

**ORANGE COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
LAMOREAUX JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER
COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM – 2nd FLOOR
341 The City Drive, Orange, CA 92868
Wednesday June 12, 2024
9:01 a.m.**

AGENDA

- 1) CALL TO ORDER**
- 2) ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**
- 3) NEW BUSINESS**
- 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**

**MINUTES OF ORANGE COUNTY
JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
Wednesday June 12, 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: Marcy Garfias
Judy Johnson, Chair
Lynda Perring
Ryan Rising
Mary Lou Vachet
Steve Winder, Vice Chair
Dolores Yost

COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT: Denise Churchill
Silvestre Lopez
Connie Marshall
Wyatt McClean
Nicholas Moreno
Madelyn Rodriguez

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The June 5, 2024 minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Letter of Support for Higher Ground

Executive Administrative Assistant (EAA) will ask Presiding Judge of Juvenile Court, Judge Craig E. Arthur, for approval of letter of support for Higher Ground grant request.

B. OC Probation Policies & Procedures for reviewing videos

The Commission opted to inquire with Youth Leadership Academy (YLA) administrators at next week's annual review about their policies and procedures for reviewing videos depicting altercation incidents.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS

A. Education

Commissioner Johnson reported the next meeting with the Orange County Department of Education (OCDE) administrators will be on June 27, 2024.

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.

F. Annual Report

No updates to report.

G. JJC/ Probation Book Club

No updates to report.

H. JJC Working Group re: substance use program/services

The working group will tour Wel Mor Treatment Center on June 19, 2024. Also, they will tour Twin Town Treatment Center on July 17, 2024.

I. Away from Care

No update to report.

REPORTS FROM INSPECTIONS/REVIEWS

A. Youth Guidance Center

Commissioners Johnson, Lopez, Perring, Rising, Vachet and Winder visited the Youth Guidance Center (YGC) for an inspection on June 5, 2024. Commissioner Perring reported that there are currently 24 boys and 4 girls at the facility. She also reported additional post education/college classes have been expanded to youth. It was reported that there are fewer class closures at YGC.

REPORTS FROM LIAISON ACTIVITIES & WEBINARS

Foster Family Agency (FFA/RFA)

Tabled for next JJC meeting on July 3, 2024.

Juvenile Hall Car Show

Commissioners McClean, Vachet, and Winder attended the Juvenile Hall Car Show on June 2, 2024. Commissioner Vachet reported the Youth Student Council organized the car show which included 80 cars that were on display. Juveniles had an opportunity to converse with car owners who may have had lived experience with the Juvenile Justice System.

Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) Webinar: Keeping Youth at the Center

Commissioners Johnson, Vachet, and Winder attended the OYCR Webinar: Keeping Youth at the Center on June 3, 2024. Topics of discussion encompassed utilizing art and music, intentionally engaging youth, and acknowledging the youth's yearning to be recognized and heard.

Child Welfare Council (CWC) Youth Justice Committee Meeting

Commissioner Yost attended the CWC Youth Justice Committee meeting on June 5, 2024. She reported on current California initiatives, highlighting the completion and distribution of the Bill of Rights booklet to all Juvenile Justice facilities across the state. Areas of concern included conditions, staffing, and programming.

Child Welfare System Improvement Partnership (CWSIP)

Commissioner Perring attended the CWSIP meeting on June 6, 2024. She announced a collaborative program between the Social Services Agency and Orangewood Foundation aimed at fostering bonds and strengthening relationships between minors and their family members. The program is scheduled to commence in July.

Otto Fischer Graduation

Commissioners Johnson, Perring, Vachet, and Winder attended the Otto Fischer Graduation on June 7, 2024. Commissioner Johnson commended the successful execution of the graduation ceremony, noting that 16 youth successfully graduated.

Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB) Meeting

Commissioner Garfias attended the BHAB meeting on June 10, 2024. She reported that Dawn Smith from Children and Youth Services Behavioral Health Services was consulted about providing more recent suicide rates among youth because the statistics reported were from 2021. She also highlighted a collaboration between the Orange County Department of Education (OCDE) and Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC) aimed to address youth mental health. The WellSpace initiatives are designed to offer students a dedicated environment to cultivate social-emotional learning skills. Currently, there are 40 WellSpace sites with plans for an additional 19 sites to be opened soon.

UPCOMING MEETINGS/WEBINARS/INSPECTIONS

Commissioners Garfias and Vachet are planning to attend the MATCONNECT Workgroup meeting on June 12, 2024.

Commissioners Johnson, Perring, Vachet and Winder are planning to attend the Sunburst Youth Academy Graduation on June 13, 2024.

Commissioner Yost is planning to attend the Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Prevention & Awareness Subcommittee on June 13, 2024.

Commissioner Johnson, Moreno, Rodriguez, Vachet, and Yost are planning to attend the Youth Reporting Center (YRC) North Tour & Visit on June 18, 2024.

Commissioners Garfias, Johnson, Moreno, Vachet, Winder, and Yost are planning to attend the Wel-Mor Tour & Visit on June 19, 2024.

Commissioner Johnson is planning to attend the CAST Policy Board on June 19, 2024.

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Commissioners Johnson, Rising, Rodriguez, Vachet, and Winder are planning to attend the Youth Leadership Academy (YLA) inspection on June 20, 2024.

Commissioner Johnson is planning to attend the Court Improvement Committee Dependency meeting on June 20, 2024.

Commissioners Johnson and Yost are planning to attend the All ACCESS graduation on June 26, 2024.

Commissioner Churchill is planning to attend the Continuum of Care Reform Coordination Steering Committee (CCR SOC) meeting on June 27, 2024.

Commissioners McClean and Vachet are planning to attend the Law Enforcement Agency inspection for Placentia Police Department and Brea Police Department on June 27, 2024.

Commissioners Vachet and Yost are planning to attend the Commercially Sexually Exploited Children Placement Subcommittee on June 27, 2024.

Commissioners Lopez, Marshall, Rising, Vachet, Winder, and Yost are planning to attend the Juvenile Justice Commission Education Subcommittee meeting with Orange County Department of Education (OCDE) administrators on June 27, 2024.

Commissioners Moreno, Winder, and Yost are planning to attend the Law Enforcement Agency inspection for La Habra Police Department on June 28, 2024.

Commissioners Vachet, Winder, and Yost are planning to attend the Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) webinar on July 1, 2024.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Johnson shared an article from Stanford University with the Commission, focusing on the brain science program.

Commissioner Johnson distributed the program from the Project Youth Graduation, featuring Judge Claudia Alvarez as the guest speaker.

CLOSED SESSION

The executive session was convened from 10:54 a.m. – 10:58 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Judy Johnson

Judy Johnson, Chair