



**Juvenile Justice Commission and
Delinquency Prevention Commission
MINUTES of Joint Meeting
November 18, 2025 5:15 - 7:15 p.m.**

Commissioners Present: Chair, Johanna Rasmussen, Vice Chair Administration, Karin Huber-Levy, Vice Chair Membership, Whitney Genevro, Shakeel Ali, Jennifer Blanco, Paul Bocanegra, Asteris Ling, Niklas Klemmer, Trena Patton.

Commissioners Absent: Jiya Venkatesh

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 (provided report in advance)
District Attorney's Office - Nadia Hahn
Probation - Ivonne Bustos, Moniae Wade, Chief John Keene
OYCR (Office of Youth and Community Restoration) - [absent]
BHRS (Behavioral Health & Recovery Services) - [absent]
County Office of Education - Sarah Notch (provided report in advance)
FLY (Fresh Lifelines for Youth) - Tatiana Castenada, Adriana Canales
Children & Family Services - [absent]

I.

Preliminary Business:

- a. **Call to Order:** Chair Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 5:15pm.
- b. **Translation Services:** Bo Unga, County Clerk, gave instructions for Spanish translation services.
- c. **Roll Call** was taken and **Quorum** was established.
- d. **Agenda Review and Approval:**
M: Bocanegra **S:** Ling, to approve the Agenda for November 18, 2025.
Passed unanimously.
- e. **Swearing in of New Commissioner Candidates:**
Judge Etezadi conducted the swearing in of Enya Yuan and Celina Chen as new Commissioners for the JJDPC. Congratulations to both!
- f. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** for August 26, 2025 and September 30, 2025 meetings:
M: Genevro **S:** Bocanegra, to approve the minutes for the aforementioned meetings. Passed unanimously.



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II. Oral Communications-Public Comment: none

III. Updates From System Partners - reports for November (3 weeks):

A. Private Defender - Ron Rayes:

- s.602 assignments - 29 cases assigned: 12 detentions - 4 with petitions containing allegations of 707(b)¹ offences
- out of custody arraignments - 17 cases: 5 with petitions containing allegations of 707(b) offences
- record sealings - none during this time (youth qualified to have records sealed under WIC 786 or 781)
- Youth Miranda Rights Hotline - 20 calls from arresting law enforcement agencies, 20 consultations - all youth invoked their right to remain silent:
 - 1 youth aged 18 yrs/14 youth aged 16-17 yrs/
1 youth aged 15 yrs/ **5 youth aged 14 yrs and under**

B. District Attorney - Nadia Hahn, for the period 9/30 to 11/18 :

- 49 filings: 39 felonies/misdemeanors; 16 misdemeanor/infractions.
- 22 charges were rejected

C. Probation— Ivonne Bustos provided updates for October:

(I) Juvenile Services:

- 350 youth on Probation (9 Probation Officers)
 - On Supervision: 219
 - At Court: 170
 - On Diversion: 24
 - 7 Gang orders

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



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- Demographics:
 - Ethnicity: 226 Hispanic-Latino /35 Black-African American/34 White/ 55 Other-Unknown
 - Gender: 269 male/ 80 female/ 1 non-binary
 - Cities overrepresented:
 - Redwood City: 66
 - San Mateo: 55
 - Daly City: 40
 - Out of County: 39

(II) Institutions:

- Juvenile Hall: (three housing units)- for month of July
 - 36 youth as of today - 29 male/6 female
 - 31 youth as of Oct 31 - 28 male/ 2 female/ 1 nonbinary
 - Felony charges: 26 male / 1 female/ 1 nonbinary
 - Misdemeanor charges: 2 male/ 1 female
 - 4 out-of-county (2 Santa Clara; 2 San Francisco)
 - **Ethnicity**: 29 Hispanic-Latino/ 5 Black- African American/ 1 Pacific Islander-Hawaiian/ 2 White/ 2 Other/ 0 Middle-Eastern/ 0 Asian
 - **Avg daily population**: 26 - 21 pre-disposition/4 post-disposition males & 1 pre-disposition female/ 0 post-disposition female
 - **Avg length of stay**: 23 days
 - For October: 20 bookings - 15 in-county, 5 out-of-county; 16 releases
- **SOARR Program**-Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF):
 - 8 youth all post-disposition, felony charges:
 - 7 males/1 female
- **EMP** (electronic monitoring program) and **CAM** (continuous alcohol monitoring): 13 youth as of October 31; 8 youth as of today:
 - Felony: 6 male / 1 female
 - Misdemeanor: 0 male/ 1 female
 - Successful completions: 3 EMP; 0 CAM



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- **Avg daily # youth** - 13:
- 13 pre-dispo: 7 male/1 female; post-dispo: 4 males/1 female
- **Avg length on EMP:** 47 days
- Ethnicity: 5 Hispanic/Latino; 1 Asian; 1 Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander; 0 Black; 1 White
- Referrals: EMP - 7 in-county, 0 out-of-county; CAM - 1 in county, 0 out-of-county.

Other matters:

1. **Reports of Allegations of Sexual Contact:** Chair Rasmussen referred to multiple reports of allegations of sexual contact between a staff member and youth at Juvenile Hall received by the Commission over the past 72 hours. Chief Keene noted that he is aware of these allegations and investigations are in progress. This type of inappropriate behavior is never tolerated; he has a track record of holding people accountable and supporting youth in their care. He assured the public that this will not go unaddressed, however he cannot comment further given the nature of ongoing investigations. Transparency is important, but it is also important to provide a fair and impartial process for all parties involved. The sensitivity and concern around this issue was acknowledged.
2. **AB 1376 (Ending Endless Probation)** - Chief Keene noted that there is a question regarding the retroactivity of the new legislation (AB 1376) limiting probation terms for youth under supervision. The Bill is silent as to retroactivity but clear on the fact that probation terms are limited to 12 months going forward. Once there is clarity on the retroactivity question, Probation will align their processes.
3. **Alternative Use of Camp Kemp:** Chief Keene noted that the current proposal is to use the closed Camp Kemp facility to provide a Healing Campus, providing mental health (in and out-patient) services, and short-term therapeutic services to serve a broader swath of youth (under 18 yrs) in our county. Currently, the county only has use of 1 floor of the adult mental health facility, which is inadequate. They are applying for a state grant to fund the redesign of Camp Kemp for this purpose. Different portions of the facility would serve different populations, some as a licensed STRTP similar to Canyon Oaks Youth Center.



