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Public Member
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KEVIN GARDNER
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Department of Justice

BATINE RAMIREZ
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4 CHAIRPERSON LONG: Okay. I see we have four
5 members, so we have a quorum.

6 Madam Secretary, if you can just call the roll.

7 MS. HERNANDEZ: Braziel?

8 (No response)

9 MS. HERNANDEZ: Bui?

10 MEMBER BUI: Here.

11 MS. HERNANDEZ: Doyle?

12 (No response)

13 CHAIRPERSON LONG: New Zealand.

14 MS. HERNANDEZ: Okay.

15 Long?

16 CHAIRPERSON LONG: Here.

17 MS. HERNANDEZ: Ramirez?

18 MEMBER RAMIREZ: Here.

19 (Commissioner Gardner was present but
20 was not called during the roll call.)

21 CHAIRPERSON LONG: Okay. So we do have a quorum,
22 so we can -- we can move on.

23 I think most of this was -- it's two big agenda
24 items today. We'll be discussing the current state of
25 the budget; and second will be to go through the

1 contracts, the proposed contracts.

2 First, we should thank Sheriff for his warm welcome
3 here to San Bernardino. I don't think he's here right
4 now, but thank you very much for hosting us.

5 The first action item is the Approval of Action
6 Summary and Minutes.

7 If we could get a motion --

8 MEMBER RAMIREZ: Motion.

9 CHAIRPERSON LONG: -- to approve.

10 If there's no objection, so approved.

11 So now we'll discuss the budget, what everyone
12 wants to talk about, and it's an important issue. A lot
13 of -- a lot of money. General Fund money. 32 point --
14 what is it? -- 4, I think, is the net number when
15 there's -- because there's been a slight decrease in the
16 State Penalty Fund.

17 If we could get the first chart up, which is the
18 budget chart.

19 MEMBER BUI: Mr. Chair, real quick.

20 Is Commissioner Gardner on -- not on the committee?

21 CHAIRPERSON LONG: Oh, didn't they call --

22 MEMBER GARDNER: With the permission of the Chair,
23 I would like to be taken off the committee, if that's
24 okay with you.

25 MEMBER RAMIREZ: No.

1 CHAIRPERSON LONG: No, no, no.

2 MEMBER BUI: No, it is not.

3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ALVAREZ: (Speaking sotto voce):
4 Get their attention. Gardner.

5 CHAIRPERSON LONG: Can we make sure we got Member
6 Gardner --

7 MS. HERNANDEZ: Yeah. I wrote him down.

8 CHAIRPERSON LONG: And the first slide should be
9 the Governor's Budget Allocation.

10 There it is. I don't know if you guys can blow
11 that up or not. But if you can make that bigger --
12 that's it.

13 All right. The key figures, if you look at the
14 top, the first part of the chart, and if you look at the
15 enacted 18/19 budget, you see the \$74 million. And if
16 you look over to the proposed 19/20 budget, you will
17 see, it's \$81.4 million. That does not look like you
18 have got a \$32 million increase.

19 In order to understand the increase, if you just
20 take out -- if you look at that first column on the
21 first section of the chart, you take out the 25 million
22 of the General Fund budget authority for 18/19.
23 Because, remember, that was the one-time money that POST
24 got for three years.

25 Take that out, you have a base of \$49 million.

1 And then to get to that 81.4 million, it's \$32.2
2 million. That is the net increase that POST has this
3 year: 32.2 million. It's all General Fund money.
4 There's been an increase of -- you see it there in the
5 second column, the second line down: 34.9 in General
6 Fund money.

7 But you also see, underneath the 34.9, that 44.5,
8 POST lost 2.7 million in State Penalty Fund money, so
9 the net increase is really \$32.2 million, total.

10 So there's been a lot of talk of -- the legislative
11 analyst released its initial review of the POST budget
12 yesterday. A lot of talk about what POST is going to do
13 with \$32.2 million.

14 Now, in the budget process, POST does have a BCP, a
15 budget change proposal, which walks everyone through --
16 it's online, it's public -- exactly how that \$34.9
17 million will be spent.

