

**ORANGE COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
LAMOREAUX JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER
COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM – 2nd FLOOR
341 The City Drive, Orange, CA 92868
Wednesday June 17, 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**

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JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
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The regular meeting of the Orange County Juvenile Justice Commission was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Commissioner 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:

Amy Crowley
Silvestre Lopez (Teams)
Judy Johnson
Lynda Perring
Madelyn Rodriguez (Teams)
Dorothy Stafford
Dolores Yost

COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT:

Denise Churchill; Vice Chair
Connie Marshall
Ryan Rising
Mary Lou Vachet
Steve Winder; Chair

STAFF:

Lii Toelupe, Executive Administrative Assistant
Emily Sanchez, Legal Processing Specialist
Owen Barry, Staff Aid II

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The June 3, 2026, revised 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

No updates to report.

F. Annual Report

Commissioner Johnson reported that the project is finished, and Executive Administrative Assistant (EAA) Lii Toelupe is coordinating to have it posted on the JJC public website.

Commissioner Johnson asked for any suggestions or ideas for the next annual report. She also reminded the commission that photos should be sent to Lii and to please include the names of the individuals in the photo.

G. JJC/ Probation Book Club

Commissioner Crowley reported that three students have finished reading *The Alchemist*, the current book selection. Students have been reading ahead and actively engaging in critical thinking and discussion regarding the material. While it can sometimes be difficult to keep students focused, the students enjoy participating and being involved in discussions. Participation in the group is limited to six students, which helps foster respect among participants.

H. Substance Use Treatment Programs/Services

No updates to report.

I. High Needs Youth

No updates to report.

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

No updates to report.

K. Reentry of Probation Youth

No updates to report.

REPORTS FROM INSPECTIONS/REVIEWS

A. New Alternatives CRF

Commissioners Johnson and Vachet attended the site visit on June 3, 2026. The facility currently serves 10 youth (6 boys and 4 girls) between the ages of 13–17. One youth is dual status, and the remaining youth are in foster care. The facility has 16 bedrooms, and each youth has their own room. There is currently one CSEC youth and one transgender youth placed at the facility. Overall, operations appear to be going well. Staff reported having to administer Narcan on one occasion since the JJC's last visit. The facility is fully staffed and has a designated a cook who previously worked at their San Diego facility. Youth who earn certain privileges receive community passes when leaving the facility. A local church visits regularly and provides ongoing support. The facility celebrated their first student graduating from Orange High School. Nine of the youth currently have CASA support. Commissioners noted that although the facility is older, it appeared clean and well maintained. Commissioners also spoke with an 18-year-old senior in high school who spoke positively about New Alternatives CRF. No corrective action notice was required.

B. Law Enforcement Agency (LEA) Inspection – Laguna Beach Police Department

Commissioners Johnson and Churchill attended the inspection on June 11, 2026. Commissioner Johnson reported that due to the location of the LEA and travel time required for counsel to arrive, there have been some delays in questioning youth and releasing them. The officer stated that they attempt to provide advanced notice that a

youth is being brought to the station so a Public Defender can begin traveling before the youth arrives. Commissioners also discussed concerns related to e-bikes. This LEA has implemented a dedicated e-bike safety program through local schools and involve parents when issues arise. It was noted that Laguna Beach previously partnered with Waymakers to operate a teen shelter, but that program has since closed.

REPORTS FROM LIAISON ACTIVITIES & WEBINARS

A) 2 Part Series on Domestic and Family Violence webinar

Commissioner Yost attended the webinar on June 4, 2026. She reported the program covered a large amount of information and was described as very informative. The presentation addressed different types of domestic violence (DV) exposure in children, including single-event trauma, multiple traumatic events, and chronic trauma, noting that each type carries its own dynamics and impacts. Discussion included situations in which one parent is separated from and kept away from the child, and the importance of ensuring that the custodial parent receives supportive services while maintaining a positive relationship with the child. The presenters shared that this approach has promoted resilience and produced positive outcomes. The program emphasized that exposure to domestic violence can significantly impact child development. Presenters discussed the importance of creating safe environments for children participating in therapy. The presentation also addressed differences in how trauma may be expressed, noting that boys may more often express distress externally or aggressively, while girls may express distress internally or more passively. Presenters cautioned against assuming that a child's behavior reflects the actions of a parent and emphasized that behavior alone should not be used to determine what occurred. The program also discussed conjoint therapy and noted concerns regarding its use in cases involving coercive or manipulative abuse, indicating that in some circumstances, foregoing conjoint therapy may be the safer approach.

B) Area 4 Graduation

Commissioner Johnson attended the Area 4 Graduation on June 5 along with several other members of the JJC. She reported that it was a wonderful event and that there were many graduates in attendance along with their families.

C. Eliminating Racial Disparity Disproportionality (ERDD) Meeting

Tabled to the next JJC meeting on July 1, 2026.

D. Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Prevention and Awareness Subcommittee

Tabled to the next JJC meeting on July 1, 2026.

E. Sunburst Academy Graduation

Commissioners Johnson and Vachet attended the Sunburst Academy Graduation on June 12, 2026. A California State Senator participated in the ceremony as a guest speaker. His remarks were reported to be both inspirational and well received by the graduating youth. During his speech, the Senator reflected on the challenges he faced growing up and emphasized the value of the support programs available to young people today, which were resources that were not available to him during his own youth.

F. Juvenile Hall Car Show

Commissioner Crowley attended the Juvenile Hall Car Show on June 14, 2026, and reported on its continued success. The event was notable for the strong community support it received, with all attendees volunteering their time to participate, including Presiding Judge of Juvenile Court, Judge Lewis. During the event, Commissioner Crowley spoke with Officer Beiger, who offered to provide JJC with a tour of the construction site at Juvenile Hall.

G. Santiago Canyon College (SCC) Graduation Celebration

Commissioner Yost attended the SCC Graduation Celebration on June 16, 2026, which was held for two graduating youth. It was reported to be a very inspirational event, with a large turnout from judicial staff. The graduating youth both gave very heartfelt speeches.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/WEBINARS/INSPECTIONS

Commissioner Johnson is planning on attending the CAST Policy meeting on June 17, 2026.

Commissioner Perring is planning to attend the Court Improvement Committee meeting on June 18, 2026.

Commissioners Crowley and Vachet are planning to attend the LEA inspection of Los Alamitos Police Department on June 22, 2026.

Commissioners Vachet and Yost are planning to attend the LEA inspection of Westminster Police Department on June 22, 2026.

Commissioner Crowley is planning to attend the Emergency CJJCC Meeting on June 22, 2026.

Commissioners Churchill, Crowley and Winder are planning to attend the CCR SOC Coordination Steering Committee meeting on June 25, 2026.

Commissioners Winder and Yost are planning to attend the 2 Part Series on Domestic and Family Violence meeting on June 25, 2026.

Commissioners Vachet and Winder are planning to attend the CSEC Steering Placement Subcommittee meeting on June 25, 2026.

Commissioner Winder is planning to attend the North YRC Graduation on June 26, 2026.

Commissioners Lopez, Marshall, Stafford and Vachet are planning to attend the LEA inspection of Santa Ana Police Department on June 29, 2026.

Commissioners Crowley, Vachet and Winder are planning to attend the LEA inspection of Anaheim Police Department on June 30, 2026.

Commissioners Vachet and Winder are planning to attend the LEA inspection of Costa Mesa Police Department on June 30, 2026.

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COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

No commissioner comments.

CLOSED SESSION

The executive session was convened from 10:17 – 10:32 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Judy Johnson

Judy Johnson, Commissioner