

**ORANGE COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
LAMOREAUX JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER
COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM – 2nd FLOOR
341 The City Drive, Orange, CA 92868
Wednesday December 06, 2023
9:00 a.m.**

AGENDA

- 1) CALL TO ORDER**
- 2) ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**
- 3) CORRESPONDENCE**
- 4) REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES/WORKING GROUPS**
- 5) REPORTS FROM LIAISON ACTIVITIES & WEBINARS**
- 6) MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 7) COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**
- 8) CLOSED SESSION**
- 9) ADJOURNMENT**

**MINUTES OF ORANGE COUNTY
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The regular meeting of the Orange County Juvenile Justice Commission was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Perring. The meeting was held at the Betty Lou Lamoreaux Juvenile Justice Center, 341 The City Drive, Orange, California, in the second floor Commission Conference Room.

COMMISSIONERS

PRESENT: Denise Churchill
Marcy Garfias
Judy Johnson
Silvestre Lopez (WebEx)
Connie Marshall
Wyatt McClean
Lynda Perring, Chair
Mary Lou Vachet (WebEx)
Steve Winder
Dolores Yost, Vice Chair

COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT: Madelyn Rodriguez

STAFF: Lii Toelupe, Executive Administrative Assistant
Taeona Beechum, Legal Processing Specialist

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The November 15, 2023, minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

CORRESPONDENCE

The correspondence was reviewed.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS

A. Education

Commissioner Vachet gave a brief update. The education committee will continue to meet with Vern Burton, Assistant Superintendent, Access Schools, DOE Institutional Schools and administration.

B. JJC/Probation Book Club

Commissioner Lopez gave a brief update. The book club participants are currently reading, "A Street Cat Named Bob," by James Bowen. They plan to watch the film after finishing the book. The group continues to provide a comfortable space for everyone to share and give positive feedback.

C. JJC Working Group re: substance abuse and mental health programs/services

Commissioner Johnson reported the JJC working group is scheduled to meet on December 13, 2023, to discuss information received from Alicia Lemire, Program Manager, HCA Children & Youth Behavioral Health.

REPORTS FROM LIAISON ACTIVITIES & WEBINARS

Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) “Youth Action Justice Webinar Series”

Commissioner Vachet gave a brief overview of the OYCR “Youth Action Justice Webinar Series” held on November 16, 2023. Executive Administration Assistant (EAA) will forward the link of OYCR webinars.

Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) Prevention and Awareness Subcommittee

Commissioner Vachet gave a brief report on the CSEC Prevention and Awareness meeting held on November 19, 2023. CSECs goal is to continue providing safety and security to youth.

The Science of Attachment Relationships and their Impact on Transitions: A Child-Centered Approach to Child Protection Webinar

Commissioner Marshall gave an overview of the Child-Centered Approach to Child Protection Webinar held on November 9, 2023. The webinar discussed child attachment and the effect it can have on a child’s transition from one location to another. A goal is to better plan and coordinate transitions into new homes.

Fentanyl Town Forum

Commissioner Johnson attended the Fentanyl Town Forum held on November 29, 2023. She reported they discussed the need for more substance abuse treatment programs and sobriety support.

Child Abuse Services Team (CAST) Policy Board Meeting

Commissioner Johnson gave a brief update of the CAST Policy Board meeting held on November 30, 2023. She reported CSEC youth receive examinations when being assessed at CAST.

Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) Webinar “High Quality Education of Incarcerated Youth”

Commissioner Winder gave an overview of the OYCR webinar held on December 4, 2023. A topic of discussion included financial aid for academic, technical careers and community college support for foster and incarcerated youth.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/WEBINARS/INSPECTIONS

Commissioner Johnson plans to attend the Child Welfare Council Youth Justice Committee on December 6, 2023.

Commissioners Churchill and Winder are planning to attend the Orangewood Children’s Holiday Open House on December 6, 2023.

Commissioners Johnson, Lopez, Perring, Rodriguez, and Yost are planning to attend the Project Youth OC Annual Event on December 6, 2023.

Commissioners Churchill and Perring plan to attend the Child Welfare System Improvement Partnership (CWSIP) meeting on December 7, 2023.

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Commissioners Marshall and Perring are planning to attend the Juvenile Recovery Court (JRC) graduation on December 7, 2023.

Commissioner Garfias is planning to attend the Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) meeting on December 11, 2023.

Commissioner Vachet plans to attend the Eliminating Racial Disparity Disproportionality (ERDD) Advisory Board meeting on December 13, 2023.

Commissioners Churchill, Johnson, Winder, and Yost are planning to attend the JJC Working Group re: substance abuse and mental health meeting on December 13, 2023.

Commissioners Vachet and Yost plan to attend the Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Prevention and Awareness meeting on December 14, 2023.

Commissioner Winder plans to attend the Continuum of Care Reform Steering Committee Coordination (CCR SOC) meeting on December 28, 2023.

Commissioners Vachet, Winder and Yost are planning to attend the Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Placement meeting on December 28, 2023.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

A. Youth Advocacy Letter

The commissioners discussed the Youth Advocacy letter received from Sonoma County. It was determined the commission will review the letter and address any topics of concern that may affect the youth of Orange County at the next JJC meeting on January 3, 2024.

B. Boundaries

Commissioner Perring addressed the group and a discussion ensued regarding boundaries. Commissioner Perring reviewed the roles and responsibilities of the commission.

CLOSED SESSION

The executive session was convened from 10:20 a.m. – 10:31 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

Lynda Perring

Lynda Perring, Chair