18 And I think we can move right now to whatever you
19 are calling this chart, Manny, the -- the breakdown?
20 I'm not sure what you are calling it.

21 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ALVAREZ: I believe it's the
22 second PowerPoint, Heidi.

23 CHAIRPERSON LONG: Because this will walk us
24 through exactly where all that money, at the moment, is
25 supposed to go.

1 There we go.

2 Now, we can stay on this. But I -- I would -- I
3 would -- hey, Heidi, could I ask you to go back to the
4 very first -- the Peace Officers Standards and Training
5 budget breakdown, the very first slide? There's
6 something I want to show folks, I think, to influence
7 this as it goes forward. Can you get back there, or is
8 that too much?

9 MS. HERNANDEZ: Yeah. Let me get back there.

10 CHAIRPERSON LONG: If you can't, that's not a big
11 deal. I can read it.

12 As a matter of fact, just leave it there. We won't
13 complicate things.

14 When you look at -- in the Governor's budget, the
15 Governor actually addressed this specifically in his --
16 in his budget introduction and even in his State of the
17 State.

18 Of the 34.9 million, he specifically said,
19 20 million of that is to be used for the same purposes
20 that the one-time \$25 million was. In other words,
21 de-escalation, crisis intervention training, procedural
22 justice, mental health training. That was as specific
23 as he got.

24 Also, the verbiage in the actual budget also refers
25 to this explicitly and says, 20 million is to make

1 permanent the one-time augmentation that was included
2 last year; and 14.9 is to be used to restore POST to
3 historic budget levels.

4 Now, the budget change proposal that explains how
5 this 34.9 million works, we'll go through that now.

6 But I wanted to note this, because there's a little
7 bit of a disparity right now between some of the
8 verbiage that the Governor made explicit and this BCP
9 that we'll walk through, which explains how the
10 \$34.9 million is spent. We should just be aware of that
11 as we walk through. There isn't always as clear a nexus
12 to the type of spending the Governor was talking to in
13 the BCP, but it's important to note, the BCPs are
14 generally works in progress. It's early. We have a new
15 administration. You have a new Governor who had to dump
16 a budget out very quickly, so it's not at all unusual to
17 have a slight bit of conflict between the verbiage and
18 the actual BCP.

19 So now that you got back to that, let's go back to
20 wherever you were. The budget breakdown.

21 There we go.

22 Now, I think we can go to -- just go to page 2 of
23 this right away, the administration -- the highlights,
24 and we'll break down the \$34.9 million increase, as
25 proposed, at the moment, by POST in its BCP. And think

1 about it as we walk through, about the nexus between
2 this and the 20 million the Governor wants explicitly
3 spent on such things as procedural justice.

4 The first chunk, there's 4.7 million, and it goes
5 to POST admin. 1.5 million for 11 new staff positions.
6 And then they -- they popped right up, 3.2 million for
7 IT.

8 So if at any point, anybody wants to ask questions
9 of John or Maria or Manny about more specifics, these
10 are the big -- big budget chunks of the \$34.9 million
11 increase. So there's the first one.

12 The second one. I think the next slide shows
13 exactly which staff positions are being funded: AGPAs,
14 Associate Government Program Analysts, and some IT guys;
15 law enforcement consultants; and staff service manager;
16 and I think you have a office tech. There you go.

17 Then the next page -- the next two pages are of
18 probably the most interest of folks. Here's your
19 5.7 million for new training. Specifically, breaking
20 down the 5.7 million, a million-5 to update curriculum,
21 legacy courses, Command College, executive development,
22 SLI, IDI. And then also, here's where there is an
23 explicit nexus to de-escalation and also some of this
24 money would be used for scenarios for force option
25 simulators, if I recall correctly.

1 So in that case, that 1.5 would have a direct nexus
2 to the kind of verbiage that you are hearing from the
3 Governor and from the Legislature.

