police Department - Pal Get It Straight Program into the Juvenile Halls. Directors Montes and Moore briefly shared information about the program. Commission wants to make sure kids know that they have choices and consequences and hopefully this makes a difference.

Commission update draft of the Use of Force Policy is in the hands of Labor unions, the Commission stated that Chief McDonald expects to see the draft finalized in about two weeks this was back in July 30th. Chief seeks to begin departmental training on September 1st and is glad to share the policy once approved. The Chief to attend August 22nd meeting; her time is limited.

IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Commission shared that the We Are Women LA Sparks game will be August 25; there are 100 tickets available for the youth to attend.

X. ADJOURNED

The meeting was adjourned.