



**Juvenile Justice Commission and
Delinquency Prevention Commission
MINUTES of Joint Meeting
February 25, 2025 5:15 - 7:15 p.m.**

- I. Preliminary Business**
- a. Call to Order: Chair Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m.
 - b. Bo Unga, County Clerk, gave Instructions for Spanish translation services.
 - c. **Commissioners Present:** Chair Johanna Rasmussen, Vice Chair Administration, Karin Huber-Levy, Shakeel Ali (online), Jennifer Blanco, Paul Bocanegra, Whitney Genevro, Niklas Klemmer, Ameya Nori (joined 5:52pm), Tiffany Uhila-Hautau, and Kenneth Williams. A quorum was established.
Commissioners Absent: Vice Chair Membership, Ruchi Mangtani
Staff Present: Bo Unga, Kenny Chu, from County of San Mateo, Clerk's Office
Juvenile Court: Hon. Susan Etezadi, Presiding Judge, Juvenile Court
System Partners Present:
Private Defender's Office - Ron Rayes
District Attorney's Office - Nadia Hahn
Probation - [absent]
OYCR (Office of Youth and Community Restoration) - Darius Parakh
BHRS (Behavioral Health & Recovery Services) - Ornit Shoham
County Office of Education - [absent]
FLY (Fresh Lifelines for Youth) - Maria Delgado Cruz, ChrisBeth Cortez-Lopez, Xochil Ocegueda, Tatiana Castaneda
Children & Family Services - [absent]
Youth Liaison - [absent]
 - d. **Meeting Agenda and Minutes**
 - a. **M: Bocanegra S: Huber-Levy**, to approve the Agenda for February 28, 2025. Passed unanimously.
 - b. **M: Bocanegra S: Huber-Levy**, to approve the January 28, 2024 Meeting Minutes. Passed unanimously.
- II. Oral Communications-Public Comment:** none.



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III. Updates From System Partners

- a. **Private Defender**— report for **Jan 28-February 24:**
- s.602 assignments - 44 cases assigned: 9 detentions, 6 with 707(b)¹ allegations
 - out of custody arraignments - 32 cases: 2 with 707(b) allegations
 - record sealings - 4
 - Youth Miranda Rights Hotline - 7 calls, 7 consultations: 2 youth aged 16-17 yrs/ 5 under 15 yrs; 6 minor youth invoked right to remain silent.
- b. **Probation**— Commissioner Huber-Levy shared data provided by email prior to the meeting:
- Probation:**
- 167 youth at court/on diversion; 188 on supervision (355 total)
 - 12 youth on EMD (electronic monitoring devices): 11 male/1 female, all SMC.
- Juvenile Hall:**
- Total population: 24 youth, 23 male / 1 female
- 5 male SYTF (Secure Youth Treatment Facility) youth
 - 2 out-of-county youth (1 Santa Clara; 1 San Francisco)
- Racial composition: 18 Hispanic youth/ 2 African American/ 1 Pacific Islander/ 3 Other
- c. **Youth Liaison Report** - Chair Rasmussen reported on behalf of Youth Liaison: a mural project was completed in the visiting room; 3 college graduations will be celebrated in May; Live in Peace, a community-based organization, has begun inner perspectives workshops in both housing units.
- d. **FLY – Reentry Services:** Chrisbeth Cortes-Lopez (Re-Entry Case Manager) reported that 22 youth are currently in the program; they are hiring another case manager who will be able to serve additional 12 youth. Updates in the program: one youth joined a cheerleading program; 2 high schoolers enrolled back into their school district; (cont'd)

¹ 707(b) Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC): considered serious offences in the criminal justice system.



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last week held a successful bowling event attended by 4 youth; and there is a workshop on job readiness scheduled for tomorrow.

- **Secure Track:** Tatiana Casteneda (case manager for youth inside juvenile hall) reported 4 youth are currently committed to Secure Track. The youth participated in the interview process for the new case manager (Lead Coach) who will start in April. Also now that their time in the hall has increased to 10 hours per week, they can do more one:one and group workshops, on public speaking, interview prep, self-advocacy skills. About 2 hours spent per youth on one:one case management.

IV. 2025 Officer Elections

Election of Officer for Vice Chair, Membership for 2025, Tiffany Uhila-Hautau. Passed unanimously.

