

**ORANGE COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
LAMOREAUX JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER
COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM – 2nd FLOOR
341 The City Drive, Orange, CA 92868
Wednesday June 3, 2026
9:00 a.m.**

AGENDA

- 1) CALL TO ORDER**
- 2) KEY STAKEHOLDERS UPDATES**
- 3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- 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 9:01 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
Silvestre Lopez
Judy Johnson
Connie Marshall
Lynda Perring
Madelyn Rodriguez
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
Owen Barry, Staff Aid II

GUEST: Kristi Fiskum, Deputy Director of Children & Family Services (Social Services Agency)
Maureen Mutch, Project Manager (Social Services Agency)
Dawn Smith, Assistant Deputy Director of Children and Youth Services (Health Care Agency)
Dr. Maria Martinez-Poulin, Chief Alternative Education ACCESS (Orange County Department of Education)
Jessica Johnson, Chief Deputy Probation Officer (Probation)

KEY STAKHOLDERS UPDATES

A. Social Service Agency

Kristi Fiskum, Deputy Director of Children & Family Services, reported that SSA is still waiting for the governor's budget. She also noted that if the agency maintains custody of a child under six years of age for more than 30 days, it is required to report the case to the state. She reported receiving a visit from the head of licensing. She emphasized the goal to keep siblings together when possible. Maureen Mutch, Project Manager, reported that the current population at Orangewood is 48 youth and continues to decline gradually. In addition to a slow decrease in the population at Orangewood, the facility is experiencing less away from care incidents. Lastly, Orangewood staff have planned a weekend trip to Catalina, with the goal of bringing 20 children.

B. Health Care Agency

Dawn Smith, Assistant Deputy Director of Children and Youth Services, reported that Wraparound Services for the Juvenile Collaborative Court will conclude in June, with a transition plan in place to ensure continuity of care. She also shared that the Clean Path program will be launching a Substance Use Disorder (SUD) program at the Be Well campus. The program will provide residential services for teens and adolescents and will include 34 all-gender beds, operating as a medically supported sober living environment.

C. Orange County Department of Education

Dr. Maria Martinez-Poulin, Chief Alternative Education ACCESS, reported that 15 students will be graduating from the Otto A. Fischer school and one student from the RioContiguo school. She also announced that Dr. Couso will be stepping into the role of principal for both Otto A. Fischer School and RioContiguo School. Dr. Martinez-Poulin further reported on the impact of the Garden Grove toxic leak spill, which required students from three schools to be temporarily relocated to alternate campuses. As of Monday, the 357 students who were transferred returned to their home schools.

D. Probation

Jessica Johnson, Chief Deputy Probation Officer, began with a report of two youths graduating with Associate of Art (AA) Degrees. She also discussed that a meeting with the county representatives and Chief Daniel Hernandez will take place to explain how Prop-47 will be executed. Jessica also mentioned a partnership with the Boys and Girls Club of Garden Grove and their diversion programs and discussed the possibility of road shows, including the supplemental training of officers in the community. She reported a decrease in cases of AB1376 (12-month termination for juvenile wardship), meaning that youth are entering at a lower rate than getting terminated, suggesting an increase in termination, with a reduction of youth entering the system. There was a call to review the procedures on how to handle increased physical altercations and the use of pepper spray. Jessica announced that on June 14th, Juvenile Hall will have a car show and the commissioners are invited to attend.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The May 20, 2026, minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS

A. Education

Commissioner Johnson reported that the meeting with Orange County Department of Education (OCDE) administrators included updates on Career Technical Education (CTE) programs, culinary arts equipment, electrical maintenance at both Youth Reporting Centers (YRCs), and upcoming graduations.

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 reported that the working group will schedule a meeting to discuss the parameters of the Essay and Art Contest. She also noted that the group hopes to include additional artwork beyond pieces related to the contest theme for the display at the art exhibition at Santiago Canyon College.

F. Annual Report

The Executive Administrative Assistant (EAA) reported that the distribution of the 2025 Annual Report is underway. Commissioner Johnson thanked the EAA and the working group for their support and collaboration in completing the report and suggested that the working group begin work on the 2026 Annual Report this fall.

