

**ORANGE COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
LAMOREAUX JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER
COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM – 2nd FLOOR
341 The City Drive, Orange, CA 92868
Wednesday May 20, 2026
9:00 a.m.**

AGENDA

- 1) CALL TO ORDER**
- 2) GUEST**
- 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
Wednesday May 20, 2026**

The regular meeting of the Orange County Juvenile Justice Commission was called to order at 9:00 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
Marcy Garfias
Silvestre Lopez (Teams)
Judy Johnson
Connie Marshall
Lynda Perring
Madelyn Rodriguez (Teams)
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

GUESTS: Nancy Clark, Nancy Clark and Associates Alternative Sentencing Program

Guest

Nancy Clark, from Nancy Clark and Associates Alternative Sentencing Program, provided a brief introduction and overview of the services the organization offers to support youth involved in the juvenile justice system. She highlighted the importance of teaching youth essential life skills such as grocery shopping, dressing appropriately, cooking, and making their beds to help ease their transition back into the community. Her staff also assist participants with job resumes, education, and housing support. In addition, she shared that the program partners with Underground GRIT and Project Kinship to assist with funding. Finally, she noted that all participants are required to complete approved community service in order to encourage responsibility and become productive members of the community.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The May 6, 2026, minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was reviewed.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS

A. Education

Commissioner Johnson reported that a meeting is scheduled with Dr. Maria Martinez-Poulin at the end of the month.

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 Essay and Art Contest will be held in October, with the winners' dinner scheduled for November. She also mentioned that entries from this year's art contest, along with selected entries from previous years, will be on display at Santiago Canyon College's art gallery.

F. Annual Report

The Executive Administrative Assistant (EAA) reported that the 2025 Annual Report has been completed, and the county printing office is set to print.

G. JJC/ Probation Book Club

Commissioner Crowley reported that book club members recently completed the reading of a book on meditation and chakras. They were presented with a certificate of participation which the youth greatly appreciated. She also highlighted that a former book club member, Charlie Nguyen, graduated from the University of California, Berkeley and is now preparing for the Law School Admission Test (LSAT).

H. Substance Use Treatment Programs/Services

Commissioner Johnson volunteered to take the place of Commissioner Garfias as lead of this working group.

I. High Needs Youth (HNY)

Commissioner Churchill reported that they are awaiting approval for the data request from Judge Arthur.

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

Commissioner Marshall reported that the working group will request detailed education information upon visiting the institutions for their annual review.

K. Reentry of Probation Youth

Commissioner Crowley suggested that the working group tour the Project Kinship facility to gain a better understanding of the reentry services and programs they provide.

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A. Juvenile Hall

Commissioners Vachet, Winder, and Yost visited the Orange County Juvenile Hall for an inspection on May 7, 2026. Commissioner Vachet reported that the current population consists of 91 boys and 10 girls. She also noted that there are 132 employees dedicated to supporting the well-being of the youth. Youth are permitted visits once a week for two hours at the MRC. Commissioner Yost reported that the youth are generally satisfied with the amount of phone time allowed but would like additional time. It was agreed that the Commission will schedule a date with Probation to review the grievances at Juvenile Hall.

B. North Youth Reporting Center (YRC)

Commissioners Crowley, Marshall, Vachet, Winder, and Yost visited North YRC for an inspection on May 8, 2026. Commissioner Vachet reported that they met with Principal Aja Couso, Victor Desma from the Probation Department and Denacia Okoro from the Health Care Agency (HCA) for the tour. The current population is 14 youth, with the facility having the capacity to house up to 30 youth. Services provided include weekly therapy, peer support, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) testing, and the Seeking Safety program. Commissioner Marshall reported that the facility has two teachers and two paraeducators who assist youth with college enrollment, FAFSA applications, and educational field trips.

C. Buena Park Police Department

Commissioners Marshall and Vachet visited the Buena Park Police Department for an inspection on May 11, 2026. Commissioner Vachet reported that there were 100 minors in non-secure detention and 12 minors in secure detention. Officers receive training that includes Correction One, juvenile detention training, and opioid overdose response. The department has two School Resource Officers (SROs), with one assigned to a high school and the other to a middle school. Finally, she reported that the department partners with OC GRIP and the Explorers program.