4 Then you got a million dollars to restore the
5 Quality Assurance Program, to audit courses; a million
6 dollars to restore the IDI, which was suspended last
7 year? Two years ago? You know? That also makes
8 explicit reference to CIT and de-escalation and
9 procedural justice. And then another \$500,000 for the
10 block SLI. That will address -- I believe POST has a
11 backlog, about a year backlog, something like that;
12 would increase annual presentations from 15 to 20. And
13 then the remaining 1.7 million would be used for online
14 classroom-based training. And that also makes explicit
15 reference to procedural justice, de-escalation, and so
16 forth.

17 The next slide shows the lion's share of the
18 \$34 million increase, and that's training and local
19 assistance. \$7.5 million to increase reimbursements for
20 Basic Academy, from 50 to 75 hours up to 800 hours, I
21 believe.

22 And once again, this particular amount does make
23 explicit reference to creating flexibility for more
24 crisis intervention training, de-escalation, procedural
25 justice.

1 Then the \$7 million to reinstate local
2 reimbursement plans. And, also, correct me if I'm
3 wrong, to develop two new plans for reimbursement, per
4 the executive director's authority, for regional
5 training plans.

6 And the last piece of the \$24.5 million is to
7 increase EVOC reimbursements from 1,000 to 2K. I
8 believe the academy would have to increase the EVOC
9 hours to qualify for that.

10 So that, in a nutshell, is how you get to your
11 34.9, which really comes out to about a 32.2 net
12 increase, because POST did lose a little bit of State
13 Penalty Fund.

14 And just because we do this at every Finance
15 meeting -- do you want to throw that little, fun chart
16 up there that shows the plummeting State Penalty Fund?
17 The freefall continues. So the fact that the
18 administration and the new Governor opted to give POST
19 \$34.9 million in General Fund money is quite a tribute.
20 There's your plummeting -- continuing to plummet --
21 State Penalty Fund. And there it goes.

22 Now, the \$34.9 million in General Fund money that
23 is up now for the kind of expenditures we just went
24 over, generally, unless you have a financial crisis or a
25 problem, that money would stick in the budget. That --

1 that -- the amount.

2 The specific uses of that money would -- is
3 certainly going to be before the Legislature, and there
4 will be a lot of a discussion about, should we spend it
5 this way? Should we spend it another way? What kind of
6 nexus should be drawn?

7 POST, our friends here, are going to have a lot of
8 pressure for most quarters, for more spending on X, Y,
9 and Z. But it's very early in the process. The Budget
10 Subcommittee hearings will begin in earnest in March.
11 You can all -- we can all expect quite a few questions
12 from individual members about, again, the nexus to
13 procedural justice and de-escalation, which is a big
14 deal with the administration and clearly with the
15 Legislature.

16 So that's what we have moving forward.

17 MEMBER BUI: Chair? I don't have this slide. Is
18 this from the last Commission meeting?

19 CHAIRPERSON LONG: This one?

20 MEMBER BUI: Yeah. Because I can't -- I can't see
21 that.

22 CHAIRPERSON LONG: Yeah. We had a similar one. I
23 don't think it had 18/19 in it at the time. Or did it?
24 I don't recall.

25 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ALVAREZ: Sorry. It was

1 presented. I can't remember if it was on the agenda.
2 The numbers have changed a little bit in terms of the
3 projections for 2018/19, because they are still not
4 complete. And there's some additional monies that came
5 into the fund, which changed the numbers a little bit.
6 So we presented it, I think, at the last Commission
7 meeting.

8 CHAIRPERSON LONG: It's been kind of a --

9 MEMBER BUI: It looks familiar from the last
10 meeting.

11 CHAIRPERSON LONG: Yeah. It's been kind of like a
12 10 percent boom, boom, boom every year. And it doesn't
13 show a lot of -- not much hope there that that's going
14 to go back up.

