

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
COMMISSION ON ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS (CAOD)**

**Meeting Minute Summary
March 13, 2024**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Tony Bell, Rebecca Birotte, Bruce Boardman, Amanda Cowan, Alicia Garoupa, Christina Gonzales, Lou La Monte, Tonya McKenzie, Mark Mendoza, Jr., Dean Nakanishi, Juan Navarro, Charles Robbins, Ruben Rodriguez, Avia Rosen, John Ho Song, and Howard Winkler

COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING EXCUSED ABSENCES: Commissioners Deena Duncan, Jozef Essavi, Jack Hadjinian, Bennett Root, Jr., Jerry G. Velasco, and G. Lola Worthington

UNEXCUSED ABSENCES: N/A

GUEST REGISTER: William Gould, SAPC

MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED: Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs March 13, 2024 Agenda; Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs February 2024 Minutes – Draft; Policy and Legislative Updates

Topic	Discussion/Finding
1. Call to Order & Introduction of Commissioners and Guests	Chair Tony Bell, County of Los Angeles, the Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs (CAOD) convened the meeting at 1:02 P.M. Chair Tony Bell asked for self-introductions from all Commissioners and guests. Quorum present.
2. Public Comments	No public comment.
3. Action on AB2449 and Excuse Absences	Commissioners Deena Duncan, Jozef Essavi, Jack Hadjinian, Bennett Root, Jr., Jerry G. Velasco, and G. Lola Worthington have asked to be excused from the March 2024 meeting. Commissioner Lou LaMonte and Charles Robbins are appearing remotely by “just cause” in accordance with AB 2449. Chair Tony Bell entertained a motion which was moved to approve by Commissioner Lou La Monte and seconded by Commissioner Juan Navarro. Motion was unanimously carried.
4. Action on Meeting Minutes for February 2024 meeting	Commissioner Mark Mendoza commented that his name was left out in the Commissioners Present.

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	<p>Chair Tony Bell entertained a motion which was moved to approve by Commissioner Charles Robbins and seconded by Commissioner Tonya McKenzie.</p> <p>Motion was unanimously carried to approve the meeting minutes for February 14, 2024.</p>
<p>5. Updates from Chair Tony Bell</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Committee met on March 7 to discuss streamlining future meetings and agreed to combine the committee and Commission meeting moving forward. • Executive Committee spoke about having the meeting held at another location i.e. Hall of Administration • Will be meeting with Dr Tsai and Michelle Gibson to speak about commission's roles, supporting SAPC vision • 2024 Strategic Priorities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Commissioner Christina Gonzales will focus on narrowing down Strategic Priority 1 ○ Commissioner Alicia Garoupa will focus on narrowing down Strategic Priority 2
<p>6. Discussion concerning updates on Policy and Legislative and the AI-Impics Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • William Gould, Policy and Strategic Initiatives Section, Substance Abuse Prevention and Control provided updates on the following bills: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ AB915 (Waldron) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Drug education: opioid overdose training program ▪ On September 1, 2023, in committee: Held under submission ○ AB941 (Waldron) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Psychedelic-assisted therapy ▪ On January 4, 2024, read second time and amended ○ AB1510 (Jones-Sawyer) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Fighting Fentanyl Bond Act of 2024 ▪ On July, 2023, read second time and amended ○ AB1842 (Reyes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Health care coverage: Medication-assisted treatment ▪ On January 29, 2024, referred to Com. on HEALTH ○ AB2651 (Bains) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alcohol drug counselors ▪ On February 15, 2024, from printer. May be heard in committee on March 16, 2024. ○ AB2711 (Ramos) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Suspensions and expulsions: controlled substances: tobacco: alcohol: plans and protocols ▪ On February 15, 2024, from printer. May be heard in committee on March 16, 2024. ○ AB3195 (Haney) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alcoholic beverages: hours of sale until 4 AM ▪ On February 17, 2024, may be heard in committee March 18. ○ SB21 (Umberg) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Controlled substances. ▪ On January 17, 2024, from committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SB495 (Dodd) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alcoholic beverages: deliveries: off-sale retail licenses and consumer delivery service permits ▪ On June 8, 2023, referred to the Assembly Committee on Governmental Organization ○ SB969 (Wiener) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Alcoholic beverages: entertainment zones: consumption ▪ On February 28, 2024, set for hearing on March 12, 2024. ○ SB1012 (Wiener) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Regulated Psychedelic-assisted Therapy Act and Regulated Psychedelic Substances Control Act ▪ On February 14, 2024, referred to Coms on B., P., and E.D. and Pub S. ○ SB1438 (Niello) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Housing First: sober housing ▪ On February 29, 2024, referred to Coms. on Housing and JUD ○ SB1502 (Ashby) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Controlled substances: xylazine ▪ On February 29, referred to Com. on RLS ○ Chair Bell would like to identify what city the writer is from and their political parties for future updates from Bill. ○ If Commissioners would like to take a stand on a specific legislation/bill, they must go through CEO's office and get it approved by them before coming to the commission – Chair Bell will confirm with CEO office and report back ● AI-Impics Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No updates
7. Administrative Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● None
8. Comments from Commissioners on Items of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Commissioner Ruben Rodriguez shared that on March 17, 2024, it will be the 31st annual event for the March for Justice by Pueblo Y Salud. – drug and tobacco free event. ● Chair Tony Bell asked the commissioners if they agreed to start the meetings at 12:30 PM, there were no objections. ● Commissioner Alicia Garoupa shared that Supervisor Mitchell is hosting a “Disrupting the School to Prison Pipeline Event” this weekend to focus on substance abuse on campus. ● Commissioner Alicia Garoupa connected with LAUSD about the policy to have naloxone in place and there is no law that allows districts to distribute Narcan. Students won't be disciplined if found with Narcan. ● Commissioner Alicia Garoupa also connected with the Youth Commission and work together on the commission's strategic priorities around substance use. She also shared that she has a colleague who works with UCLA in the Department of Public Health Right Now – youth voice campaign around opioid awareness as a possible speaker. ● Commissioner Alicia Garoupa identified two bills related to youth and fentanyl – AB3271 and AB2887

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9. Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 2:32 P.M.

Next meeting date:

May 8, 2024, at 12:30 p.m.

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