

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON PUBLIC SAFETY**

MINUTES OF THE October 24, 2018 MEETING

Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street, Room 140
Los Angeles, California 90012

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair: Judge Stephen Larson, Partner, Larson O'Brien

Erika Anzoategui, Chief Deputy, Alternate Public Defender's Office
Peter Bibring, Director of Police Practices/Senior Staff Attorney,
ACLU of Southern California
Jenny Brown, Acting Chief Deputy, Public Defender's Office
Kellyjean Chun, Bureau Director – Prosecution Support Operations,
District Attorney's Office
Hon. Michael Davitt, President, California Contract Cities Association
Judge Peter Espinoza, Director, Office of Diversion and Reentry
Judge Scott Gordon¹, Supervising Judge – Criminal Division,
Los Angeles Superior Court
Josh Green, Criminal Justice Program Manager, Urban Peace Institute
Cherylynn Hoff, Human Services Administrator II, Los Angeles County Department of
Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services
Chief Stephen Johnson, Detective Division, L.A. County Sheriff's Department
Jamie Kyle, Community Advocate, The Reverence Project
Chief Probation Officer Terri McDonald, Los Angeles County Probation Department
Brian Moriguchi, President, Professional Peace Officers Association (PPOA)
John Raphling, Senior Researcher, Human Rights Watch
Robert Sass, Vice President, Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs
*Andrea Welsing for Dr. Barbara Ferrer, Director, Department of Public Health

***Designated proxy**

COMMISSION MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Chief Bob Guthrie, President, Los Angeles County Police Chiefs Association
Mark Holscher, Partner, Kirkland & Ellis
Deputy Chief Sean Malinowski, Los Angeles Police Department
Priscilla Ocen, Professor, Loyola Law School
Jose Osuna, Principal Consultant, Osuna Consulting
Dr. Christopher Thompson, Department of Mental Health
Troy Vaughn, Executive Director, Los Angeles Regional Reentry Partnership

¹ Judge Gordon left the meeting prior to any votes being taken under Agenda Item IV. Judge Michael Garcia served as designated proxy and voted on behalf of Judge Gordon.

Brendon Woods, President, California Public Defenders Association

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by Judge Stephen Larson, Chair of this Commission.

Self-introductions followed.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 26, 2018 MEETING

There were no requests for revisions to the minutes of the September 26, 2018 meeting. A motion was made to approve the minutes.

ACTION: The motion to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2018 meeting was seconded and approved without objection.

III. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ON THE PROBATION DEPARTMENT'S INFORMATION SHARING EFFORTS WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION

Chief Deputy Probation Officer Reaver Bingham provided an overview of the Probation Department's information sharing efforts with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR).

Probation continues to work with CDCR with respect to the following:

- 611 Packets
- Pre-Release PRCS Intake/Transports
- Men's Behavioral Health Residential Program
- Pre-Release Video Conferences (PRVC) Pilot
- Prison to Community Meetings

A handout on these ongoing efforts was distributed and can be accessed at the following link:

[Probation and CDCR Information Sharing and Collaboration Efforts](#)

ACTION: For information only.

IV. MOTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION AND POTENTIAL ACTION

Two motions were brought before the Commission for consideration at this meeting.

The first motion can be accessed at the following link:

Motion 1 - Data Collection on Impact of Proposition 47 and Treatment Options

This motion was presented by Chief Stephen Johnson, and the specific language of the motion reads as follows:

The Blue Ribbon Commission on Public Safety recommends that the County:

- 1) Develop data collection polices and research plans to measure the impact of Proposition 47, the level of service engagement for all Proposition 47 offenders, and the effectiveness of the services and programs designed to assist that population.
- 2) Evaluate the dispersal of funds in Los Angeles County from the Proposition 47 state savings to determine if funding is sufficient and if any of the funds have been designated for victim services as was intended by the initiative when it was passed by the voters.
- 3) Utilize an independent entity not involved or associated with the implementation of Proposition 47 for this review. This independent entity should receive input from the various county and local agencies involved in the implementation of Prop 47, as well as community based organizations and formerly incarcerated people.

A discussion was had concerning the language of this motion.

Proposed Amendment to Motion 1

Robert Sass proposed the following amendment to this motion:

- A separate number be added to the motion with language that states: “Part of the evaluation will be to explore the feasibility of a support program for Proposition 47 offenders to direct repeat offenders into programs that monitor the progress through those programs”.

Mr. Sass made a motion to amend the motion as stated.

ACTION: The motion to amend the motion as stated was not approved. Four members voted in favor of the amendment and thirteen members voted against it.

Voting Yes on this amendment were: Kellyjean Chun, Chief Terri McDonald, Brian Moriguchi, and Robert Sass.