15 So I think what we're looking forward to is the
16 amount of money, unless the bottom falls out of the
17 budget. Probably one warning note, for example, the
18 revenues -- projected revenues, were down almost
19 \$2 billion -- \$2 billion in February statewide. Most
20 people think that's due to the -- the Trump tax cut and
21 the effect that -- on the state and local tax, and your
22 ability to claim that is reduced incentive for people
23 to -- to file quickly, so that that money will probably
24 be recouped in April and May.

25 But that's the type of issue that could lead to

1 this type of augmentation being reduced. I think more
2 likely will be the discussion about the specific
3 appropriations from within that \$34 million.

4 So that, in a nutshell, is the big budget news for
5 POST.

6 Any questions from colleagues or comments from
7 Manny or Maria?

8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ALVAREZ: Can you give a little
9 bit of detail on some of the things why -- why did we
10 propose them the way we did? Do you want to -- okay.

11 Why don't we address, Maria -- and you can take
12 them and I will take them. Well, you take half, I'll
13 take half. How's that?

14 How about the RVC, why we upped the hours; EVOC,
15 why; and then SLI, what we're trying to do.

16 And I can address QAP backfill and the regional
17 reimbursements. We'll split it up.

18 MS. SANDOVAL: Okay. One of the things that is a
19 mistake in the BCP, that we needed to change around with
20 Department of Finance, is that they lumped in Academy
21 EVOC into local reimbursements, and it doesn't belong
22 there; it belongs over in training contracts. And
23 Academy EVOC went from \$1,000 per student reimbursed up
24 to \$2,000, because we need to have more time behind the
25 wheel-type training, versus -- I mean, you have these

1 individuals who are coming in; they haven't had their
2 driver's license since they were 21 years old
3 (verbatim), instead of 16, when we were going through.
4 So we want to get them more time behind the wheel, and
5 it's a lot of money to send somebody through.

6 So we thought, if we could increase that, they
7 would assist the agencies as well as the academies, as
8 far as the Academy EVOC. So that's going to go to the
9 training contracts portion of that. That is not in
10 local reimbursements.

11 Local reimbursements, we're bumping up the academy
12 from \$50 per day up to \$75 per day, to help out with the
13 locals. In addition to that, we've gone from, I think
14 it was, 664 hours. We've -- now, it's stayed that way
15 for the last 20 years approximately. We're taking that
16 up to 800 hours, which is going to help out with smaller
17 agencies as well, funding them through the academy,
18 which I think is huge for them. So that's going to be a
19 \$7.5 million hit to our budget, which I think is
20 necessary, and I think it's long overdue.

21 So that's -- those are the two main areas, as far
22 as the academy goes.

23 We are also bringing back AICC in a limited
24 capacity for \$200,000 which is what we used to spend
25 about a year and a half ago, which I think is mandatory

1 also. And limited IDI for \$800,000.

2 We're bumping up SLI. We want to bump it up to 20
3 classes per year, because there's such a backlog of
4 students. We don't know if that's doable or not. But
5 we're going to try to get to 20, to try and just augment
6 that, because we are now including dispatchers as well.
7 So we think that's something that's going to go a long
8 way for our people.

9 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ALVAREZ: Okay. And QAP, I
10 believe there's a million dollars for that. I believe,
11 Commissioner Bui, you have spoken about QAP a number of
12 times at Commission meetings. So thank you for raising
13 that as an issue.

14 We are scheduled to have a series of meetings
15 inside of POST as to how we're going to do that and
16 whether it's going to be a different -- you know, a
17 tiered approach or a multipronged approach in terms of
18 how we do quality assurance. If there's a problem, if
19 we want to -- if there's administrative issues that we
20 need to look at, or if we want to see the quality of the
21 instruction or if we want to try to get some third party
22 validation to what we are trying to present. So we're
23 piecing that together now.

24 Some of the smaller departments, medium-sized
25 departments, are in -- are rural departments; have

1 voiced their opinions about backfill and backfill going
2 away three years ago, so we asked that that be
3 reinstated, and we're hoping to -- at least the mandates
4 or the perishable skills training, that there will be a
5 backfill option. And then we also built in the regional
6 reimbursement models -- or regional reimbursements, so
7 that we can try to regionalize training, so we carved a
8 out a piece of the BCP for that.

