

**ORANGE COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
LAMOREAUX JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER
COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM – 2nd FLOOR
341 The City Drive, Orange, CA 92868
Wednesday September 16, 2026
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 September 16, 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: Amy Crowley
Anne Light
Silvestre Lopez (Teams)
Judy Johnson
Connie Marshall
Lynda Perring
Madelyn Rodriguez (Teams)
Briel Sayago
Catherine Twardos
Mary Lou Vachet
Steve Winder, Chair
Dolores Yost

COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT: Denise Churchill, Vice Chair
Ryan Rising
Dorothy Stafford

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The September 2, 2026, revised minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was reviewed.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS

A. Education

Commissioner Johnson reported that a meeting with ACCESS school administrators is scheduled for tomorrow September 17, 2026.

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 letters and rubric have been distributed, and the essay and art contest have begun. The essay and art contest ceremony will take place on Thursday, October 22nd in the MRC at Juvenile Hall.

F. Annual Report

No updates to report.

G. JJC/ Probation Book Club

Commissioner Crowley reported that the book club concluded its reading of *Once We Were Brothers*. The group will begin reading *Who Moved My Cheese?* by Dr. Spencer Johnson. To kick off the new book, the youth will participate in a cheese-tasting activity.

H. Substance Use Treatment Programs/Services

No updates to report.

I. High Needs Youth

No updates to report.

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

It was agreed that the working group will draft a letter to Probation to gain a better understanding of the educational programs currently offered to youth.

K. Reentry of Probation Youth

Commissioner Crowley reminded the Commission of the Youth Transitioning Center (YTC) tour, which will take place immediately following today's JJC meeting.

REPORTS FROM INSPECTIONS/REVIEWS

A. Law Enforcement Agency (LEA) Inspection – Newport Beach Police Department

Commissioners Johnson, Light, and Lopez visited the Newport Beach Police Department for an inspection on September 9, 2026. Commissioner Johnson reported that operations are going well. They discussed the department's three School Resource Officers (SROs), and the department's good relationships with different agencies. They are also working with the school district on e-bike initiatives to help reduce e-bike citations. Lastly, they talked about the events that took place during the fourth of July incident and how the department responded.

REPORTS FROM LIAISON ACTIVITIES & WEBINARS

California Child Welfare Council (CWC) Youth Justice Committee

Commissioners Crowley, Vachet, and Yost attended the CWC Youth Justice Committee meeting on September 9, 2026. Commissioner Crowley reported that Judge Katherine Lucero is stepping down as Director at the Office of Community and Restoration (OYCR) and will be back on the bench effective October 8, 2026. She also mentioned that the focus of the meeting was the Child Welfare Council. Lastly, she shared that they are getting ready for their Youth Justice Summit.

Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Prevention & Awareness

Subcommittee Commissioner Vachet attended the CSEC Prevention & Awareness Subcommittee meeting on September 9, 2026. She reported a new project that will improve communication and resources for school districts.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/WEBINARS/INSPECTIONS

Commissioners Crowley, Johnson, Light, Marshall, Sayago, Twardos, Vachet, Winder, and Yost are taking a tour of the Youth Transitioning Center directly following today's JJC meeting.

Commissioners Johnson, Vachet and Marshall are planning to attend the JJC Education Committee meeting with the Orange County Department Education administrators on September 17, 2026.

Commissioner Johnson, Sayago and Winder are planning to attend the CASA Youth Shelter tour on September 18, 2026.

Commissioners Johnson, Light, Rodriguez and Winder are planning to attend the Institution Medical Inspection (MS Teams) on September 22, 2026.

Commissioners Johnson, Vachet and Winder are planning to attend the Fischer & Rio Contiguo school inspections on September 24, 2026.

Commissioners Vachet and Winder are planning to attend the Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Steering Committee meeting on September 24, 2026.

Commissioners Churchill and Perring are planning to attend the Child Welfare Improvement System Partnership (CWISP) meeting on October 1, 2026.

Commissioners Crowley, Light, Winder, Yost and Vachet are planning to attend the Office of Youth Community and Restoration (OYCR) conference on October 5, 2026 – October 7, 2026.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

A. Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP) School Absences

Commissioner Winder reported that Raina Lee held a meeting with various agencies to discuss school absences among youth in STRTPs. The group discussed that youth are required to attend school; however, if a youth refuses to attend, they are not forced. Raina emailed the JJC to let them know of their efforts of finding ways to encourage students to attend school.

CLOSED SESSION

The executive session was convened from 10:22 a.m. – 10:32 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Steve Winder

Steve Winder, Chair