

**ORANGE COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
LAMOREAUX JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER
COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM – 2nd FLOOR
341 The City Drive, Orange, CA 92868
Wednesday April 1, 2026
9:02 a.m.**

AGENDA

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

**MINUTES OF ORANGE COUNTY
JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
Wednesday April 1, 2026**

The regular meeting of the Orange County Juvenile Justice Commission was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Commissioner Winder. 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, Vice Chair
Marcy Garfias
Judy Johnson
Silvestre Lopez (Teams)
Connie Marshall
Lynda Perring
Madelyn Rodriguez
Dorothy Stafford
Mary Lou Vachet
Steve Winder, Chair

COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT: Amy Crowley
Ryan Rising
Dolores Yost

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The March 18, 2026, revised minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS

A. Education

Commissioner Johnson reported that the subcommittee met with Dr. Maria Martinez-Poulin and Dr. Jacqueline Cardenas. She noted that the Orange County Department of Education (OCDE) hosted a "Meet and Greet" event for representatives from all 28 Orange County school districts. During the event, attendees toured the Youth Leadership Academy (YLA) and received information about programs and services available to youth. She also shared that the Public Defender's Office was given a tour of the MRC and its classrooms. Additionally, ACCESS will be shifting toward a more direct teaching model, moving away from packet-based learning. Their goal is to expand Career and Technical Education (CTE) offerings, including programs in culinary arts, digital media, drones, early education, and game design. Finally, she reported that there were no class closures.

B. Non-Institutional Placements

No updates to report.

C. Law Enforcement Agency

No updates to report.

D. Legislation

No updates to report.

E. Essay and Art Contest

Commissioner Vachet reported that the dates for the student art exhibition at Santiago Canyon College will be forthcoming. The hope is to have the juvenile detention youth display their artwork at the art exhibition.

F. Annual Report

Commissioner Johnson reported that the 2025 Annual Report will be completed soon and sent to the printers.

G. JJC/ Probation Book Club

Commissioner Winder shared that he attended the March 23, 2026, book club meeting which he mentioned was insightful.

H. Substance Use Treatment Programs/Services

No updates to report.

I. High Needs Youth (HNY)

Commissioner Churchill reported that information has been requested from the Orangewood Children and Family Center (OCFC) regarding incidents involving youth away from care. She also noted that the Presiding Judge of Juvenile Court, Judge Arthur, will discuss with the Executive Committee the data request from the HNY working group.

J. Educational/Vocational Programs and Services for Post-Graduate System-Involved Youth

Commissioner Marshall reported that a meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2026 following the JJC meeting..

K. Reentry of Probation Youth

No updates to report.

REPORTS FROM INSPECTIONS/REVIEWS

A. Law Enforcement Agency (LEA) Brea Police Department

Commissioners Lopez, Stafford and Vachet visited LEA Brea Police Department for a review on March 30, 2026. Commissioner Lopez reported that they were given a tour by Jailer Supervisor Joshua Honey, Detective Eastman and Sergeant Wildeman. They reported 51 minors in non-secure custody with one minor exceeding the six-hour time limit. Officers receive routine post training and briefings on new laws. He also mentioned that they have one School Resource Office (SRO), Explorers Program, and partnership with the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force to combat trafficking. Finally, he shared several community engagements that include National Night Out, National Reading Day, Drone Program and Shop with a Cop.

REPORTS FROM LIAISON ACTIVITIES & WEBINARS

Foster and Kinship Care Education (FKCE)

Commissioner Marshall attended the FKCE Training on March 18, 2026. She mentioned that topics of discussion included different paths to graduation, the appeal process, insurance and Individualized Education Program (IEP) which is for children (ages 3-21) with disabilities that provide tailored education and related services.

Juvenile Hall Youth Council Visit

Commissioners Crowley, Johnson, Vachet, and Winder attended the Juvenile Hall Youth Council visit on March 18, 2026. Commissioner Vachet described the visit as very informative and shared that each youth council member represents their unit and values their role in the council. Commissioner Winder commended the Probation Department for allowing the youth to lead discussions and decision-making. Commissioner Johnson reported that the youth expressed no complaints about the food, noting their understanding that detention facilities must follow specific guidelines.

Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) Webinar: What Stories Do the Data Really Tell? Implication for Youth Justice Practice

Commissioners Crowley, Johnson, Marshall, and Winder attended the OYCR webinar, *What Stories Do the Data Really Tell? Implications for Youth Justice Practice*, on March 23, 2026. Commissioner Marshall reported that the webinar was informative and provided detailed statistics, noting that although public perception suggests juvenile crime has increased, the data shows a decline over the years. Commissioner Winder shared that Chief Hernandez was also in attendance and discussed diversion programs in Orange County. He added that the goal is for as many law enforcement agencies as possible to utilize diversion programs before referring minors to juvenile detention facilities.

Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Steering Committee

Commissioner Vachet attended the CSEC Steering Committee meeting on March 26, 2026. She reported that the Becoming Me Conference will be held on April 16-17, 2026.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/WEBINARS/INSPECTIONS

Commissioners Churchill and Perring are planning to attend the Child Welfare System Improvement Partnership (CWSIP) meeting on April 2, 2026.

Commissioners Churchill and Perring are planning to attend the Blue Ribbon kick off on April 2, 2026.

Commissioner Vachet is planning to attend the Eliminating Racial Disparity Disproportionality (ERDD) meeting on April 8, 2026.

Commissioners Lopez, Marshall, Stafford, Winder and Yost are planning to visit Orangewood Children and Family Center (OCFC) for a review on April 8, 2026.

Commissioners Lopez, Marshall, Stafford, Vachet and Winder are planning to visit Fullerton Police Department for a review on April 10, 2026.

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Commissioners Churchill, Crowley and Winder are planning to attend the California Juvenile Justice Commissioner's Collaborative Monthly Meeting on April 13, 2026.

Commissioner Johnson, Lopez, Marshall, Rising, Stafford, Vachet and Winder are planning to attend the Education/Vocational Programs and Services for Post-Graduate System Involved Youth meeting on April 15, 2026.

Commissioners Churchill, Johnson and Winder are planning to attend the Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC) Executive Committee meeting on April 15, 2026.

Commissioner Johnson is planning to attend the CAST Policy Board meeting on April 15, 2026.

Commissioner Vachet is planning to attend the Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Becoming Me Conference on April 16-17, 2026.

Commissioner Johnson and Winder are planning to attend the Court Improvement Committee meeting on April 16, 2026.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Winder reported that the Office of Youth Community and Restoration (OYCR) is reaching out to all JJC Commissioners statewide to gather feedback in the form of a survey. He added that participation is voluntary and noted that he will seek approval from the Presiding Judge of Juvenile Court, Judge Arthur, for those Commissioners who wish to complete the survey.

CLOSED SESSION

The executive session was convened from 10:03 a.m. – 10:14 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

Steve Winder

Steve Winder, Chair