G. JJC/ Probation Book Club

Commissioner Crowley reported that the book club has begun reading *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho. She shared that Commissioners Vachet and Winder are scheduled to attend upcoming meetings. She also noted that book club members enjoy visits from Commissioners, as they appreciate the opportunity to interact with them and participate in activities such as the jelly bean game previously presented by Commissioner Winder.

H. Substance Use Treatment Programs/Services

Commissioner Johnson suggested that the working group schedule a tour of the BeWell campus following its opening to gain a better understanding of the services and resources it will provide.

I. High Needs Youth (HNY)

Commissioner Churchill reported that the number of away-from-care incidents has decreased, which she said may have been attributed to the low population.

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 INSPECTION REVIEWS

A. Youth Leadership Academy (YLA)

Commissioners Crowley, Johnson, Stafford, and Vachet visited YLA for an inspection on May 22, 2026. Commissioner Johnson reported that the current population is 22 boys and noted that the facility appeared well-maintained and in good condition. Topics discussed during the visit included altercation procedures, visitation at MRC, the Cell Dogs Program, and the food served at the facility. She shared that, while the youth are generally satisfied with the meals provided, they expressed an interest in having a greater variety of ethnic food options.

B. Central Youth Reporting Center (YRC)

Commissioners Marshall, Johnson, Stafford, and Vachet visited Central YRC for an inspection on May 27, 2026. Commissioner Stafford reported that the Commissioners were given a tour of the facility by Mr. Ward, who expressed pride in both the facility and the services it provides. She noted that representatives from CEGU and the Social Services Agency (SSA) are available to aid when needed. She also reported that the facility currently serves ten students and is staffed by three teachers across three classrooms.

REPORTS FROM LIAISON ACTIVITIES & WEBINARS

Office of Youth Community and Restoration Webinar: Expanding Access to Care for Justice-involved youth through the Justice-Involved reentry initiative and children and youth behavioral health initiative

Tabled to the next JJC meeting on June 17, 2026.

Ward Death Review

Commissioners Rodriguez and Vachet attended the Ward Death Review meeting on May 20, 2026. Commissioner Rodriguez reported that the meeting focused on the review of two death notifications. The review determined that Probation had provided all available services and that the deaths were not the result of a lack of services or support. She also reported that one of the families accepted assistance with funeral arrangements.

Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Steering Committee

Commissioners Vachet, Winder, and Yost attended the CSEC Steering Committee meeting on May 28, 2026. Commissioner Winder reported that there are currently 37 minors participating in Grace Court, a number that remains relatively consistent with last year's statistics. She also noted that Waymakers will be partnering with medical providers to help identify youth at risk of trafficking and establish appropriate referral procedures to connect those youth with services and support.

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Foster and Kinship Care Education (FKCE) Advisory

Commissioners Stafford and Vachet attended the FKCE Advisory meeting on June 2, 2026. Commissioner Stafford reported that discussion topics included support services for both biological and foster parents, funding opportunities, and classes designed to help youth understand and cope with feelings of loss.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/WEBINARS/INSPECTIONS

Commissioners Winder and Yost are planning to attend the Series on Domestic and Family Violence Webinar on June 4, 2026.

Commissioners Crowley, Johnson, Lopez, Perring, Stafford, Vachet, Winder and Yost are planning to attend the Area 4 Graduation on June 5, 2026.

Commissioners Crowley and Winder are planning to attend the California Juvenile Justice Commissioner's Collaborative (CJJCC) Monthly meeting on June 8, 2026.

Commissioner Vachet is planning to attend the Eliminating Racial Disproportionality and Disparity (ERDD) meeting on June 10, 2026.

Commissioners Crowley, Vachet and Yost are planning to attend the California Child Welfare Council (CWC) Youth Justice meeting on June 10, 2026.

Commissioners Churchill and Johnson are planning to visit Laguna Beach Police Department for an inspection on June 11, 2026.

Commissioner Johnson, Stafford and Vachet are planning to attend the Sunburst Academy Graduation on June 12, 2026.

Commissioners Crowley, Vachet and Yost are planning to attend the Santiago Canyon College Graduation Celebration on June 16, 2026.

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

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

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

No Commissioner comments to report.

CLOSED SESSION

The executive session was convened from 11: 05 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Steve Winder

Steve Winder, Chair