



**Juvenile Justice Commission and  
Delinquency Prevention Commission  
MINUTES of Joint Meeting  
May 27, 2025 5:15 - 7:15 p.m.**

**I. Preliminary Business**

- a. Call to Order: Chair Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm.
- b. Sukhmani Purewal, County Clerk, gave instructions for Spanish translation services.
- c. **Commissioners Present:** Chair Johanna Rasmussen, Vice Chair Administration, Karin Huber-Levy, Vice Chair Membership, Whitney Genevro (participating by Zoom), Shakeel Ali, Jennifer Blanco, Paul Bocanegra, Niklas Klemmer, Asteris Ling, Ameya Nori, and Jiya Venkatesh

**Commissioners Absent:** none

**Staff Present:** Sukhmani Purewal, County of San Mateo, Clerk's Office

**Juvenile Court:** Judge Sharon Cho

**System Partners Present:**

Private Defender's Office - Ron Rayes  
District Attorney's Office - Nadia Hahn  
Probation - Chief John Keene, Ivonne Bustos, Becky Power  
OYCR (Office of Youth and Community Restoration) - [absent]  
BHRS (Behavioral Health & Recovery Services) - [absent]  
County Office of Education - Sarah Notch  
FLY (Fresh Lifelines for Youth) - Melissa Poling  
Children & Family Services - [absent]  
Youth Liaison - [absent]

**d. Meeting Agenda and Minutes**

- a. **M:** Bocanegra **S:** Klemmer, to approve the Agenda for May 27, 2025. Passed unanimously.
- b. **M:** Huber-Levy **S:** Ling, to approve the April 29, 2025 Meeting Minutes. Passed, J. Blanco dissenting.

**e. Vote on the Candidacy of Trena Patton**

**M:** Genevro, to approve the candidacy of Trena Patton for Commissioner. Passed unanimously.

**II. Oral Communications-Public Comment:** none



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**III. Updates From System Partners - reports for April:**

- a. Private Defender - Ron Rayes:**
- s.602 assignments - 33 cases assigned: 6 detentions, 4 with 707(b)<sup>1</sup> allegations
  - out of custody arraignments - 22 cases: 6 with 707(b) allegations
  - record sealings - assisted with 3 cases (after probation terms completed, youth qualified to have records sealed under WIC 786 or 781)
  - Youth Miranda Rights Hotline - 17 calls from arresting law enforcement agencies, 17 consultations:
    - 8 youth aged 16-17 yrs/ 9 under 16 yrs;
    - all 17 minor youth elected to remain silent
- b. District Attorney - Nadia Hahn, for the period April 30-May 27:**
- 29 filings: 18 felony; 10 misdemeanor; 1 infraction; 3 cases rejected
  - **Staffing update:** Jasmin Tabi has joined as new DA in juvenile division, taking over the caseload of Aaron Fitzgerald who has moved to a different unit
- c. Probation**— Ivonne Bustos, Becky Power provided updates as of last day of month:

**(I) Juvenile Services - 360 total youth on Probation:**

- 7 Probation Officers
- Supervision: 190
- At Court: 124
- Diversion: 46
- Gang orders:12
- 1 placement

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<sup>1</sup> 707(b) Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC): considered serious offences in the criminal justice system (robbery, murder, attempted murder).



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- Demographics:
  - Ethnicity: 21 Asian/31 Black/194 Hispanic-Latino/ 15 Pacific Islander-Hawaiian/35 White/ 64 Other-Unknown
  - Gender: 274 male/ 85 female/ 1 transgender
  - 4 cities overrepresented:
    - Redwood City: 62
    - San Mateo: 56
    - East Palo Alto: 46
    - Daly City: 33
    - Out of County: 47

**(II) Institutions:**

- Juvenile Hall: 33 youth - 30 male/3 female (three housing units)
  - Felony charges: 27 male/ 2 female
  - Misdemeanor charges: 3 male/ 1 female
  - 4 out-of-county (2 Santa Clara; 2 San Francisco)
  - Ethnicity: 26 Hispanic/Latino/3 African American/2 Pacific Islander, Hawaiian/2 Other
  - Avg daily population - 30 pre-disposition/3 post-disposition males & 3 pre-disposition females
  - Avg length of stay: 28 days
  - For month: 11 bookings (3 out of county); 16 releases
- Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF): 4 male youth on post-disposition felony charges
- EMP (electronic monitoring program): 13 youth
  - 12 male/1 female
  - Felony offences: 6 male
  - Misdemeanor offences: 4 male/ 3 female
  - Pre-disposition: 6 male/ 1 female
  - Post-disposition: 4 male/1 female
  - 9 in county referrals/ 0 out of county referrals
  - Avg daily # youth - 12: pre-dispo: 6 male/1 female; post-dispo: 4 males/1 female
  - Avg length on EMP: 54 days
  - Ethnicity: 12 Hispanic/Latino; 1 Other



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- 10 successful completions on EMP

**d. County Office of Education - Sarah Notch:**

- Hillcrest School graduation is taking place tomorrow (May 28th) from 2-3:30pm, and for the first time there will be students graduating from both high school as well as community college associate's degree programs.
- School configuration: three sections are currently running at Hillcrest School:
  1. Group A: 9 students - 3 x 9th, 3 x 10th, 3 x 11th
  2. Group B: 9 students - 1 x 8th, 4 x 10th, 3 x 11th, 1 x 12th
  3. CARE Class: 6 students - 1 x 8th, 1 x 9th, 3 x 10th, 1 x 11th

Students are placed in the CARE Class if they have non-association orders or safety concerns with students in the other groups, or if they require a smaller learning environment to meet their needs.