9 I believe that also is an issue that was raised by
10 one of the commissioners -- I think by Commissioner
11 Braziel -- about a year and a half ago, to try to
12 regionalize training to maximize training and to try to
13 reduce some of our costs, so that's built into this
14 budget.

15 We're still presenting, you will see tomorrow, some
16 reimbursement models and reimbursement plans to -- to
17 get there administratively for us, that we're going to
18 need approval from. But that's -- that's the crux of
19 the BCP.

20 I also want to just hit on the important --
21 importance of staff. So we're down -- we're at 118
22 staff members. As we've pointed out in the BCP, in the
23 heyday of POST, we were at about 134 staff members. I
24 think the BCP goes back 20 years and says 131.

25 As I've been saying, it does not -- back in the

1 day, when we had 134 staff members, we didn't have EDI;
2 we didn't have a learning portal; yet we had more staff.
3 Just to give you an idea, for EDI we probably have
4 10-plus staff -- or close to 5 to 10 -- 8 to 10 staff
5 members that just work on EDI issues full-time. The
6 learning portal has another 10, 11 people, that are just
7 assigned to learning portal.

8 So we're doing more with less, to use the old
9 cliché. So we're appreciative of the fact that we can
10 use some additional bodies to further these programs and
11 try to build on the de-escalation and mental health
12 topics that they are asking us to do. So that was a big
13 win for us, to get some increased staff.

14 Those are my comments, Commissioner --

15 MS. SANDOVAL: I have one more --

16 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ALVAREZ: -- Committee Chair --

17 I'm sorry.

18 MS. SANDOVAL: Commissioner Long mentioned about
19 the force option simulator scenarios. Those haven't
20 been updated in quite some time, and we set aside
21 approximately \$500,000 to do four per year, so that when
22 an officer walks into a force option simulator, dealing
23 with de-escalation, mentally ill decision making
24 processes, they will do it every -- a brand new scenario
25 every year, versus going to the same one, without any

1 kind of changes or any differences.

2 So it will be a branching technique. So in case --
3 you make this decision, it's going to go this way. You
4 make this decision, it's going to go a different way.
5 And I think it's going to be good for officers in
6 dealing with individuals, mentally ill, dealing with
7 different weapons, those types of things.

8 So the \$500,000 will be for four scenarios,
9 ongoing, per year.

10 CHAIRPERSON LONG: Any comments on any of those
11 presentations?

12 (No response)

13 CHAIRPERSON LONG: I think it's important to note
14 that -- I mean, the state is flush. There's no question
15 about that right now. But this is a 60 percent bump in
16 the base budget, and that's amazing. You just don't see
17 60 percent increases in base budgets.

18 So I think, regardless of how it all plays out, a
19 60 percent bump in your base budget can only be
20 interpreted as a -- as a certain amount -- a great deal
21 of faith in the direction and in the management of POST
22 at the moment.

23 And I think that the issue of trying to draw that
24 nexus between -- that the Governor's mentioned and the
25 budget verbiage mentions about making sure that 20

1 million of that 34.9 is used for de-escalation and CTI
2 and so forth. Is -- it's -- the onus is on us, the onus
3 is on POST right now. I think that the best analogy is,
4 you know, our best defense right now is probably a good
5 offense, and this is the time where I think POST will be
6 working on that BCP, working with the Legislature and
7 budget subcommittees to make this proposal, you know, as
8 impressive as possible. That's the challenge.

9 Manny is like -- I told him, like a quarterback who
10 threw 25 touchdowns last year, and, as a result, he's
11 got a pile of money, and now we expect him to throw 30.
12 And so no pressure at all. But we better see 30
13 touchdown passes.

14 And that's the essence of the budget for 19/20.

15 MEMBER BUI: Can you go to the table, the POST
16 budget breakdown? It's a blue table with the Governor's
17 budget allocation at the top.

