

**ORANGE COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION  
LAMOREAUX JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER  
COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM – 2<sup>nd</sup> FLOOR  
341 The City Drive, Orange, CA 92868  
Wednesday May 15, 2024  
9:01 a.m.**

## **AGENDA**

- 1) CALL TO ORDER**
- 2) ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**
- 3) CORRESPONDENCE**
- 4) REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES/WORKING GROUPS**
- 5) REPORTS FROM LIAISON ACTIVITIES & WEBINARS**
- 6) MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 7) COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**
- 8) ADJOURNMENT**

**MINUTES OF ORANGE COUNTY  
JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION  
Wednesday May 15, 2024**

The regular meeting of the Orange County Juvenile Justice Commission was called to order at 9:01 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  
Marcy Garfias  
Judy Johnson, Chair  
Silvestre Lopez  
Connie Marshall  
Wyatt McClean  
Nicholas Moreno  
Ryan Rising  
Madelyn Rodriguez  
Mary Lou Vachet  
Steve Winder, Vice Chair  
Dolores Yost

**COMMISSIONERS**

**ABSENT:** Lynda Perring

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**The May 01, 2024 minutes were approved by unanimous consent.**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The correspondence was reviewed.

**REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS**

**A. Education**

Commissioner Johnson informed the Commission of upcoming meeting with Orange County Department of Education (OCDE) administrators on May 23, 2024. She encouraged the subcommittee to attend the meeting.

**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 subcommittee will meet in August to begin drafting the contest details.

**F. SB - 823 – Realignment**

No updates to report. It was decided that the item will be removed for future agendas.

**G. Annual Report**

Commissioner Johnson asked the Commission to forward any photos related to the Commission to the Executive Administrative Assistant (EAA). She will meet with the EAA to review the final draft. The annual report is expected to be finalized by the end of June.

**H. JJC/ Probation Book Club**

Commissioner Lopez reported the book club is on track to finish reading “Atomic Habits” by James Clear in July.

**I. JJC Working Group re: substance use program/services**

Commissioner Johnson reported Wel-Mor tour will be on June 19, 2024. She encouraged the working group to participate in the tour.

**J. Away from Care**

No updates to report.

**REPORTS FROM INSPECTIONS/REVIEWS**

**A. ROP Paragon & Livingston**

Commissioners Churchill, Winder, and Yost visited ROP Paragon and Livingston for an inspection on May 10, 2024. Commissioner Churchill reported staffing challenges at ROP Paragon. She reported that all beds are filled at ROP Livingston and that it is fully staffed. There are no corrective action notices for either facility (ROP Livingston and Paragon).

**REPORTS FROM LIAISON ACTIVITIES & WEBINARS**

**Children Welfare System Improvement Partnership (CWSIP)**

Commissioners Churchill and Perring attended the CWSIP meeting on May 02, 2024. Commissioner Churchill reported topics of discussion were placement stability, family finding/engagement, and substance abuse.

**Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR)**

Commissioners Johnson, Lopez, Vachet, and Winder attended the OYCR webinar on May 06, 2024. Commissioner Winder reported Dr. Elizabeth Cauffman was a guest speaker. She discussed adolescent brain development and the juvenile justice system.

**Webinar: Overview of the Child Welfare System**

Commissioner Marshall attended the Webinar: Overview of the Child Welfare System on May 08, 2024. Commissioner Marshall gave a brief overview of the different programs that are in the Child Welfare System. EAA to forward the PowerPoint slides to the Commission from the webinar.

**CAST Policy Committee Meeting**

Commissioner Johnson attended the CAST Policy Committee meeting on April 17, 2024. She reported their goal is to have open houses for the purpose of getting involved with law enforcement agencies.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS/WEBINARS/INSPECTIONS**

Commissioners Johnson, Vachet, and Yost are planning to attend the Ward Death Review meeting on May 15, 2024.

Commissioners Vachet and Winder are planning to attend the Mental Health Service Act (MHSA) Planning meeting on May 16, 2024.

Commissioners Marshall and Vachet are planning to attend the Foster and Kinship Care Education (FKCE) Advisory Committee Meeting on May 21, 2024.

Commissioners Churchill, Marshall, and Vachet are planning to attend the Foster Family Agency (FFA/RFA) Forum on May 21, 2024.

Commissioners Lopez, Marshall, Vachet and Winder are planning to attend the Law Enforcement Agency (LEA) inspection for Buena Park Police Department on May 22, 2024.

Commissioners Vachet, Winder, and Yost are planning to attend the Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Steering Committee meeting on May 23, 2024.

Commissioners Johnson, Rising, Vachet, Winder and Yost are planning to attend the monthly Education Committee meeting with Orange County Department of Education (OCDE) on May 23, 2024.

Commissioners Marshall, Moreno, Rodriguez, Vachet, and Winder are planning to attend the Orangewood Children and Family Center inspection on May 24, 2024.

Commissioners Lopez, McClean, Moreno, Rising, Rodriguez, Vachet, and Winder are planning to attend the Juvenile Hall inspection on May 30, 2024.

**COMMISSIONER COMENTS**

Commissioner Churchill invited the Commission to watch "Sound of Hope: The Story of Possum Trot" which is about 22 families in a small East Texan town that adopted 77 of the most difficult to place kids in the foster system.

Commissioner Johnson encouraged the Commission to watch "Possible Selves" a documentary that follows two teenagers in foster care through their tumultuous high school years.

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**CLOSED SESSION**

The executive session was convened from 10:40 a.m. – 10:57 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

*Judy Johnson*

Judy Johnson, Chair