The incoming Principal for Court & Community Schools, Freedom Siam, has 25 years of experience. There will also be an Assistant Principal hired for the upcoming school year.

Ms. Notch confirmed that she will continue to be the contact person for scheduling the JJC school assessment visits in September.

Commissioner Blanco raised the issue that, to her knowledge, Project Change is not planning to provide an ethnic studies course option for Hillcrest in the Fall term. Ms. Notch stated that she will follow up with Project Change and ensure it will be covered. She noted that it was her understanding that the ethnic studies course was to be provided as a dual enrollment option.

- e. FLY (Fresh Lifelines for Youth):** Melissa Poling presented an update on case management - there are currently 11 youth in their caseload, 1 female and 10 males. Three are charged with s707(b) offenses, and 8 are committed to SYTF; the case manager is on the unit with them for three days per week; they are working on a workshop series for newer youth on SYTF, and building out their credible messenger program. For the Re-Entry program, the third case manager has now started. They held a job readiness program last week with 6



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Re-Entry youth attending, and will be attending an event with Brian Stephenson (Equal Justice Initiative) next week in San Francisco.

**Public Comment:** Judge Cho announced this will be her final JJDPDC meeting as she is moving into a different assignment out of Juvenile Court. Judge Cho commended the Commission for their work exemplifying the heart and spirit of the work we all do, that is aiming to address issues and causes collaboratively and in partnership with one another, answering and in service to the public. She wished all of the Commissioners the best.

**IV. Presentation on “Today’s Future Sound” - rescheduled to September 2025.**

**V. Project Updates**

- a. **Handbook, “How to Help your Child After an Arrest”:** Chair Rasmussen asked for volunteers to update and revise this publication. Funds are to be provided by Supervisor Canepa to cover costs of republishing. Commissioners Klemmer, Nori, Bocanegra and Huber-Levy volunteered to assist with this.
- b. **Brochure, “When you Turn 18 - A Legal Survival Guide”:** This was published by the state bar years ago. Chair Rasmussen requested volunteers to help revise this publication to update it and make it relevant. Commissioners Venkatesh, Bocanegra and Ling volunteered to assist with this. Commissioner Nori noted that it would be useful to also provide translation to other languages like Tagalog, Polynesian languages.
- c. **Commission Newsletter:** Commissioners Venkatesh, Klemmer and Ling are interested in working on a multi-media newsletter project to update the community on Commission work, provide relevant information to families and justice-impacted youth, and to inform the community of relevant issues and updates in the juvenile justice space. Commissioners Huber-Levy and Genevro also offered to assist.

**VI. 2025 Inspections Updates**

Chair Rasmussen announced the Inspection Teams for this inspection cycle. Juvenile Hall inspection days are scheduled for July.



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**VII. Liaison Updates**

- a. **JJCC:** Chair Rasmussen sits on the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council, and provided an update on the Local Action Plan for Youth (2025-2030), and the Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Plan. Highlights: the plan now includes attending college and living in dorms as a least restrictive option for detained youth, and credible messengers. Chair Rasmussen shared that this plan was the best she had seen to date: the plan has been improving each year and this represents the most comprehensive plan yet. The plan is included in the agenda packet, along with the most recent LAP data.
- b. **Education:** Commissioner Blanco reported that the Commission Education Committee (Commissioners Blanco, Klemmer, Ali, Huber-Levy) has met to discuss issues. She also met with OYCR representatives to discuss the reports presented to the JJCC, and requested a special study session for the Commission to create a more robust dialogue with the JJCC. Chair Rasmussen suggested scheduling this for next January/February to align with the timing of the JJCC process regarding the LAP review and Realignment Block Grant Plan approval (refers to SYTF youth).

For Education planning, Commissioner Blanco suggested appointing school district liaisons (North/Central/South areas) within the Commission as a whole to promote closer interactions with each of the 23 school districts in our county. She also would like to continue planning to host a county-wide youth justice conference next year as a project. Chair Rasmussen noted that the Commissioners with specific education knowledge and experience will be in the best position to act as liaisons with school districts.

**VIII. Announcements**

Commissioners provided information on timing and location of numerous relevant events and webinars happening over the next month in our county.

Chair Rasmussen also announced that SamTrans is launching a \$40 youth summer transit pass for unlimited transit rides throughout the summer.

Chair Rasmussen adjourned the meeting at 6:54 pm.

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Submitted: 6/27/25, Karin Huber-Levy, Vice-Chair, Administration