

**ORANGE COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
LAMOREAUX JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER
COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM – 2nd FLOOR
341 The City Drive, Orange, CA 92868
Wednesday January 21, 2026
9:00 a.m.**

AGENDA

- 1) CALL TO ORDER**
- 2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- 3) CORRESPONDENCE**
- 4) OLD 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 January 21, 2026**

The regular meeting of the Orange County Juvenile Justice Commission was called to order at 9:01 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
Judy Johnson
Silvestre Lopez (Teams)
Lynda Perring
Ryan Rising (Teams)
Madelyn Rodriguez
Dorothy Stafford
Mary Lou Vachet (Teams)
Steve Winder, Chair
Dolores Yost

COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT: Marcy Garfias
Connie Marshall

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The January 7, 2026, minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was reviewed.

OLD BUSINESS

A. 2026 ByLaws, Policies and Procedures Approval

The Commission reviewed, revised, and unanimously approved the changes to the 2026 ByLaws and Policies and Procedures. Executive Administrative Assistant (EAA) will submit changes to Juvenile Presiding Judge, Judge Arthur, for final approval.

B. 2026 Action Plan Approval

The Commission reviewed, revised and unanimously approved the 2026 Action Plan.

C. Liaison Activities/Standing Committees/Working Group Approval

The Commissioners reviewed and selected the Liaison Activities, Standing Committees, and Working Groups they will participate in for calendar year 2026.

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

Commissioner Crowley reported on SB1043 which requires the California Department of Social Services to report how often and why children have been physically restrained or sent to seclusion. Commissioner Winder reported on AB1376 which took effect January 1, 2026, to limit probation to 12 months. It also requires individualized conditions, regular hearings and a focus on rehabilitation including the removal of fines.

E. Essay and Art Contest

Commissioner Vachet reported that a meeting will take place next week to conduct a debrief of the 2025 Essay and Art Contest with Probation and Orange County Department of Education (OCDE) representatives.

F. Annual Report

No updates to report.

G. JJC/ Probation Book Club

Commissioner Crowley reported that the book club is currently working on their vision boards.

H. Substance Use Treatment Programs/Services

No updates to report.

I. Away from Care

No updates to report.

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

No updates to report.

REPORTS FROM LIAISON ACTIVITIES & WEBINARS

Juvenile Hall Book Club meeting with Ventura and Butte County

Commissioner Lopez attended a meeting with Ventura and Butte County Juvenile Justice Commissioner (JJC) representative on December 12, 2025. He reported that the purpose of the meeting was to provide insight to Ventura and Butte Counties on how the Orange County Juvenile Hall Book Club operates including its function, limitations and funding.

Child Welfare System Improvement Partnership (CWSIP)

Commissioners Churchill and Perring attended the CWSIP meeting on January 8, 2026. Commissioner Churchill reported that the State is adding brochures to be distributed at Child and Family Team Meetings to better explain the roles of participants, and to survey all participants afterwards to further engagement and information sharing. She also reported on a new outpatient day treatment program contracted with OC Health Care Agency that is Medi-Cal covered and located at the Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC) campus that opened in December 2025, for youth with severe mental health needs. Commissioner Perring reported that another topic of discussion was the idea of adding more individuals with lived experience to help develop the five-year plan.

UCI Youth Adult Court Local Advisory Committee

Tabled to the next JJC meeting on February 4, 2026.

California Juvenile Justice Commissioner's Collaborative (CJJCC)

Commissioners Crowley and Winder attended the CJJCC monthly meeting on January 12, 2026. Commissioner Crowley reported that topics of discussion included reentry support, the Youth Council and collaborative courts.

Eliminating Racial Disparity Disproportionally (ERDD)

Commissioner Vachet attended the ERDD meeting on January 14, 2026. She reported that the meeting focused on the requirements of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA).

Youth Reentry Subcommittee Meeting HIRE

Tabled to the next JJC meeting on February 4, 2026.

Juvenile Recovery Court (JRC) Graduation

Commissioner Perring attended the JRC Graduation on January 15, 2026. She reported that one youth graduated from JRC and described the event as very inspiring.

Human Trafficking Awareness Event

Commissioners Crowley and Winder attended the Human Trafficking Awareness Event on January 17, 2026. Commissioner Winder reported that the event featured four youth speakers who had experienced trafficking. The youth shared their personal experiences, discussed the challenges they faced, the process of building trust in relationships, and the importance of healing and support systems.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/WEBINARS/INSPECTIONS

Commissioners Churchill, Johnson and Winder are planning to attend the Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC) Executive Committee meeting on January 21, 2026.

Commissioners Johnson, Stafford and Winder are planning to attend the Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) Action Webinar on January 22, 2026.

Commissioners Vachet and Winder are planning to attend the Know Better, Do Better Conference on January 26, 2026.

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Commissioner Vachet is planning to attend the Foster and Kinship Care Education (FKCE) Advisory meeting on January 27, 2026.

Commissioners Johnson, Vachet and Winder are planning to attend the Lunch and Learn: Special Education Training on January 28, 2026.

Commissioners Churchill and Yost are planning to attend the Child Welfare Council (CWC) Youth Justice Committee meeting on January 28, 2026.

Commissioners Lopez and Vachet are planning to attend the Essay and Art Contest debrief meeting at Juvenile Hall on January 28, 2026.

Commissioners Vachet, Winder and Yost are planning to attend the Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Steering Committee meeting on January 29, 2026.

Commissioners Perring and Stafford are planning to attend the Juvenile Recovery Court (JRC) Graduation on January 29, 2026.

Commissioners Churchill and Perring are planning to attend the Child Welfare System Improvement Plan (CWSIP) meeting on February 5, 2026.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Lopez shared with the Commission that the Orange County Multi-Ethnic Collaborative of Community Agencies (MECCA) has expressed interest in attending a JJC meeting as a guest speaker. Orange County MECCA is a Santa Ana based nonprofit collaboration focused on reducing racial and ethnic disparities through culturally and linguistically responsive services in Orange County.

CLOSED SESSION

The executive session was convened from 11:08 a.m. – 11:14 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:14 a.m.

Steve Winder

Steve Winder, Chair