

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

**Meeting Minute Summary  
February 14, 2024**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Tony Bell, Rebecca Birotte, Bruce Boardman, Deena Duncan, Jozef Essavi, Alicia Garoupa, Christina Gonzales, Jack Hadjinian, Lou La Monte, Tonya McKenzie, Dean Nakanishi, Juan Navarro, Charles Robbins, Ruben Rodriguez, Avia Rosen, John Ho Song, Jerry G. Velasco, and Howard Winkler

**COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING EXCUSED ABSENCES:** Commissioners Amanda Cowan and Bennett Root, Jr.

**UNEXCUSED ABSENCES:** N/A

**GUEST REGISTER:** Michelle Gibson

**MATERIALS DISTRIBUTED:** Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs February 2024 Agenda; Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs January 2024 Minutes – Draft

Topic	Discussion/Finding
1. Call to Order & Introduction of Commissioners and Guests	Chair Deena Duncan, County of Los Angeles, the Commission on Alcohol and Other Drugs (CAOD) convened the meeting at 1:02 P.M.  Chair Deena Duncan asked for self-introductions from all Commissioners and guest.  Quorum present.
2. Public Comments	No public comment.
3. Action on AB2449 and Excuse Absences	Commissioners Amanda Cowan and Bennett Root, Jr. have asked to be excused from the February 2024 meeting.  Commissioner Lou LaMonte and Christina Gonzales are appearing remotely by “just cause” in accordance with AB 2449.  Chair Deena Duncan entertained a motion which was moved to approve by Vice Chair Tony Bell and seconded by Commissioner Avia Rosen. Motion was unanimously carried.

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4. Action on Meeting Minutes for January 2024 meeting	<p>Chair Deena Duncan entertained a motion which was moved to approve by Commissioner Tony Bell and seconded by Commissioner Jozef Essavi.</p> <p>Motion was unanimously carried.</p>
5. Report from Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC) on treatment and prevention program initiatives	<p>Michelle Gibson, MPH, Deputy Bureau Director for Treatment Services of Substance Abuse Prevention and Control provided updates on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initiatives with provider network to continue to grow and advance substance used disorder (SUD) system in light of CalAIM and payment reform and capacity building efforts</li> <li>• Meeting with the Board of Directors from treatment provider agencies to get overview of the goals under CalAIM, and how SUD is shifting with payment reform value based care, and reaching the 95% initiative.</li> <li>• Senate Bill 43 (SB43) – expands the definition of grave disability inclusive of severe SUD diagnosis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Working with Department of Mental Health and California Association of Counties on implementing SB43 in Los Angeles County</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
6. Action on 2024 Nominations	<p>The 2024 Nomination Slate is as follows:</p> <p>Nominee for Chair: Tony Bell  Nominee for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair: Tonya McKenzie  Nominee for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair: Jack Hadjinian  Nominee for Recording Secretary: Bruce Boardman  Nominee for At Large Seat 1: Amanda Cowan  Nominee for At Large Seat 2: Lou La Monte</p> <p>Chair Deena Duncan entertained a motion which was moved to approve by Commissioner Jozef Essavi and seconded by Commissioner Charles Robbins. Motion was unanimously carried.</p>
7. Action on 2023 Annual Report	<p>Chair Deena Duncan entertained a motion which was moved to approve by Commissioner Tony Bell and seconded by Commissioner Jozef Essavi.</p> <p>Motion was unanimously carried.</p>
8. Discussion concerning Commission Committee - Reports from the Policy and Planning and the AI-Impics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education and Prevention Committee Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Discussion on how the committee will use the strategic priorities and some of the short term goals the committee will move towards</li> <li>○ Connect with Commission of Mental Health, HIV, and Youth and possibly with Los Angeles Unified School District to present in a future meeting</li> </ul> </li> <li>• AI-Impics Committee</li> </ul>

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Committees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The committee is working on a date for this year's event.</li> <li>○ The committee is looking for a new celebrity to be the face of the event and also looking for additional sponsors to support the event</li> </ul>
9. Administrative Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>
10. Comments from Commissioners on Items of Interest	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>
11. Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 1:30 P.M.

**Next meeting date:**

April 10, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

Substance Abuse Prevention and Control Headquarters

1000 South Fremont Avenue, Building A9 East Ground floor G-2 Conference Room

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