V. 2023-2024 Facility Inspection Reports

A. Hillcrest Juvenile Hall:

Chair Rasmussen reported on behalf of the inspection team (herself, Commissioner Ameya Nori, and former Commissioner Susan Swope) on the inspection conducted over three days at Juvenile Hall (August 12, 13 and 28, 2024). One day was spent reviewing documents. Unfortunately, some of the basic data requested has still not been provided. Probation responded that they were consulting with County Counsel and would be providing data at a later date.

Chair Rasmussen reviewed the report, which is available to the public on the JJDPC website, including specific recommendations made by the Commission based on the inspection results.

Public Comment: Becca Kieler, community member, commented there is a need to support youth transitioning back to our communities - the greatest driver of violence is shame; need to stop shaming tactics and focus on building confidence and pride. Also, data should be openly provided to a legislatively-mandated Commission. These reports highlight the same issues for so many years and need action now.

Nancy Goodban, Clara Jaeckel, and Barbara Taylor, community members, agreed with Ms Kieler's comments, and that it is important for youth to have positive rehabilitation programming, to explore ways to hold Probation accountable, and communicate issues more broadly to build public support.



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Melissa Wilson, former JJDPC Commissioner and community member, noted the Commission has the legal authority to hold hearings, request the court to compel witnesses by subpoena, and to have data produced.

Beth von Emster, community member, provided a written comment supporting rehabilitation and positive changes in juvenile hall.

M: Bocanegra **S:** Klemmer, to approve the Hillcrest Juvenile Hall Inspection Report, with the addition of data when provided and amendments noted. Passed unanimously.

VI. Operating Policies

M: Uhila-Hautau **S:** Genevro, to approve Operating Policies for 2025. Passed unanimously.

VII. Commission Vision for 2025

Chair Rasmussen reviewed the three areas of focus for the Commission for 2025: Camp Kemp (alternative use for facilities - LRP), SYTF (Secure Track programming), state legislation (to be aware and provide support where appropriate).

VII. AB-802 Hunger Survey (2025-26)

Commissioner Huber-Levy reported on the newly introduced bill, AB 802, which would require Juvenile Justice Commissions to conduct surveys at least every 2 years of youth, to ascertain whether food requirements of detained youth are being met, beyond bare nutritional requirements, then post those results with recommendations to remedy any shortcomings.

M: Nori **S:** Huber-Levy, for Commission to provide a letter of support of AB 802.

VIII. Maintaining Confidentiality of Youth:

Chair Rasmussen reviewed the concerns of the Commission, set out in the November 2025 letter to the District Attorney's Office, asking the DA to stop providing youth's full names, birthdates and private medical information in press notes to the media. Nadia Hahn provided an update that this practice has been stopped and the DA's office will now only provide a first name and initial of last name, no birth dates and no medical information in press notes.



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Public Comment: Arnold Morales, community member and parent of juvenile justice involved youth, commented that he would like to understand how confidentiality restrictions in the law are applied as his family has experienced the negative consequences of extensive media attention.

Nadia Hahn, DA's office, explained that the statute on public hearings governs manslaughter and homicide charges and permits disclosure of juvenile confidential information. However, though disclosure may be permitted by law, the DA also is seeking to balance the need for public disclosure with the goals of rehabilitation set out in the Commission's letter.

Ron Rayes, Private Defender office, noted that this has been an ongoing issue for some time but that strides have been made, including prohibiting the use of youths' full names in court calendars posted in public, and in open court in public hearings. He was pleased to hear the DA office confirm that it would stop using youths' full names in press notes going forward.

Becca Kieler, community member and founder of In Our Care, agreed with the concerns expressed by Mr Morales, and she finds the issue of 'facts' released by the press resulting in trying youth in the media, disturbing.

IV. Announcements:

Chair Rasmussen asked community members to please complete the BHRS survey (link provided in Agenda packet) for Prop 1 on Mental Health, to support the distribution of Prop 1 funding. Also, registration is open for the Dream 2025 Career Fair for youth involved in the juvenile justice system, being held on March 15 at the MLK Library in San Jose.

Chair Rasmussen adjourned the meeting at 7:07 pm.

Submitted: 3/16/25, Karin Huber-Levy, Vice-Chair, Administration