



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS  
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITIZENS' COMMISSION ON JAIL VIOLENCE  
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION  
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**Friday, August 3, 2012**

**9:00 AM**

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (12-3719)

**Attachments:** [AUDIO](#)

Present: Chair Lourdes G. Baird, Vice Chair Cecil Murray,  
Commissioner Robert Bonner, Commissioner Alexander Busansky,  
Commissioner Jim McDonnell, Commissioner Carlos R. Moreno,  
Commissioner Dickran M. Tevrizian

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

1. Call to Order. (12-3582)

**The meeting was called to order by Chair Baird at 9:07 a.m.**

2. Approval of the July 27, 2012 meeting minutes. (12-3583)

**Eric Preven addressed the Commission.**

**On motion of Commissioner Tevrizian, seconded by Commissioner Bonner, and unanimously carried, this item was approved.**

**Attachments:** [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

**II. REPORTS**

3. Report and updates by Miriam A. Krinsky, Executive Director, and Richard E. Drooyan, General Counsel. (12-3584)

**Miriam Krinsky, Executive Director, reported that this is the last of six hearings with witness testimony. The September meeting will begin at 8:00 a.m. and consist of a full day of reports from the Deputy General Counsel.**

There has been strong continued interest in the Commission's work. The website recorded an all-time high of nearly 1,700 visits last Friday, the day the Sheriff and Undersheriff testified before the Commission. There have been nearly 25,000 visits to the website.

Ms. Krinsky advised that they have interviewed 100 fact witnesses and approximately 45 individual corrections experts, heads of jails, and Sheriffs from both inside and outside of California that have provided their perspectives. In September, there will be an opportunity to summarize and present common themes from other Sheriffs, jail overseers and expert witnesses. Commissioners are encouraged to identify specific areas of interest that they would like addressed.

Richard Drooyan, General Counsel, reported that he will meet with the counsel teams in preparation for their presentations to the Commission and the final report. A final meeting will take place later in the month at which time the Commission will submit their final report.

Eric Preven addressed the Commission.

### **III. PRESENTATIONS**

4. Testimony from Los Angeles Sheriff's Department personnel (representatives of the Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs) and corrections leaders and experts. (12-3585)

Deputy Floyd Hayhurst, President, and Steve Remige, Executive Director of the Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs (ALADS) addressed the Commission regarding the work and recommendations of the ALADS Custody Division Working Group, created to consider issues and perceived problems with the Custody Division. Deputy Hayhurst and Mr. Remige responded to questions posed by Deputy General Counsel Kim Dunne and the Commissioners.

Commissioner Busansky excused himself from the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Open session recessed at 11:04 a.m. Present were Commissioners Bonner, McDonnell, Moreno, Tevrizian, Vice Chair Murray and Chair Baird presiding (Commissioner Busansky being absent).

Open session reconvened at 11:14 a.m. Present were Commissioners Bonner, McDonnell, Moreno, Tevrizian, Vice Chair Murray and Chair Baird presiding (Commissioner Busansky being absent).

**Michael Jacobson, Executive Director, VERA Institute, provided an overview of his experience and the Institute's past and current projects. Mr. Jacobson responded to questions posed by Executive Director Miriam Krinsky and the Commissioners regarding the recommended strategies included in a VERA report issued last year, as well as in relation to the tracking of use of force incidents and use of such data by corrections leaders. He also discussed his experience and lessons learned both while working with government bodies interested in reforming their criminal justice systems and while he was head of the NYC Department of Corrections.**

**Commissioner Busansky rejoined the meeting at 11:38 a.m.**

**Marty Horn, Lecturer, John Jay College of Criminal Justice and Executive Director, New York State Permanent Commission on Sentencing provided an overview of his 40 years of experience as a corrections leader. Mr. Horn responded to questions posed by Executive Director Miriam Krinsky regarding strategies used in other facilities to compile and track data to address force issues and areas of concern within prisons and jails, performance management and management accountability. Mr. Horn also discussed his experiences and lessons learned in addressing force issues when he was head of the NYC Department of Corrections and Rikers Island prison system. At the request of Commissioner Bonner, Ms. Krinsky will provide the Commissioners information on the Los Angeles County Sheriff training syllabus. Mr. Horn responded to questions posed by the Commissioners.**

**Open session recessed at 1:04 p.m. Present were Commissioners Bonner, Busansky, McDonnell, Moreno, Tevrizian, Vice Chair Murray and Chair Baird presiding.**

**Open session reconvened at 1:42 p.m. Present were Commissioners Bonner, Busansky, McDonnell, Tevrizian, Vice Chair Murray and Chair Baird presiding (Commissioner Moreno being absent).**

**Matthew Cate, Secretary, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) provided an overview of his experience during his years as Inspector General of CDCR. Mr. Cate responded to questions posed by Deputy General Counsel Bobby Swerdlow and the Commissioners regarding comparisons between the State and County correctional systems, discipline and force policies, punishment for dishonesty and failures to report. Mr. Cate also provided his insights on Inspector General and oversight bodies.**

**Jeffrey Schwartz, force expert and consultant, provided an overview of his 30 years of experience in working on issues relating to prisons, police and correction agencies in the U.S. and abroad. Mr. Schwartz responded to questions posed by Executive Director Miriam Krinsky regarding his findings while consulting with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) and his reasons for ending his work with LASD. Mr. Schwartz also provided his views regarding the force policies of the LASD and other practices in the jails. Mr. Schwartz responded to questions posed by the Commissioners.**

**Arnold Sachs, Peter Eliasberg, Tyree Edwards, and Patrisse Cullors addressed the Commission.**

#### **IV. MISCELLANEOUS**

5. Items not on the agenda, to be presented and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Commission, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take immediate action came to the attention of the Commission subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (12-3586)

**There were no items addressed.**

6. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. (12-3588)

**Catherine Clinch addressed the Commission.**

7. Adjournment. (12-3589)

**There being no further business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 7, 2012 at 8:00 a.m.**