

**ORANGE COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
LAMOREAUX JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER
COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM – 2nd FLOOR
341 The City Drive, Orange, CA 92868
Wednesday June 18, 2025
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 June 18, 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
Judy Johnson, Chair
Silvestre Lopez (Teams)
Joel Matson (Teams)
Wyatt McClean
Lynda Perring
Mary Lou Vachet (Teams)
Steve Winder, Vice Chair
Madelyn Rodriguez (Teams)

COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT: Dorothy Stafford
Connie Marshall
Ryan Rising
Dolores Yost

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The June 4, 2025 minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was reviewed.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS

A. Education

Commissioner Vachet informed the commission that significant leadership changes will take effect July 1, 2025. This includes the appointment of a new Chief of Alternative Education, who will oversee the ACCESS program. She recommended rescheduling the upcoming June meeting with OCDE administrators to the end of July to ensure the new leadership can participate.

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.

A. Annual Report

Commissioner Judy Johnson reported that the Executive Administrative Assistant (EAA) is currently working with the county's printing department to have the annual report printed.

B. JJC/ Probation Book Club

No updates to report.

C. Substance Use Treatment Programs/Services

No updates to report.

D. Away from Care

No updates to report.

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

No updates to report.

REPORTS FROM INSPECTIONS/REVIEWS

A. Olive Crest Wheeler

Commissioners Garfias and Yost conducted a review of Olive Crest Wheeler on June 9, 2025. Commissioner Garfias reported that there are currently five youth in the program, all between the ages of 15 and 17. They met with the residential coordinator, Roberto, who was extremely helpful and had a lot of determination to improve the home, specifically in coordinating activities for the youth. Commissioner Garfias expressed concerns about the limited number of activities. Executive Administrative Assistant (EAA) will follow up with Olive Crest corporate on the budget for activities. No corrective action notice needed.

REPORTS FROM LIAISON ACTIVITIES & WEBINARS

Child Welfare Council (CWC) Youth Justice Committee Webinar

Commissioner Johnson noted the webinar emphasized the need to complete required reports by the end of the month and provided an overview of the anticipated content. A total of \$15 million was allocated for less restrictive placement initiatives, distributed across 11 counties. Notably, Orange County was not among the recipients. There has been a reported 75% increase in arrests related to violent crimes committed by juveniles.

Child Welfare System Improvement Plan (CWSIP)

Commissioners Churchill and Perring reported on the recent virtual meeting, which emphasized maintaining collaboration among youth, families, and caregivers, with a strong focus on voice and choice. The meeting had 42 participants, and the primary topic was the impact of caregiver involvement. The next meeting is scheduled to be held in a hybrid format.

Juvenile Recovery Court (JRC) Graduation

Commissioner Johnson shared on behalf of Commissioner Yost due to her absence. Graduation was inspiring and she was impressed by how Judge Mittal conducted the ceremony.

Otto Fischer and Rio Contiguo Graduation Ceremony

Commissioner Johnson reported a successful graduation event, which was well-attended by numerous administrators from Probation and the Department of Education. A celebratory dinner for graduates and their families was held the evening prior, sponsored by Project Kinship. Commissioner Vachet said it was very well organized. Notable attendees included Juvenile Presiding Judge Arthur and Judge Mittal.

California Juvenile Justice Commissioner's Collaborative (CJJCC) Monthly

Commissioner Johnson shared that a roundtable discussion was held to exchange information, with a primary focus on how different Juvenile Justice Commissions operate and are funded. Another topic of discussion centered on food-related complaints within the Juvenile housing facilities. The next meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2025.

Eliminating Racial Disparity Disproportionality (ERDD)

Commissioner Vachet shared insights on how immigration-related concerns are affecting families. She also mentioned that the Toolkit video was shown at the meeting. The video will eventually be available to the general public.

Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Prevention and Awareness Subcommittee

Commissioner Vachet noted how they are currently working on an OCDE document intended for schools, focusing on supporting teachers in addressing concerns that may arise in the classroom. The goal is to promote greater awareness among educators and school staff. Additionally, Global Hope 365 will be hosting an upcoming event focused on efforts to end child marriage.

Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) Webinar – The California Juvenile Justice Toolkit: A New Resource of Youth Programming

Commissioner Vachet reported the toolkit was a major topic of discussion during the webinar. Commissioner Johnson mentioned that the OYCR webinars are available online for future viewing.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/WEBINARS/INSPECTIONS

Commissioner Johnson is planning to attend the CAST Policy on June 18, 2025.

Commissioners Vachet and Winder are planning to attend the Sunburst Youth Academy Graduation on June 20, 2025.

Commissioners Vachet, Winder and Yost are planning to attend the LEA Inspection of Anaheim and Stanton Police Departments on June 25, 2025.

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Commissioners Churchill and Winder are planning to attend the Continuum of Care Reform Coordination (CCR SOC) Coordination meeting on June 26, 2025.

Commissioners Lopez, Rodriguez and Vachet are planning to attend the LEA inspection of Santa Ana and Costa Mesa Police Departments on June 26, 2025.

Commissioners Matson, Vachet and Winder are planning to attend the Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Steering Placement meeting on June 26, 2025.

Commissioners Johnson, Rodriguez, Vachet and Winder are planning to visit Lyon school for the Institutional Education Review on July 2, 2025.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

The Commissioners discussed the possibility of inviting guest speakers for upcoming meetings and welcomed any recommendations or suggestions from the group. Commissioner Johnson said she will work with EAA to distribute the current list of possible JJC meeting guest speakers.

Commissioner Johnson referenced an article about the UCI LIFTED program and suggested inviting a professor involved with the program as a guest speaker. She also initiated discussions to explore the possibility of introducing the program within juvenile detention centers.

Commissioner Johnson discussed the Office of Independent Review Report on the use of pepper spray in Orange County juvenile detention facilities during 2022. She noted concerns regarding documentation, including inconsistencies and instances where reports were not completed. Additionally, there were four incidents in which video footage contradicted the written reports.

Commissioner Johnson spoke about an article highlighting incidents of sexual abuse in detention centers. Commissioners were encouraged to remain vigilant on these issues and to inquire about them during future detention center reviews.

CLOSED SESSION

The executive session was convened from 10:35 am. – 10:48 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Judy Johnson

Judy Johnson, Chair