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D. County Office of Education:

Sarah Notch provided a written report in advance of the meeting as she is ill. Per information received from Vice-Principal Arenas, there are currently 31 students at Hillcrest School: 11 in 12th grade, 10 in 11th grade, 7 in 10th grade, 1 in 9th grade, and 2 in 8th grade.

E. FLY (Fresh Lifelines for Youth):

Re-Entry Program for In-Custody Youth (REPS) - Tatiana Castenada: currently 10 youth are engaged with in-custody care management - 1 female and 9 males. This includes all 8 SYTF youth, as well as 2 youth with 707(b) charges (both male). Nine of these youth are attending college, and one is completing high school, and is on track to graduate early. One student is attending San Francisco State University, 2 have been accepted to Sonoma State University and one student has recently applied for a second and third associate degree. In October, FLY provided 114.9 hrs of case management hours for these 10 students. They are currently training 4 credible messengers (3 male/1 female) to work with youth in juvenile hall. 1 SOARR youth has recently gotten a job with OYCR.

Re-Entry Program for Out-of-Custody Youth - Adriana Canales: Re-Entry LRE (Law Related Education) started to meet on Wednesdays with re-entry youth, who gain community service hours. There is a wait list for the program currently but are working on adding more staff - 2 case managers are currently being hired.

Oral Communications-Public Comment:

1. **Melissa Wilson, former SMC JJDPC Commissioner**, made comment on the applicability of the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) to juvenile facilities: PREA, a federal statute, represents the 'gold standard' for facilities, which she became aware of while on the Sexual Abuse Prevention Committee of the Commission. PREA protections are in place at the Maguire adult jail, and she questioned why PREA protections are not in place at the SMC YSC, and requested the JJDPC to take this issue up.



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2. **Becca Kieler, In Our Care**, made comment that there is no distinct Juvenile Probation Department in SMC and questioned whether we need to have a separate, specifically trained juvenile probation department, especially in light of current allegations.

IV. 2025 Annual Inspection Reports:

(a) Educational Evaluation Report for Canyon Oaks Youth Center:

For the 2024-25 educational programs evaluation, Commissioner Huber-Levy presented her report on the educational programming provided at Canyon Oaks Youth Center. After some discussion, the report was presented for a vote of approval by the Commission.

M: Bocanegra; **S:** Ali, to approve the 2025 Education Evaluation Report for Canyon Oaks Youth Center. Passed unanimously.

(b) SMC Maguire Correctional Facility Report:

Chair Rasmussen presented her report on her inspection of the facilities for the purpose of assessing the programming and living conditions for youth who may be transferred into and housed in this adult facility. Overall, conditions were not adequate for youth as required under current law, pursuant to SB 823 and WIC 875, with requisite Individual Rehabilitation Plan programming.

M: Huber-Levy; **S:** Bocanegra, to approve the 2025 Maguire Correctional Facility Report. Passed unanimously.

(c) Law Enforcement Holding Facilities:

Chair Rasmussen noted that OYCR has now provided to all JJCs a list of facilities in their county where youth have been held over the past year for any amount of time. Chair Rasmussen requested assistance from Commissioners to complete the inspection of all of these facilities in our county.



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Oral Communications-Public Comment:

1. **Darya Larizadeh, National Center for Youth Law**, made comment that while it was understandably upsetting to contemplate an SYTF youth from juvenile hall being transferred into the inadequate and negative adult jail environment, we must not lose sight of the many youth over 18 yrs who are already subjected to life in these terrible conditions and the negative impact on their futures.

V. Board of Supervisors Update:

- a. Chair Rasmussen noted that the agenda packet included the letter she submitted on behalf of the Commission to the Board of Supervisors meeting in response to the Civil Grand Jury Report regarding the use of vacant, unused facilities, such as Camp Kemp.
- b. Chair Rasmussen reported on her discussion with Supervisor Canepa regarding improving the food in juvenile hall and options to change the service providers for meals to juvenile hall.
- c. There will be a presentation on behalf of the JJDPDC to the Board of Supervisors on December 9th, and everyone is welcome to join on Zoom or in person.

VI. Announcements:

- a. **Nominations for Officers:** a vote on officers for 2026 is postponed until the December meeting.
- b. **Delinquency Prevention in Action Conference Update:** Commissioner Blanco provided an update on this conference to be held at College of San Mateo on January 7, 2026, with workshops, and a systems-impacted youth panel facilitated by FLY. This will be attended by school district partners and local community-based organizations. Sponsorships have been secured, and College of San Mateo has waived facility fees.
- c. **In Re H.T., Court of Appeal, CA 3rd Appellate District, Sacramento County:** in this decision, which represents an important precedent, the court opined that probation had the responsibility to provide



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maintenance for housing, food and basic necessities for an SYTF youth transitioning out of incarceration.

There being no further business on the agenda, Chair Rasmussen adjourned the meeting at 7:18 pm, in memory of Sean P., who passed away last month.

Minutes Prepared and Submitted: 01/7/26, Karin Huber-Levy, Vice-Chair, Administration