Voting No on this amendment were: Erika Anzoategui, Peter Bibring, Jenny Brown, Hon. Michael Davitt, Judge Peter Espinoza, Judge Michael Garcia on behalf of Judge Scott Gordon, Josh Green, Cherylynn Hoff, Jamie Kyle, Chief Stephen Johnson, Judge Stephen Larson, John Raphling, and Andrea Welsing on behalf of Dr. Barbara Ferrer.

Thirteen votes in favor of the amendment were required in order for it to pass.

Revisions to Motion 1

Following discussions, the following revisions were made to the original motion (additions are in red type and deletions have strikethroughs):

The Blue Ribbon Commission on Public Safety recommends that the County:

- 1) Develop data collection polices and research plans, **as data is available**, to measure the impact of Proposition 47, the level of service engagement for all Proposition 47 offenders, and the effectiveness of the services and programs designed to assist that population.
- 2) Evaluate the dispersal of funds in Los Angeles County from the Proposition 47 state savings to determine if funding is sufficient, **and the extent to which funds have been designated for substance abuse, mental health, and victim services**, ~~and if any of the funds have been designated for victim services~~ as was intended by the initiative when it was passed by the voters.
- 3) **Conduct an environmental scan to identify best practices in the state related to the services identified above. The data collection policies and research plans should allow for a comparison with other jurisdictions and avoid duplication with existing evaluation efforts.**
- 4) Utilize an independent entity not involved or associated with the implementation of Proposition 47 for this review. This independent entity should receive input from the various county and local agencies involved in the implementation of Proposition 47, as well as community based organizations and formerly incarcerated people.

Vote on Motion 1

Chief Johnson made a motion to approve the motion with the noted revisions. Mr. Sass seconded the motion.

ACTION: The motion to approve this motion with the noted revisions was approved without objections. Chief Terri McDonald abstained.

Voting Yes on this motion were: Erika Anzoategui, Peter Bibring, Jenny Brown, Kellyjean Chun, Hon. Michael Davitt, Judge Peter Espinoza, Judge Michael Garcia on behalf of Judge Scott Gordon, Josh Green, Cherylynn Hoff, Chief Stephen Johnson, Jamie Kyle, Judge Stephen Larson, Brian Moriguchi, John Raphling, Robert Sass, and Andrea Welsing on behalf of Dr. Barbara Ferrer.

Voting No on this motion were: None.

Abstained from this vote: Chief Terri McDonald.

A public comment was made by Mr. Joseph Maizlish.

The second motion can be accessed at the following link:

[Motion 2 - Evaluation of Program Effectiveness](#)

This motion was presented by Brian Moriguchi, and the specific language of the motion reads as follows:

The Blue Ribbon Commission on Public Safety recommends that the County:

- 1) Develop standards by which current, as well as future programs in Los Angeles County can be evaluated for effectiveness to determine which programs should be supported and funded by the County of Los Angeles. These standards may be applied to in-custody and community-based programs serving all justice-involved individuals.
- 2) Periodically review effectiveness of programs and fund those programs which achieve the most successful outcomes for justice involved individuals.

A discussion was had concerning the language of this motion.

Mr. Moriguchi made a motion to approve this motion. Kellyjean Chun seconded the motion.

ACTION: The motion to approve this motion was not passed. Seven members voted for this motion and nine members voted against it.

Voting Yes on this motion were: Kellyjean Chun, Hon. Michael Davitt, Chief Stephen Johnson, Judge Stephen Larson, Chief Terri McDonald, Brian Moriguchi, and Robert Sass.

Voting No on this motion were: Erika Anzoategui, Peter Bibring, Jenny Brown, Judge Peter Espinoza, Josh Green, Cherylynn Hoff, Jamie Kyle, John Raphling, and Andrea Welsing on behalf of Dr. Barbara Ferrer.

Abstained from this vote: Judge Michael Garcia on behalf of Judge Scott Gordon.

Thirteen votes in favor of this motion were required in order for it to pass.

A public comment was made by Mr. Joseph Maizlish.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Mark Delgado, Executive Director of the Countywide Criminal Justice Coordination Committee (CCJCC), reviewed an outline of the final report to the Board of Supervisors.

A discussion was had as to whether this Commission should hold a final meeting to review the draft of the report to the Board of Supervisors, and on which date.

It was agreed that this Commission would hold a final meeting on Thursday, November 1, 2018, at 1:30 p.m., for the purpose of reviewing the draft of the final report.

ACTION: The final meeting of this Commission will be held on Thursday, November 1, 2018, at 1:30 p.m.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 1, 2018, at 1:30 p.m.