



**Juvenile Justice Commission
Delinquency Prevention Commission
Joint Meeting Minutes
May 26, 2026**

Commissioners Present

Johanna Rasmussen, Jennifer Blanco, Trena Patton, Shakeel Ali, Asteris Ling, Celina Chen,

Commissioners Attending Remotely Pursuant to AB 2447

None

Commissioners Absent

Whitney Geneviro, Jiya Venkatesh, Niklas Klemmer, and Celina Chen

County Staff Present

Kim Boverio, Assistant Clerk of the Board

Board of Supervisors Liaison: Supervisor Corzo, Christina Falla

System Partners Present

Private Defender Program: Ron Rayes, Managing Attorney Juvenile Division

District Attorney: Nadia Hahn, Deputy District Attorney, Juvenile Division

Probation: John Keene, Chief, Moniay Wade, Deputy Chief, Margarita Ochoa, Assistant Deputy Chief, and Carmen Ramirez, Assistant Superintendent

County Office of Education: Sarah Notch

Behavioral Health & Recovery Services (BHRS) Martha Cervantes, Supervising Clinician

System Partners Absent

HSA–Children and Family Services: John Fong, Director. Director Fong, provided a written report in advance of meeting that was included in the meeting agenda packet.

Fresh Lifelines for Youth (FLY): Melissa Polling, Director



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I. Preliminary Business

- Chair Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 5:22 pm.
- Translation Services: Spanish translation services were available for meeting participants on Zoom
- Roll Call and Establish Quorum A quorum was established.
- Agenda Review and Approval
 - The Chair asked for a motion to approve the agenda as distributed.
 - Motion made by Commissioner Bocanegra
 - 2nd by Commissioner Ling
 - The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

II. Oral Communications – Public Comment

None

III. System Partner Updates

a. Private Defender: Ron Rayes, Managing Attorney Juvenile Division

Monthly Data

- Case Assignments: 44
- Detentions: 12
 - 7 involving 707(b) offenses
- Out of Custody Arraignments: 37
 - 6 involving 707(b) allegations
- Miranda Hotline Calls
 - Data temporarily unavailable Provider is migrating data.
- Sealing Petitions: 11
- Age Range of Clients
 - Data temporarily unavailable Provider is migrating data.



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- b. District Attorney: Nadia Hahn, Deputy District Attorney Juvenile Division.
Reporting period: April 29, 2026-May 26, 2026.

- 33 New cases filed:
- 20 Felony
- 13 Misdemeanor
- 0 Infractions
- 12 Rejected or Referred for informal services.

- c. Probation Department: Margarita Ochoa, Assistant Deputy Chief of Juvenile Probation Services, introduced Carmen Ramirez, Assistant Superintendent reported on the Juvenile Services and Institutions Divisions for the month of July 2026.

Juvenile Services Division

Number of Youth Served on Probation

- 207 on Supervised Probation
- 97 going through the court process
- 31 on Diversion
 - Total: 335 Youth
- Demographics of the 335 youth served
 - Breakdown by Race
 - 219 Hispanic
 - 40 Black
 - 30 White
 - 19 Other or Unknown
 - 15 Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
 - 12 Asian
 - Breakdown by Gender
 - 80 Female
 - 254 Male
 - 1 Non-binary



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- Breakdown by Region
 - North County: 81
 - Mid County: 82
 - South County: 108
 - Coast: 25
 - Out of County: 39
- Staffing: Juvenile Deputy Probation Officers
 - 7
- Institutions Division
 - Juvenile Hall Data
 - Population: 37
 - 16 Predisposition
 - 21 Post-disposition
 - Bookings: 11
 - Releases: 13
 - Average Length of Incarceration: 27 days
 - Demographics
 - Breakdown by Race
 - 27 Hispanic
 - 10 Other or Unknown
 - Breakdown by Gender
 - 33 Males
 - 3 Girls
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Secure Youth Treatment Facility Data

- Population: 11 Youth (all post disposition)

Demographics

- Breakdown by Race
 - 12 Hispanic
- Breakdown by Gender
 - 11 Males
 - 1 Female
- Electronic Monitoring Program –EMP
 - 11 youth in program
 - 9 referrals are pending
 - 5 youth successfully completed EMP
 - Average length of time on EMP: 46 days
- Continuous Alcohol Monitoring Device–CAM
 - 1 Referrals Pending
 - 0 Successful Completion

d. Board of Supervisors, Noelia Corzo, provided the following report:

- Supervisor Speier, the sponsor of the Juvenile Justice Study Session, has requested that it be postponed until August 11, 2026. Supervisor Corzo has offered to be a co-sponsor as she serves as the Board's Liaison to the Delinquency Prevention Commission.
- Several commissioners commented that while there is some benefit to having more time to prepare for the study session, there was concern over the timing of the new contracts for juvenile programs and services that will be going to the Board for their approval in June. These contracts exceed 13 million dollars and will be in effect for 3-5 years. There is a concern over the lack of comprehensive reentry services and the effectiveness of the existing programs whose contracts are up for renewal. The Commission had hoped to be able to provide information on existing service gaps and needs prior to their approval.



