

**ORANGE COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION  
LAMOREAUX JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER  
COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM – 2<sup>nd</sup> FLOOR  
341 The City Drive, Orange, CA 92868  
Wednesday November 20, 2024  
9:01 a.m.**

**AGENDA**

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

**MINUTES OF ORANGE COUNTY  
JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION  
Wednesday November 20, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Orange County Juvenile Justice Commission was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Chair Johnson. 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 (Team)  
Judy Johnson, Chair  
Silvestre Lopez (Teams)  
Lynda Perring  
Connie Marshall  
Wyatt McClean  
Madelyn Rodriguez (Teams)  
Dorothy Stafford  
Mary Lou Vachet  
Steve Winder, Vice Chair  
Dolores Yost

**COMMISSIONERS**

**ABSENT:** Nicolas Moreno  
Ryan Rising

**STAFF:** Lii Toelupe, Executive Administrative Assistant  
Josue Rogel, Legal Processing Specialist

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**The November 6, 2024, minutes were approved by unanimous consent.**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The correspondence was reviewed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Orange County Youth Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Services**

Commissioner Johnson reported that Vera Sanctuary is the sole residential treatment center for SUD that exclusively serves girls. Currently, there is no residential treatment center for boys, but transfers to the Tarzana center is an option.

**B. Santa Clara DFCS 10 Day Temporary Placement**

Commissioner Churchill reviewed the Santa Clara DFCS 10 Day Temporary Placement letter and reported on its contents. It was decided that Churchill will follow up and gather information from Orangewood Children and Family Center regarding 10-day temporary placement to provide a response to Santa Clara's letter.

**REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS**

**A. Education**

Commissioner Johnson reported Orange County Department of Education (OCDE) Superintendent's goal is to focus on ACCESS schools. Additionally, 15 new teachers have been hired, and there are 4 positions currently available for hire. She also mentioned that the Youth Reporting Center (YRC) is scheduled to open soon. Commissioner Vachet reported that Vern Burton is a new high school teacher at OCFC. The school is also in the process of hiring an assistant principal. She mentioned that the monthly meetings with OCDE administrators have been productive.

**B. Non-Institutional Placements**

No updates to report.

**C. Law Enforcement Agency**

No updates to report.

**D. Legislation**

Commissioner Johnson reported that STRTPs are required to make SIRs public.

**E. Essay and Art Contest**

The details of the Essay and Art Contest were discussed with the Commission. The ceremony will be made available via zoom for the students in the institutions to watch and family members of the award winners as well.

**F. Annual Report**

Executive Administrative Assistant (EAA) reported that the annual report is ready for the final print.

**G. JJC/ Probation Book Club**

No updates to report.

**H. JJC Working Group re: substance use program/services**

Commissioner Johnson will collaborate with EAA to schedule a working group meeting to discuss the next steps.

**I. Away from Care**

No updates to report.

**REPORTS FROM LIAISON ACTIVITIES & WEBINARS**

**Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) Youth Justice Summit**

Commissioners Johnson and Vachet attended the OYCR Youth Justice Summit on November 5-6, 2024. Commissioner Johnson reported that the summit was a well-organized and well-attended two-day conference. She also mentioned that their focus is on improving the use of assessment tests to better identify and leverage the youth's strengths.

**Child Welfare System Improvement Partnership (CWSIP)**

Commissioners Churchill and Perring attended the CWSIP meeting on November 7, 2024. Commissioner Churchill reported it was a well-attended meeting and their focus is to set benchmarks and action items. Commissioner Perring is a member of the Family Finding group and Commissioner Churchill is a member of the Family Voice and Choice group.

**Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) Webinar**

Commissioner Perring attended the OYCR webinar on November 14, 2024. She reported that the webinar was mainly focused for attorneys.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS/WEBINARS/INSPECTIONS**

Commissioner Churchill is planning to attend the Foster Family Agency (FFA) Quarterly Forum meeting on November 20, 2024.

Commissioners Garfias and Johnson are planning to attend the Ward Death Review meeting on November 20, 2024.

Commissioners Johnson, Lopez, Marshall, McClean, Perring, Rodriguez, Stafford, Vachet, Winder, and Yost are planning to attend the Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC) Essay and Art Contest Ceremony on November 21, 2024.

Commissioners Johnson, Lopez, Vachet, and Winder are planning to attend the Essay and Art Contest Distribution of Certificates of Participation and Pizza/Cupcake Party on November 22, 2024.

Commissioners Churchill and Perring are planning to attend the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Orangewood Children and Family Center (OCFC) on November 22, 2024.

Commissioners Garfias, Johnson, Marshall, and Rodriguez are planning to attend the Child Fatality Review meeting on December 4, 2024.

Commissioner Churchill is planning to attend the Child Welfare System Improvement Partnership (CWSIP) meeting on December 5, 2024.

Commissioners Churchill, Johnson, Marshall, Stafford, Winder, and Vachet are planning to attend the Orangewood Children and Family Center Open House on December 5, 2024.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

The Commission reviewed the dates for the JJC meetings in December.

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**CLOSED SESSION**

The executive session was convened from 10:39. – 10:47 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

*Judy Johnson*

Judy Johnson, Chair