

**ORANGE COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
LAMOREAUX JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER
COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM – 2nd FLOOR
341 The City Drive, Orange, CA 92868
Wednesday April 15, 2026
9:00 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 15, 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
Amy Crowley
Marcy Garfias (Teams)
Judy Johnson
Silvestre Lopez (Teams)
Connie Marshall
Lynda Perring
Madelyn Rodriguez (Teams)
Dorothy Stafford
Mary Lou Vachet
Steve Winder, Chair
Dolores Yost

COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT: Ryan Rising

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The April 1, 2026, minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS

A. Education

Commissioner Johnson reported that a meeting with OCDE administrators will be scheduled for late May. She also noted that the Juvenile Hall Graduation is set for June 5, 2026.

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

No updates to report.

F. Annual Report

The 2025 Annual Report has been submitted to the County printing services, and the Executive Administrative Assistant (EAA) will follow up to check on its progress.

G. JJC/Probation Book Club

Commissioner Crowley thanked Commissioner Winder for attending the book club and shared that the youth enjoyed his visit.

H. Substance Use Treatment Programs/Services

Commissioner Crowley reported that Nancy Clark agreed to be a guest speaker for the JJC meeting on May 20, 2026, to discuss substance use disorder and reentry services for youth.

I. High Needs Youth (HNY)

Commissioner Churchill reported that the request for data will be discussed with the Presiding Judge of Juvenile Court, Judge Arthur, at today's Executive Committee meeting.

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

Commissioner Marshall reported that a meeting will be held today immediately following the JJC meeting.

K. Reentry of Probation Youth

Commissioner Crowley reported that the Office of Youth Restoration and Community (OYCR) will conduct a road tour on Less Restrictive Program (LRP). She suggested that the Commission attend the road tour to better understand how an LRP is a community-based, rehabilitative alternative to secure confinement. Commissioner Crowley volunteered to look into an LRP in Long Beach for a possible JJC visit.

REPORTS FROM INSPECTIONS/REVIEWS

A. New Alternatives SAF

Commissioner Garfias, Johnson, Stafford and Vachet visited New Alternatives SAF for a review on April 7, 2026. Commissioner Garfias reported that they conducted a walk-through of the facility, which was clean and furnished with new furniture. The program currently serves nine children between the ages of 8 and 12 years old. She noted that the children are allowed to decorate their own rooms. Staff receive training in areas including EpiPen use, NARCAN administration, physical restraint, and suicide prevention. Commissioner Johnson added that transportation is provided for one girl to travel weekly to San Bernardino to visit her mother. She also shared that another girl is preparing to return to live with her mother. No corrective action notice is needed.

B. Orangewood Children and Family Center (OCFC)

Commissioners Marshall, Stafford, Winder, and Yost visited OCFC for a review on April 8, 2026. Commissioner Stafford reported that they met with Brian Estrada and Maureen Mutch, who provided a tour of the facility. The current population is 63, with an average length of stay of 25 days. She noted that staff receive training in areas such as shadowing, emergency response, and de-escalation. Commissioner Stafford also shared that youth are offered programs including independent living skills, housekeeping, after-school activities, and access to a game room.

C. Law Enforcement Agency (LEA) Fullerton Police Department

Commissioners Lopez, Marshall, Stafford, Vachet, and Winder conducted an inspection of the LEA Fullerton Police Department on April 10, 2026. Commissioner Vachet reported that there were 176 minors in non-secure detention and none in secure detention. She also noted that the department has three School Resource Officers (SROs) assigned to high schools and one assigned to a middle school. Additionally, she highlighted several programs offered by the department, including the Explorers Program, Bike Rodeo, Gang Reduction Intervention Program (GRIP) and a soccer program. She finally mentioned they have one behavioral clinician who helps the youth and community when needed.

D. Rite of Passage (ROP) Livingston and Paragon

Commissioners Churchill, Winder, and Yost conducted a review of Rite of Passage Livingston and Paragon on April 14, 2026. ROP Livingston currently serves four boys between the ages of 13 and 17. A clinician is available Monday through Friday and remains on call for any incidents. The boys have access to their own cell phones as well as house phones. Activities available to them include attending car shows, visiting Nickel Nickel Arcade, and participating in tie-dying shirt activities. ROP Paragon currently serves six girls between the ages of 13 and 17. The girls receive an allowance and are also given the flexibility to request additional items as needed. Staff reported one vacant position, which is currently being covered through overtime when necessary. Communication with staff is conducted virtually as needed. It was also noted that there are currently no CSEC youth at the Short Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP). No corrective action notice is needed.

REPORTS FROM LIAISON ACTIVITIES & WEBINARS

Child Welfare System Improvement Partnership (CWSIP)

Commissioner Perring attended the CWSIP on April 2, 2026. She reported that the goal of sending surveys to caregivers was accomplished. She explained that the surveys are intended to gather feedback from caregivers on how to improve services provided to minors.

Blue Ribbon Kick-Off

Commissioner Perring attended the Blue Ribbon Kick-Off on April 2, 2026. She reported that Juliana Arnold, CEO of Parents Rise, was the guest speaker, highlighting the importance of parents' responsibility for their children's social media use.

Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Prevention and Awareness Subcommittee

Commissioner Vachet attended the CSEC Prevention and Awareness Subcommittee meeting on April 9, 2026. She reported that they accomplished their goal of distributing the CSEC form to all school districts and school administrators to help identify students at risk of trafficking.

California Juvenile Justice Commissioner's Collaborative (CJJCC)

Commissioners Churchill, Crowley, and Winder attended the CJJCC monthly meeting on April 13, 2026. Commissioner Crowley reported that topics of discussion included education enrollment during transitions to the community, the realignment plan, and the OYCR survey distributed to commissioners statewide. She also noted that the Youth Justice Summit will be held in October.

Cell Dogs Graduation

Commissioner Crowley attended the Cell Dogs Graduation on April 14, 2026. She reported that it was a great event with three dogs graduating. She highlighted that both the boys and the dogs performed well, with the dogs successfully completing their commands. She also noted that the boys were given the opportunity to share their experiences and reflections on what the program has done for them.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/WEBINARS/INSPECTIONS

Commissioners Johnson, Lopez, Marshall, Stafford, Vachet and Winder are planning to attend the Educational/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 Winder is planning to attend the Court Improvement Committee meeting on April 16, 2026.

Commissioners Churchill, Crowley, Johnson, Vachet and Winder are planning to visit Youth Guidance Center (YGC) for an inspection on April 21, 2026.

Commissioners Churchill and Winder are planning to attend the Continuum of Care Reform Coordination (CCR SOC) meeting on April 23, 2026.

Commissioners Vachet and Winder are planning to attend the Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Steering Placement Subcommittee meeting on April 23, 2026.

Commissioners Vachet and Winder are planning to attend the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) meeting on April 23, 2026.

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Commissioners Vachet and Winder are planning to attend the Office of Youth Community and Restoration (OYCR) Webinar on April 30, 2026.

Commissioner Churchill is planning to attend the Child Welfare System Improvement Partnership meeting (CWSIP) on May 7, 2026.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

No Commissioner comments to reports.

CLOSED SESSION

The executive session was convened from 11:01 a.m. – 11:13 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

Steve Winder

Steve Winder, Chair