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- Chief John Keene and County Executive Mike Callagy will be taking Supervisor Speir and Gauthier on tours of the Youth Services Center. They have not been to the facility yet. They plan to eat the food and meet with the incarcerated youth.
- Meetings with Chief Keene and the dietitians at the county jail have resulted in improvements. It was unclear how this is being tracked and measured. The Supervisor recommended the commission meet with Director Soto, Food and Nutrition Services for Corrections.
- The Board of Supervisors has been seeking copies of the Commission's work plans from Connie Juarez-Dirol. The Commission was unsure what the Supervisor was referencing, as the subject of a work plan had never previously been raised. Chair Rasmussen explained that the Commissions have Operating Policies that govern how they operate, and their work is carried out through annual projects and initiatives that are documented in an annual report. It is unclear whether County commissions are required to have a work plan.
- Supervisor Corzo suggested the option of using a commissioner and community partner surveys to help inform a work plan. She offered to send examples of work plans that other commissions have produced. She will also ask Connie to reach out to assist us.
- Commissioner comments included:
 - Commissioner Blanco noted that the Commission interviews incarcerated youth as part of its annual inspections, including questions regarding food. She recommended the Supervisor read the report to learn what they had to say. Commissioner Bocanegra concurred, noting that while conversations regarding food are taking place with chefs, management, and other adults, the youth themselves should be included. He emphasized that the youth are the ones eating the food every day, some for five years. The food concerns are theirs. who have consistently reported these longstanding concerns. He urged that their voices be included in conversations and efforts to address issues that directly impact them.



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- Commissioner Bocanegra spoke on the Reimagine Juvenile Hall Committee, created by the Board of Supervisors in 2022. which was made up of system partners and department heads throughout the County, to make formal on recommendations on how to soften the environment at the Juvenile Hall and SYTF, with the funding provided by the state. The committee disbanded in 2023. At that time, none of their recommendations were implemented. Mike Callagy informed the commission several years ago that the county was revamping the RFP process to make it more equitable for community based organizations and service providers. He asked the Supervisor if it was possible to check on the status of those improvements and report back on her findings.
- Commissioner Bocanegra asked the Supervisors were interested in seeing or learning on their tours? He also recommended Camp Kemp be added to the tour, as we need housing for transitional aged youth and Camp Kemp is sitting vacant at a cost of 1.8 million dollars a year. The commission is concerned about the lack of services being provided to Transitional Aged Youth (TAY), who were incarcerated as juveniles and now being released as adults without services. Supervisor Corzo spoke on the pushback the Board received over the purchase of a home in North fair oaks for youth in extended foster care. She suggested that maybe this could be put a workplan.
- e. San Mateo County Office of Education: Sarah Notch:
 - Hillcrest School currently has 22 students in the following grades:
 - 7th: 0
 - 8th: 3
 - 9th: 2
 - 10th: 5
 - 11th: 8
 - 12th: 4
 - Diverse Learners and Academic Accommodations
 - Students with IEP's: 14
 - Students with a 504 plan
 - English Learners: 1



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- The search for a new principal for Court and Community Schools is underway.
 - They will have 1 dedicated Resource Specialist at Hillcrest School in the fall. Gateway and Canyon Oaks will also have a dedicated Resource Specialist that they will share between the sites.
 - Hillcrest School will hold it's graduation ceremony tomorrow, May 27, 2026 at 2:00 pm.
 - The SMCOE is reorganizing and eliminated the Assistant Principal position. Dr. Jesus Jimenez is the incoming Director of Court and Community Schools and he will be taking on some tasks of the assistant principal, including stepping into the classroom, if needed to teach.
 - SMCOE is expecting to be fully staffed in all areas when school starts in the fall.
 - This is Sarah Notch's last meeting; Dr. Jesus Jimenez will be attending our meetings, starting in June.
- f. Behavioral Health & Recovery Services (BHRS) Martha Cervantes, reported that BHRS is now fully staffed, which is a major accomplishment. The Juvenile Hall and SYTF had been operating with only one clinician and reduced mental health services

Public Comment

Becca Kieler, Co-Founder of In Our Care, thanked Supervisor Corzo for being present at the tonight's meeting; the home for foster youth she referenced in Fair Oak is around the corner from her home; she has reached out to Supervisor Gauthier and offered to assist with community outreach.

IV. Presentation of the 2025 Juvenile Hall Inspection Report

- a. Commissioner Rasmussen presented for the inspection team, which consisted of Commissioners Bocanegra, Ali, and Ling.
- There has been some improvements,
 - New leadership: Ivone Bustos and Moniay Wade
 - Increased communication
 - Retention efforts: Reimplementing the 4/10 and 3/12 weekly shifts.



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- Trends:
 - Bookings are down 15%
 - Out of County youth 8%, average age is 16.1 which is down about 3 months.
 - 93% of incarcerated youth are youth of color
- The inspection report was delayed due to several factors, which were outside of our control.
- The 2026 facility inspections will begin in July.

b. Discussion

- Programming: What are we doing to reduce recidivism?
- Concerns that grievances are being handled by the same individuals listed in the the complaints.
- Trauma informed/cognitive behavioral is the standard across the state
- Probation relies heavily on BHRS to provide direct services and treatment.
- There are no AOD treatment options available.

c. Vote to Approve Inspection Report

- Motion to approve the inspection report: Commissioner Bocanegra
- 2nd: Commission Ling
- The report was approved unanimously

Public Comment

Melissa Wilson, former Commissioner, Educator, and Youth Advocate; asks if the Commission and the Probation Department can collaborate and advocate jointly for needs of the youth and present a united front for the Board of Supervisors.

V. Liaison and Subcommittee Updates

- a. Community Outreach and Education: CASA Panel: Commissioner Rasmussen and Margarita Ochoa from Probation were invited to speak on the CASA panel this month.



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- b. Educational Transitioning Planning: Jefferson Union High School. Met with the Superintendent of Jefferson Union High School and the Principal to discuss some issues.
 - 2026 Inspection Team: Commissioner Rasmussen-requests that all commissioners sign up for two teams.
 - Report: Award Presentation: Honoring Judge Susan I. Etezadi, on the occasion of her retirement luncheon-the award will be a perpetual award given to someone who represents the judge's legacy at our Prevention Conference
- VI. There were no announcements
- VII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 pm.