18 Maria, this is the one that I hit you guys up on,
19 at the bottom there --

20 MS. SANDOVAL: Right.

21 MEMBER BUI: -- under training, where it goes from
22 25 million to 22.

23 Is this -- is this where the money for the drivers'
24 training was -- switched from one bucket to another?

25 MS. SANDOVAL: No.

1 MEMBER BUI: Okay.

2 MS. SANDOVAL: No.

3 So we can get to that slide. I will have John walk
4 you through that.

5 MR. TOMASELLO: Yeah. Definitely. I will pass
6 that --

7 MS. SANDOVAL: So you can see that.

8 MR. TOMASELLO: -- to follow through, yeah.

9 CHAIRPERSON LONG: Are you looking for this -- this
10 one?

11 MEMBER BUI: No. It's a different one.

12 MS. SANDOVAL: It's the one that we had taken out,
13 slide number 2.

14 That's slide 6, Heidi, of John's.

15 CHAIRPERSON LONG: It's named after you, John.

16 MR. TOMASELLO: Yes. It is definitely named after
17 me. It should be the next slide. That one right there.

18 MEMBER BUI: And we can't make that any bigger?
19 Okay.

20 MR. TOMASELLO: I apologize for the poor
21 visibility.

22 MEMBER BUI: That's okay. We have it here.

23 MR. TOMASELLO: So what we did is, we broke down --
24 of that 34.9, we did a breakdown, down below, where we
25 allocated it into its specific checkpoints of -- at,

1 like, per its disbursement, I guess you would say.

2 So, like, an instance for standards, you have a
3 disbursement of that 34.9 allocated to that. That was
4 about three -- 3,079,000. And then you go down below
5 into training, and then you have an allocation in there
6 from the 34.9 million that is set forth into that
7 bucket.

8 MEMBER BUI: Okay. This -- I think that --

9 MR. TOMASELLO: Oh, there you go.

10 MEMBER BUI: Okay. Your slide is updated.

11 This is the one where you said -- okay. It was
12 updated from 22 to 28 million. Okay. This makes better
13 sense.

14 MR. TOMASELLO: Yeah. Well, what was a small
15 oversight there on our end was, we weren't factoring in
16 that -- the local assistance that was a portion of that,
17 which -- which took it to the 28 --

18 MEMBER BUI: Okay.

19 MR. TOMASELLO: 28 million.

20 So once we saw that, we wanted to correct that
21 and -- so you could see a better -- get a better
22 visibility of what to actually expect.

23 So as you go down, you see local assistance.
24 There's a large amount within local assistance, which
25 speaks to what Maria was saying earlier, and

1 it's getting -- it's getting the officers to the -- to
2 the training, right? So there's a huge emphasis and a
3 big push on that end, financially, to support that.

4 And then, of course, administration. So that's the
5 personnels that -- that both the team here we're --
6 we're speaking about, as far as getting the needed
7 personnel or bodies, you would say, to support this
8 change in the -- in the right direction. So that took a
9 \$1.5 million increase out of that 34.9 budget.

10 So -- and then at the bottom, there's a comparison
11 from current year to the future year. So the current
12 year is that 25 million one-time allotment and then
13 45,000 for hate crimes allotment for -- just for '18.

14 And then on the future year, the 34.9, that's
15 just -- that's just confirming out of that -- of that --
16 those areas, that's how that 34.9 million is diversified
17 between those spots. So...

18 MEMBER BUI: Okay.

19 MR. TOMASELLO: All right?

20 MEMBER BUI: Thank you.

21 CHAIRPERSON LONG: And while you have the slide up,
22 could you -- Heidi, can you roll that up, so we can see
23 that verbiage right under that budget, includes 34.9
24 million. Can you roll that up so we can just read that
25 quote?

1 That's what I've been talking about here, if you
2 take a look at that first paragraph. And that -- that
3 is going to be the real challenge, I think, in the
4 months ahead. I think you guys would agree that this is
5 the verbiage that's being floated around quite a bit.
6 But tying that 20 million of the 34.9, you can see right
7 there. And -- but acknowledging that 14.9 million would
8 restore POST. So those are the -- that's what we'll be
9 working on in the months ahead.

