



**Juvenile Justice and
Delinquency Prevention
Commissions**

**October 29, 2024, 5:15 - 7:15 p.m.
MINUTES**

I. Preliminary Business

- a. Call to Order: Chair Johanna Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 5:18 p.m.
- 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, Shakeel Ali (arr. 5:40 pm), Paul Bocanegra, Whitney Genevro, Eugene Jackson, Ameya Nori (arr. 5:20 pm), Sathvik Nori (arr. 5:28), Susan Swope, Tiffany Uhila-Hautau (arr. 6:13 pm), and Kenneth Williams. A quorum was established.

Commissioners Absent: Ruchi Mangtani, Jennifer Blanco

Staff Present (Zoom)

Sukhmani S. Purewal, Assistant Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Juvenile Court (Zoom)

Hon. Susan Etezadi, Presiding Juvenile Court Judge

Stakeholders Present

Ron Rayes, Private Defender Program
Nora Cullen, Probation Department
Jehan Clark, Probation Department (Zoom)
Sarah Notch, SMC Office of Education
Maria Delgado, FLY
Chrisbeth Cortez, FLY
Rose LaValley, FLY (Zoom)

II. Oral Communications: none



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III. Meeting Agenda

- a. **M:** Swope, **S:** Bocanegra to accept the Agenda for October 28th. Passed unanimously.

IV. Updates From System Partners

- a. **Private Defender**—Ron Rayes reported that over the past 4 weeks, 51 new cases were assigned, with 20 detentions, and of those detentions, six involved 707(b) allegations. On the Miranda hotline, 23 calls were received, resulting in 23 consultations: 10 were by youth 16-17 years old; 13 youth were 15 years old or younger. Six cases were sealed.
- b. **Probation**—Nora Cullen (Assistant Deputy Chief Probation) reported on behalf of Probation:
- For Juvenile Division: 178 youth on Diversion programs; 185 youth on Supervised probation, for total of 373 youth
 - For Institutions (YSC) : 26 youth in custody (all male - 22 Hispanic, 2 Black/AA, 1 Polynesian, 1 other); 5 out-of-county youth (one from Santa Clara, three from San Francisco, one from Alameda); 14 youth on EMP (12 male, 2 female)

FLY Voter Education Class at YSC: Ms Cullen reported: On Saturday, October 12, Joshua Orcine, Law Program Facilitator for FLY, facilitated an interactive session with all available youth from all units participating. The session included reviewing the history of voting, who is eligible to vote, how elections work, and who and what is being voted on in this election.

The session went well, with youth from both units enthusiastically participating and asking lots of questions. For some youth, it was the first time they had seen an actual voting ballot. Five youth registered to vote, voted; two declined. Two youth eligible to pre-register to vote (under 18), did so; 1 declined.

All eligible youth at YSC received ballots directly at YSC - county elections officials visited on 10/11 and 10/18; completed ballots were hand-delivered to the Elections Office; provisional ballots would have been made available but none were required.



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- c. **BHRS**—not present. No report.
- d. **County Office of Education**—Sarah Notch shared that the CoE held a board meeting last week. A main priority, especially for Hillcrest, will be credit recovery. Thirteen students completed credit recovery for a full semester in one quarter in addition to their regular course work. Another is A-G course management. All courses A-G are approved and are UC and CA State University eligible.

Each student has an individual plan, developed by a multidisciplinary group. SEL is used in all court and community schools.

One problem is that half credits are not accepted at students' home schools. The half credits reflect that the majority of their students are at YSC for 30-60 days. This problem is on CoE's radar. Ms. Notch will work on seeing that all credits are transferred. Many of the County's school districts use Edgenuity for continuity.

Regarding the status of the unfilled Court & Community Schools Principal role, Ms Notch noted that Dr Jesus Jimenez, Director of School Programs, is currently serving as interim principal for Court & Community Schools and is focused 100% on this role, with his other responsibilities diverted while he is in this role. There is no further information on a permanent replacement for Principal of Court & Community Schools.

- e. **Fresh Lifelines for Youth (FLY)** - Chrisbeth Cortez, Re-entry Case Manager for FLY, reported that 25 youth are currently enrolled in their 9 month re-entry program for youth 18 and under. Four youth attended the laser tag event held earlier this month. Four youth attended a time management workshop presented by the career pathways advocate. Ten youth are working on their driver's permits; one youth has received their permit. Six youth have employment right now and others are working on resumes and applying for jobs. Five youth remain on the waitlist for this program. It was noted that there is also a state-wide program for re-entry for youth 18-25 years old.



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A development plan is created for each youth at the start of their program. A request was made by former Commissioner Wilson to provide the Commission with a form of this development plan for our information.

Public Comment: Becca Kieler of In Our Care, and Nancy Goodban shared that it was helpful to know what is being done for the youth and thanked the system partners for their reports. Ofelia Bellow asked how an organization with a community program for youth in SMC could become a system partner.

V. 2024 Inspection Team Updates

a. Canyon Oaks: Commissioner Sathvik Nori presented the Canyon Oaks inspection report.

M: Commissioner Swope, to approve the report with the table on Areas Reviewed on page 4 and the applicable boxes on Conditions of Building on page 7 checked off. Carried unanimously. (Commissioner S. Nori served as the second for this committee report).

b. Canyon Oaks School: Commissioner Huber-Levy presented the Canyon Oaks School education evaluation report. COYC school currently has eight students with one more expected to join shortly. A second para-educator is being hired.

M: Commissioner Bocanegra, to approve the report. Passed unanimously.

c. Police Departments: Commission Rasmussen presented the reports on the San Bruno and the South San Francisco Police Departments. Everything was in order for both PDs. **M:** Commissioner Rasmussen, to accept the reports. Approved unanimously.

VI. Project Updates

a. Countywide Educational Summit: No report.

b. Foster Care: Commissioner Genevro met with the Vice Chair of the Alameda County JJDPC. They have 5-7 STRTPs. Most of the youth in them are from



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out-of-County. Commissioner Uhila-Hautau reported that she met with John Fong. He couldn't tell her how many foster youth we have in the County

VII. Announcements

- a. Commissioner Eugene Jackson announced his resignation, due to conflict of interest with the contract he has entered into with Probation. He will be providing services to youth at the juvenile hall.
- b. Chair Rasmussen announced that the November meeting date is changed to November 19, 2024, due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

VIII. Chair Rasmussen adjourned the meeting at 7:17 pm.