

**ORANGE COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
LAMOREAUX JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER
COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM – 2nd FLOOR
341 The City Drive, Orange, CA 92868
Wednesday August 20, 2025
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 20, 2025**

The regular meeting of the Orange County Juvenile Justice Commission was called to order at 9:00 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 (Teams)
Marcy Garfias (Teams)
Judy Johnson (Teams)
Joel Matson
Connie Marshall
Lynda Perring
Ryan Rising (Teams)
Madelyn Rodriguez
Dorothy Stafford
Mary Lou Vachet
Steve Winder, Vice Chair
Dolores Yost

COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT: Silvestre Lopez
Wyatt McClean

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The August 6 , 2025, minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was reviewed.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS

A. Education

No updates to report.

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 informed the Commission that the Essay and Art Contest is scheduled for Thursday, November 20, 2025. The unit celebration will take place Friday, November 21, 2025.

F. Annual Report

The Executive Administrative Assistant (EAA), Lii Toelupe, shared with the Commission the list of individuals to whom the 2024 Annual Report was distributed to.

G. JJC/ Probation Book Club

No updates to report.

H. Substance Use Treatment Programs/Services

Commissioner Johnson stated that Dawn Smith from the Health Care Agency (HCA) had forwarded an email reporting that the agency has been awarded a grant for residential substance use services.

I. Away from Care

The working group is scheduled to meet on September 11, 2025, with the Social Services Agency (SSA) and the Probation Department to discuss strategy development for away from care incidences.

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

Commissioner Vachet reported that the meeting focused on prison reform and the potential services the UCI LIFTED Program could offer to the juvenile system. Contact information for Educational Partnership was provided with the suggestion that they could serve as a valuable resource.

REPORTS FROM INSPECTIONS/REVIEWS

A. Rite of Passage (ROP) Johnson

Commissioners Churchill, Garfias and Perring visited ROP Johnson for a review on August 14, 2025. Commissioner Garfias reported that the facility currently accommodates four youth ranging in ages from 14 to 18 years. The average duration of stay is approximately nine months to one year. All staff members receive the required training. She further acknowledged staffing challenges; however, all necessary shifts are currently being filled. Lastly, Commissioner Garfias stated that there are no current incidences of away from care although such instances have occurred intermittently in the past. The house director explained that, to prevent any issues with medication, a photo of the minor is placed on the medicine bottles.

REPORTS FROM LIAISON ACTIVITIES & WEBINARS

Child Welfare System Improvement Plan (CWSIP)

Commissioners Churchill and Perring attended the CWSIP monthly meeting on August 7, 2025. Commissioner Churchill reported that topics of discussion included barriers to reunification, visitation, and the process of what an eight-hour a day visit entails for parents at a visitation center.

California Juvenile Justice Commissioner's Collaborative (CJJCC)

Commissioner Johnson attended the CJJCC monthly meeting on August 11, 2025. She reported that the Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) was in attendance and provided an overview of their responsibilities. Additionally, there was discussion about the importance of all Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC's) in California communicating and sharing information with each other.

Eliminating Racial Disparity Disproportionally (ERDD)

Commissioners Perring and Vachet attended the ERDD meeting on August 13, 2025. Commissioner Perring reported that the meeting focused on expanding the ERDD program into the community and included a discussion on whether the program should serve youth of all backgrounds or be specifically tailored for African American youth.

Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Prevention and Awareness Subcommittee

Commissioner Vachet attend the CSEC Prevention and Awareness Subcommittee meeting on August 14, 2025. She reported that the focus remains on developing a protocol for educators on how to identify and support CSEC youth.

Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) Webinar

Commissioners Johnson and Vachet attended the OYCR webinar on August 19, 2025. Commissioner Johnson reported that topics of discussion included the youth's voice report, resources available to families, and rehabilitation services for youth. She also highlighted that the webinar encouraged the utilization of empowering language when working with youth.

Foster Family Agency (FFA) Forum

Commissioners Churchill, Vachet and Winder attended the FFA Forum on August 19, 2025. The main topic of discussion was concern over rising insurance rates and the potential impact they may have on foster homes. It was also shared that the county is developing a protocol for families interested in becoming county-approved homes if they can maintain requirements.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/WEBINARS/INSPECTIONS

Commissioner Johnson is planning to attend the CAST Policy Board meeting on August 20, 2025.

Commissioners Johnson and Perring are planning to attend the Court Improvement Committee Dependency meeting on August 21, 2025.

Commissioners Rodriguez and Winder are planning to visit Vera's Sanctuary for a walk thru on August 21, 2025.

Commissioner Vachet is planning to attend the Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) HT Protocol meeting on August 25, 2025.

Commissioners Johnson, Stafford, Vachet and Winder are planning to attend the Subcommittee meeting with Santiago Canyon College on August 27, 2025.

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Commissioner Winder is planning to attend the Continuum of Care Reform Coordination (CCR SOC) Committee meeting on August 28, 2025.

Commissioners Matson, Vachet and Winder are planning to attend the Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Steering Placement Subcommittee meeting on August 28, 2025.

Commissioners Garfias, Marshall, Matson and Rodriguez are planning to attend the Child Fatality Review meeting on September 3, 2025.

Commissioner Perring is planning to attend the Child Welfare System Improvement Partnership (CWSIP) meeting on September 4, 2025.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

The Executive Administrative Assistant (EAA) distributed a list of potential guest speakers. The Commission discussed and suggested speakers for the remainder of the calendar year.

CLOSED SESSION

The Commission did not convene in closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Judy Johnson

Judy Johnson, Chair