10 Any other comments or questions about the proposed
11 budget?

12 It is early.

13 If not, John, would you like to talk a little bit
14 about Item Number 4, the Report on Budget
15 Expenditures --

16 MR. TOMASELLO: Yeah.

17 CHAIRPERSON LONG: -- and Remaining Balances?

18 This -- this is a very -- it's a snapshot in time.
19 It shows, you know, how much money has been expended and
20 how much money will -- is yet to be expended, and what
21 the totals are. And as long as they add, we're fine.

22 MR. TOMASELLO: And we know how to add at POST.

23 (Laughter)

24 CHAIRPERSON LONG: Can you put up that slide,
25 Heidi? Number 4. The Report on Budget Expenditures and

1 Remaining Balances.

2 MR. TOMASELLO: It should be the next -- I believe
3 the next slide.

4 There we go.

5 So while that's warming up, what we have in there
6 is the current year to date, based off of July 1 through
7 January 17th, 2019. And what we're showing is our admin
8 and standard support, training support. And then we
9 have our Museum of Tolerance contract along with local
10 assistance and reimbursements.

11 So as far as everything is concerned, when you
12 start off looking at this -- at this chart, you have --
13 the admin expenditures are where they need to be, as far
14 as year to date is concerned. Six months into the year.
15 We're -- we're six months disbursed or expended --
16 expended. So we're on track to meet that -- that
17 expectation.

18 As you trail on down, you go into training
19 contracts. It's a little -- it paints a different
20 picture. That picture is a little -- it's a little
21 blurry because that's the part that we're -- we're still
22 working on as -- as an agency, is getting that -- that
23 transition between agency to POST and POST to the
24 agency, as far as when the training is done, getting
25 that -- that piece back to POST for us to process in

1 order to track and record.

2 So that -- that may -- that is technically what we
3 reflect as far as once it's expended. So it doesn't
4 necessarily mean that that's all that's been done with
5 POST. We're --

6 MEMBER GARDNER: (Inaudible)

7 MR. TOMASELLO: Sorry?

8 MEMBER GARDNER: This has been reported to you?

9 MR. TOMASELLO: Yeah. This is what's been reported
10 to us and what we're able to document and reconcile.

11 So as -- as, like, January and February have
12 continued on, we start to see an influx in training
13 that's being expended. But it's from July, August,
14 September. So those -- that's kind of supporting what
15 we're -- what we're telling -- telling you all right
16 now, is that it's -- it's just a transition point from
17 when we -- when the training is completed versus when we
18 actually receive the statements and the invoices for
19 the -- for the training to process.

20 So moving on down the line, you got Museum of
21 Tolerance; we highlighted that. It seems to be --
22 again, reflects somewhat similar to the standard
23 training contracts, but it's a little more relevant. It
24 seems like that one's getting reflected a little bit
25 better.

1 Local assistance and training reimbursement.
2 That's another interesting topic because, as of '18, we
3 reflect 49,000, but that's because we're -- we're
4 putting a lot of emphasis on using the old -- old money
5 from the old -- to pay off old years. So we have '15
6 financial year, '16 and '17 financial year that we're
7 catching back -- getting those backlogs cleared out in
8 order to support the -- to catch up to the New Year.

9 So with that said, along those lines -- just bear
10 with me one minute.

11 So just -- our year to date, for now, we're at
12 23,220 travel reimbursements entered. And then out of
13 that, that's -- that's estimating an \$8,051,273 that we
14 have processed and is on -- is being finalized through
15 SCO to -- for full payment. So that's what we've been
16 doing behind the scenes. It doesn't reflect here
17 because we're focusing on those prior years, getting
18 those prior years filed and rectified before we get to
19 the new year.

