

**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 August 19, 2026  
9:00 a.m.**

**AGENDA**

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

**MINUTES OF ORANGE COUNTY  
JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION  
Wednesday August 19, 2026**

The regular meeting of the Orange County Juvenile Justice Commission was called to order at 9:03 a.m. by Chair 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  
Anne Light  
Silvestre Lopez (Teams)  
Judy Johnson  
Connie Marshall  
Lynda Perring  
Madelyn Rodriguez (Teams)  
Briel Sayago  
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 August 05, 2026, revised minutes were approved by unanimous consent.**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence was reviewed.

**REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS**

**A. Education**

Commissioner Johnson reported that a meeting with ACCESS school administrators is scheduled for September 17, 2026. Commissioner Vachet informed the Commission that Dr. Maria Martinez-Poulin has accepted the position of Associate Superintendent and that Dr. Iglesia has been appointed Interim Principal of Juvenile Hall's RioContiguo.

**B. Non-Institutional Placements**

No updates to report.

**C. Law Enforcement Agency**

No updates to report.

**D. Legislation**

Commissioner Crowley shared that AB 1886 is being amended to include foster care youth and is currently awaiting approval.

**E. Essay and Art Contest**

Commissioner Vachet reported that this year's Essay and Art Contest will be held on October 22, 2026, followed by the unit party on October 23, 2026. The theme for this year's contest is called *Past, Present, Future*. A dinner will be held for the winners, who will also receive gift bags, along with the honorable mentions. Commissioner Lopez added that they are working with Bracken's Kitchen on a possible collaboration for the Essay and Art Contest. Finally, it was shared that artwork from this year and previous years will be displayed in an art exhibition at Santiago Canyon College.

**F. Annual Report**

No updates to report.

**G. JJC/ Probation Book Club**

Commissioner Crowley reported that the book club is currently reading *Once We Were Brothers*. She shared a recent meaningful activity in which the book club members exchanged bookmarks engraved with inspirational quotes followed by a brief explanation of why they selected that bookmark for another member of the club.

**H. Substance Use Treatment Programs/Services**

No updates to report.

**I. High Needs Youth**

Commissioner Churchill reported that a meeting will be scheduled to discuss the next steps for this committee.

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

Commissioner Marshall reported that a meeting will be scheduled to discuss the next steps.

**K. Reentry of Probation Youth**

Commissioner Crowley informed the Commission that a tour of the Juvenile Hall construction site may be scheduled for September 16, 2026, immediately following the JJC meeting.

**REPORTS FROM INSPECTIONS/REVIEWS**

**A. Vera's Sanctuary Visit**

Commissioners Marshall, Rodriguez, and Stafford conducted a visit of Vera's Sanctuary on August 17, 2026. Commissioner Stafford reported that there are currently 4 girls in the program, all from Orange County, ranging from ages 12-18 years old. ACCESS school teachers and tutors provide educational support to the girls, and two have been accepted to Sunburst Academy. Finally, she noted that the facility has a process in place that the girls can earn the opportunity to individual rooms.

- B. Law Enforcement Agency (LEA) Inspection – Huntington Beach Police Department**  
Commissioners Lopez, Marshall, and Vachet visited the Huntington Beach Police Department for an inspection on August 18, 2026. Commissioner Vachet reported that there was one youth in secure detention and one youth in non-secure detention. Commissioner Marshall reported that one School Resource Officer (SRO) is assigned to the school. Finally, they expressed concerns that some youth may be detained again following an early release.

## **REPORTS FROM LIAISON ACTIVITIES & WEBINARS**

### **Quality Parenting Initiative (QPI)**

Commissioner Yost attended the QPI meeting on July 16, 2026. She reported that the meeting focused on gaining a better understanding of Trust-Based Relational Intervention (TBRI) and trauma-informed practices within placements. The goal is to educate and provide best practices for anyone who interacts with youth. Finally, the group discussed practices that are effective, as well as those that may not be beneficial.

### **Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Steering Committee**

Commissioner Yost attended the CSEC Steering Committee meeting on July 23, 2026. She reported that Paul Chang, Anti-Human Trafficking Coordinator at the U.S. Department of Labor, was in attendance as a guest speaker. He gave a presentation on the U.S. Department of Labor's efforts to identify and track individuals involved in CSEC.

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

Commissioner Churchill and Perring attended the CWSIP meeting on August 6, 2026. Commissioner Churchill reported that their focus is on maintaining relationships and providing training to SSA staff, family members, and Orangewood staff. Commissioner Perring added that additional topics of discussion included principles of interaction and working with youth based on their developmental stage rather than their age.

### **Eliminating Racial Disparity Disproportionality (ERDD)**

Commissioner Vachet attended the ERDD meeting on August 12, 2026. She reported that the meeting was well attended, with more than 50 individuals representing various agencies. She also shared that Gary Taylor, Executive Coach Consultant, attended as a guest speaker and presented on the history, goals, and mission of ERDD. Gary Taylor has 40 years of experience in Child Welfare and Human Services and specializes in racial equity.

### **Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Prevention and Awareness**

Tabled to the next JJC meeting on September 2, 2026.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS/WEBINARS/INSPECTIONS**

Commissioner Johnson is planning to attend the Court Improvement Committee meeting on August 20, 2026.

Commissioner Perring is planning to attend the Juvenile Recovery Court (JRC) on August 20, 2026.

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Commissioners Crowley and Winder are planning to attend the Continuum of Care Reform Coordination (CCR SOC) Steering Committee meeting on August 27, 2026.

Commissioner Vachet is planning to attend the Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Steering Placement Subcommittee meeting on August 27, 2026.

Commissioners Johnson and Rodriguez are planning to attend the Child Fatality Review meeting on September 2, 2026.

Commissioners Churchill and Perring are planning to attend the Child Welfare Improvement System Partnership (CWISP) meeting on September 3, 2026.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

**A. Conferences Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) and Project Kinship**

The Commission discussed the details of both conferences, and the Executive Administrative Assistant (EAA) inquired as to which Commissioners were interested in attending.

**B. Meeting Re: Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP), Department of Education (DOE), Social Services Agency (SSA), and Probation**

Commissioner Winder reported that Raina Lee is working to organize a meeting with representatives from STRTPs, DOE, SSA, and Probation to discuss possible strategies for encouraging youth to attend school.

Commissioner Johnson briefly discussed the articles that she shared with the Commission pertaining to topics on food and security, e-bikes, and the Office of Independent Review (OIR).

**CLOSED SESSION**

The executive session was convened from 11:14 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

*Steve Winder*

Steve Winder, Chair