

**ORANGE COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION  
LAMOREAUX JUVENILE JUSTICE CENTER  
COMMISSION CONFERENCE ROOM – 2<sup>nd</sup> FLOOR  
341 The City Drive, Orange, CA 92868  
Wednesday October 04, 2023  
9:00 a.m.**

## **AGENDA**

- 1) CALL TO ORDER**
- 2) ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**
- 3) CORRESPONDENCE**
- 4) REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES/WORKING GROUPS**
- 5) REPORTS FROM INSPECTIONS**
- 6) REPORTS FROM LIAISON ACTIVITIES & WEBINARS**
- 7) MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- 8) COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**
- 9) ADJOURNMENT**

**MINUTES OF ORANGE COUNTY  
JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION  
Wednesday October 04, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Orange County Juvenile Justice Commission was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Perring. 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:** Amy Crowley  
Judy Johnson  
Silvestre Lopez (WebEx)  
Wyatt McClean  
Lynda Perring, Chair  
Madelyn Rodriguez  
Jan Sturla  
MaryLou Vachet  
Steve Winder  
Dolores Yost, Vice Chair

**COMMISSIONERS**

**ABSENT:** Denise Churchill  
Marcy Garfias  
Connie Marshall

**STAFF:** Lii Toelupe, Executive Administrative Assistant  
Taeona Beechum, Legal Processing Specialist

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**The September 20, 2023, minutes were approved by unanimous consent.**

**REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS**

**A. Education**

Commissioner Vachet gave a brief update. A meeting with Vern Burton, Assistant Superintendent, Access Schools, DOE Institutional Schools will be scheduled mid-October.

**B. Essay and Art Contest**

Commissioner Vachet reported the essay and art subcommittee are in the process of finalizing the essay and art contest preparations.

**C. JJC/Probation Book Club**

Commissioner Crowley gave a brief update on the Book Club. The participants were very engaged in reading "The 5 Love Languages" and have been self-reflecting on their own personal relationships.

**D. JJC/Working Group Re: Substance Abuse and Mental Health**

Commissioner Johnson reported the JJC working group will be contacting Alicia Lemire, Program Manager, HCA Children & Youth Behavioral Health to discuss what programs and services the Clinical Evaluation and Guidance Unit (CEGU) provide.

**REPORTS FROM INSPECTIONS**

**Vera's Sanctuary**

Commissioners Churchill and Yost visited Vera's Sanctuary on September 21, 2023. Commissioner Yost reported Vera's Sanctuary's goal is to treat substance abuse issues in young men and women. They received positive feedback from the youth and no corrective action notices were given.

**Mary's Path**

Commissioners Perring and Vachet visited Mary's Path for an inspection on September 28, 2023. Commissioner Vachet reported staff have received an increase in wages and are currently training on de-escalation techniques. No corrective action notices were given.

**REPORTS FROM LIAISON ACTIVITIES & WEBINARS**

**JJCC Special Meeting**

Commissioner Winder attended the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) meeting held on September 14, 2023. He gave an overview of the various programs that were discussed.

**Webinar: Keeping Youth Safe from Substance Use**

Commissioner Perring gave a brief overview of the Keeping Youth Safe from Substance Abuse Use webinar held on September 27, 2023. She reported they discussed risk and protective factors, as well as strategies care givers can implement when caring for at risk youth.

**CSEC Steering Committee**

Commissioners Vachet and Yost gave an overview of the CSEC Steering Committee meeting held on September 28, 2023. Commissioner Vachet shared a report of sex trafficking statistics.

**SUD Subcommittee**

Commissioner Vachet attended the Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Subcommittee meeting on October 3, 2023. She shared a report on human trafficking statistics from the year 2021-2022. She also suggested that the commissioners read the report.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS/WEBINARS/INSPECTIONS**

Commissioners Crowley, Johnson, Vachet, Winder and Yost are planning to attend the Youth Learning Academy (YLA) inspection on October 4, 2023.

Commissioners Crowley and Perring plan to attend the Child Welfare System Improvement (CWSIP) meeting October 5, 2023.

Commissioners Perring and Vachet plan to attend the Eliminating Racial Disparity and Disproportionality (ERDD) meeting on October 11, 2023.

Commissioners Vachet, Winder and Yost plan to attend the Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) Prevention and Awareness Subcommittee meeting on October 12, 2023.

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Commissioners Perring and Yost are planning to attend the JJC Executive Committee Meeting on October 18, 2023.

Commissioners Johnson and Perring are planning to attend the Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program (STRTP) Quarterly Forum meeting on October 18, 2023.

Commissioners Churchill, Crowley, Garifas, Johnson, Lopez, Marshall, McClean, Perring, Rodriguez, Vachet, Winder and Yost are planning to attend the Essay Contest ceremony on October 19, 2023.

Commissioner Perring is planning to attend the Court Improvement Committee meeting on October 19, 2023.

Commissioner Johnson is planning to attend the Cast Policy Board meeting on October 19, 2023.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Sturla suggested the JJC agenda for next meeting include the formation of the Nomination Committee (2024 Chair and Vice Chair).

**CLOSED SESSION**

The executive session was convened from 10:00 a.m. – 10:02 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

*Lynda Perring*

Lynda Perring, Chair