20 So just wanted to share that.

21 MS. SANDOVAL: So I think what he's saying is that
22 we guarantee we're going to spend that money.

23 MR. TOMASELLO: It will happen, yes.

24 MS. SANDOVAL: We will spend every last penny of
25 it.

1 MR. TOMASELLO: It doesn't look like it, but we are
2 doing -- we did a lot with that. So I think that's it.

3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ALVAREZ: May I add something,
4 John, if I may also?

5 MR. TOMASELLO: Sure.

6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ALVAREZ: The TRRs. So we -- as
7 John said, we're using old money to pay old bills. We
8 have paid off all of our 16/17 local assistance. We
9 completed that recently. We shot for having that done
10 by December 31. We missed the target by a little bit,
11 but I believe we now have all of that paid.

12 We're now working on 17/18. We hope that we can
13 get that done in the next -- reasonably in the next six
14 months or so. And then we have an automation project
15 that you all know, that hopefully will simplify all of
16 this for the future. But we are making some significant
17 headways. And as John said, we've pushed out \$8
18 million --

19 MR. TOMASELLO: Yes.

20 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ALVAREZ: -- of money in the
21 first 45 days of this -- of this calendar year already,
22 on old money. So we can continue to push it out, but
23 it's taking us a little bit of time.

24 CHAIRPERSON LONG: And, again, kudos to the staff,
25 because you don't get a 60 percent bump in your base

1 budget, a few years ago, when Finance was really -- I
2 think it's safe to say, was kind of tearing their hair
3 out, because Manny used to describe boxes and boxes of
4 reimbursements out there, and no way to track it and no
5 way to know what was going out. The locals were going
6 nuts.

7 You don't get a 60 percent bump in your base budget
8 if the locals in the field aren't supportive of you --
9 you know, their reimbursement process and so forth. So
10 it's -- it's an impressive feat.

11 Anything else on that issue?

12 (No response)

13 CHAIRPERSON LONG: Then we go to our final item,
14 which is a Report on the Request to Renew Contracts.
15 There's 14 contracts based on the proposed budget. They
16 will need to be approved by the full Commission tomorrow
17 before the subcommittee -- as long as the subcommittee
18 is comfortable making a recommendation to the full
19 committee to renew these contracts.

20 I don't know if folks have looked at them or had an
21 opportunity -- or if anybody wants Maria to walk through
22 the contracts or we can decide, as a subcommittee, to
23 report an affirmative action to the full Commission.

24 What's the will of the committee?

25 MEMBER GARDNER: I don't have a problem with moving

1 it to the full Commission.

2 The only issue I have is, I'm concerned as to
3 whether I should abstain or remove myself from this
4 discussion, since one of them -- one of the contracts is
5 directly related to my organization. Most of these are
6 general contracts to law enforcement; one of them is
7 directly to the Department of Justice.

8 MS. SANDOVAL: That's just the training provided to
9 agencies through your organization. I don't think
10 there's really any issue with you -- yeah, it's just --

11 MEMBER GARDNER: -- benefiting financially from --

12 MS. SANDOVAL: No. You would be fine with that,
13 unless you want to.

14 MEMBER GARDNER: I may.

15 CHAIRPERSON LONG: Any questions about the contract
16 or any -- Lai Lai or Batine, anybody want Maria to walk
17 them through any of the specific contracts?

18 MEMBER BUI: I'm good.

19 CHAIRPERSON LONG: In which case, we look for a
20 motion to recommend to the full committee tomorrow that
21 Finance Sub is in approval of these contracts.

22 MEMBER BUI: Bui will make that motion.

23 MEMBER GARDNER: Second.

24 CHAIRPERSON LONG: Without objection?

25 (No response)

1 CHAIRPERSON LONG: So approved.

2 Old Business or New Business. I'm unaware of
3 neither (verbatim).

4 Anyone?

5 (No response)

6 CHAIRPERSON LONG: Anyone in the audience would
7 like to comment or ask any questions regarding the
8 issues before the Finance Subcommittee today?

9 (No response)

10 CHAIRPERSON LONG: If not, we'll be adjourned.

11 Thank you.

12 (Proceedings concluded at 1:38 p.m.)

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