D. Stanton Police Department

Commissioners Marshall, Stafford, Vachet, and Winder visited the Stanton Police Department for an inspection on May 13, 2026. Commissioner Marshall reported that there were 7 minors in non-secure detention and 8 minors in secure detention. She noted that the majority of citations result in cite-and-release, with only a few cases forwarded to Juvenile Hall. The department will also be providing active shooter training countywide for School Resource Officers (SROs). In addition, she reported that the department partners with Be Well, OC GRIP, and the Boys & Girls Club.

E. Lyon School

Commissioners Marshall, Stafford, Vachet, and Winder visited Lyon School for an inspection on May 14, 2026. Commissioner Marshall reported that the school has two teachers, two paraeducators, and one special education teacher. She noted that there have been no class closures due to the paraeducators' ability to substitute when needed. She also shared that the school utilizes a point-based discipline system focused on

rewarding positive behavior. Finally, she reported that a wellness space will be coming soon.

REPORTS FROM LIAISON ACTIVITIES & WEBINARS

Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Becoming Me Conference

Commissioner Vachet attended a few sessions of the CSEC Becoming Me Conference on April 16, 2026 – April 17, 2026. She reported that the conference focused on training to gain skills to protect and support CSEC youth.

Child Welfare System Improvement Partnership (CWSIP)

Commissioner Churchill attended the CWSIP meeting on May 7, 2026. She reported that the meeting was held virtually, during which HCA gave a presentation on mental health resources available through the OC Navigator. In addition, she mentioned that the state will be providing wraparound services training.

Office of Youth Community and Restoration (OYCR) Webinar: Expanding Access for 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 3, 2026.

California Juvenile Justice Commissioner's Collaborative (CJJCC)

Commissioners Crowley and Winder attended the CJJCC meeting on May 11, 2026. Commissioner Crowley reported that a presentation on AB 1376 was given to review the parameters of the bill. She also shared that AB 1376 will provide additional services to families and support through warm handoffs.

Eliminating Racial Disproportionality and Disparity (ERDD)

Commissioner Vachet attended the ERDD meeting on May 13, 2026. She reported that the focus continues to be on how to better serve the indigenous population.

Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Prevention and Awareness

Commissioner Vachet attended the CSEC Prevention and Awareness meeting on May 14, 2026. She reported that the meeting focused on school districts having a unified format.

Q & A with Orange County (OC) Health Care Agency (HCA)

Commissioners Churchill and Garfias attended the Q&A with OC HCA on May 14, 2026. Commissioner Churchill reported that topics of discussion included full-service partnerships, the closure of Waymakers wraparound service, and determining how those services will continue to be provided.

Santiago Canyon College (SCC) Collaboration Development to Serve Justice Impacted Populations

Commissioners Lopez, Marshall, Vachet, and Winder attended the SCC Collaboration Development to Serve Justice-Impacted Population meeting on May 14, 2026. Commissioner Marshall reported that the meeting was well organized and informative. Attendees reviewed the classes currently being offered and discussed additional courses planned for the Fall semester. She also shared that tutoring services and counseling are available to support students. Finally,

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she highlighted the collaborative efforts being made to better serve the justice-impacted population.

Foster Family Agency (FFA) Forum

Commissioners Marshall and Vachet attended the FFA Forum meeting on May 19, 2026. Commissioner Marshall reported that topics of discussion included the reporting process between agencies, placement procedures, notification protocols, family permanency, and UCLA TIES for Families, an organization that supports foster families.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/WEBINARS/INSPECTIONS

Commissioners Rodriguez and Vachet are planning to attend the Ward Death Review on May 20, 2026.

Commissioners Crowley, Johnson, Stafford and Vachet are planning to visit Youth Leadership Academy (YLA) for an inspection on May 22, 2026.

Commissioners Marshall, Johnson, Stafford and Vachet are planning to visit Central Youth Reporting Center (YRC) for an inspection on May 27, 2026.

Commissioners Johnson, Marshall, Winder and Vachet are planning to attend the JJC education standing committee meeting with Orange County Department of Education (OCDE) administrators on May 28, 2026.

Commissioners Vachet, Winder and Yost are planning to attend the Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Steering Committee meeting on May 28, 2026.

Commissioners Stafford and Vachet are planning to attend the Foster and Kinship Care Education (FKCE) on June 2, 2026.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

No Commissioner comments to report.

CLOSED SESSION

The executive session was convened from 11: 45 a.m. – 11:51 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:51 a.m.

Steve Winder

Steve Winder, Chair