



**Juvenile Justice and  
Delinquency Prevention  
Commissions**

**MAY 28, 2024, 5:15 - 7:15 p.m.  
FINAL MINUTES**

**I. Preliminary Business**

- a) Call to Order: Chair Johanna Rasmussen called the meeting to order at 5:18 p.m.
- b) Sukhmani Purewal, Assistant Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, and the Spanish Interpreter, gave instructions for Spanish translation services.
- c) **Commissioners Present:** Chair Johanna Rasmussen, Ruchi Mangtani, Paul Bocanegra, Whitney Genevro, Wesley Liu (left at 6 pm), Ameya Nori, Sathvik Nori (arr. 5:24), Susan Swope, and Tiffany Uhila-Hautau.

**Commissioners Absent:** Vice Chair Administration Karin Huber-Levy, Jennifer Blanco, Steve Grieb, and Eugene Jackson.

**Staff Present:** Sukhmani S. Purewal, Assistant Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

**Stakeholders Present:** Ron Reyes, Managing Attorney, Private Defender Sanam Aram, Assistant Deputy Chief Probation Officer-Institutions; Nora Cullen, Assistant Deputy Chief Probation- Juvenile Services; Nadia Hahn District Attorney, Ron Reyes, Private Defender Program

**II. Oral Communications: NONE**

**III. Meeting Agenda and Minutes**

- a. M: Swope, S: A. Nori to approve the agenda as distributed. Passed unanimously.
- b. M: Swope, S: A. Nori to approve the Meeting Minutes for April 30, 2024, as corrected by adding Shakeel Ali, President of the Jefferson Elementary School District, to Oral Communications, approving the appointments of Commissioners Blanco and Jackson along with Superintendent Ochoa.



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**IV. Updates from System Partners**

- a. **Private Defender**—Ron Reyes appeared in-person and reported 88 new cases assigned, of which 7 were alleged 707(b) offenses. There were 15 sealing requests and 29 calls on the Miranda hot line.
- b. **Probation**—Nora Cullen appeared in-person and reported 33 youth are in custody at YSC, 30 males and 3 females. Two are out-of-county residents (1 Santa Clara and 1 San Francisco). There are 179 youth on supervision and 121 on diversion. Hillcrest School will have its graduation ceremonies tomorrow for four graduating seniors at 1:30 pm. JJDPCC Commissioners are invited.
- c. **Behavioral Sciences and Recovery Services**- Did not attend. No report
- d. **County Office of Education**—Sara Notch appeared on Zoom to report that Hillcrest will have two summer sessions. After graduation there will be one week off, then a three-week session, another week off and then the second, three-week session. The sessions will focus on credit recovery and acceleration. They are finalizing their next three-year LCAP to present to the County Board of Education. Sara will provide the commission with the Court and Community School calendars for summer and the 2024-2025 school year. Due to poor internet connection, she will submit a written copy of her report.

**ACTION:** Ms Notch will get us the calendar for the next school year and the date of the LCAP presentation.

- e. **HSA: Children and Family Services**—Did not attend. No report.

**V. Presentation: Pine Grove Youth Conservation Camp**—Commission Chair, Johanna Rasmussen and Private Defender Ron Reyes visited the Camp on May 8, 2024. Pine Grove is the oldest conservation camp in California, established by the California Youth Authority. It is now operated by the California Department of Corrections and CalFire. They currently have MOUs with 26 counties. The current population is 18. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic and closure of DJJ, the



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average population was 80-100 youth and up-to four fire crews at a time. Pine Grove is 130 miles our juvenile hall. Pine Grove accept males from 18 – 25 who have six months to six years left on their sentences. Participants must have a High School diploma or a GED, may not have pending charges or any violent offenses in the last 60 days, and must be medically cleared to enter the program.

Counties pay \$81/day for each youth for up to 14 days of training and \$10/day thereafter. The \$10 is paid to the youth. When fighting fires, they are also paid from \$2.40 to \$4/hour. There have been no walkaways since 2019, and very little recidivism. Many programs are available, including college courses through Lake Tahoe Community College. Their training is equivalent to an entry-level firefighter. The camp has gym for youth to train in. Youth receive 4000 calories a day of good food. The youth rave about the food. The mattresses are much thicker than the juvenile hall. Youth can receive quarterly packages and visit with their family for 6 hours on Sunday's. Zoom visiting and telephone calls are also available.

Families of the youth can stay free at ARC Ranch and receive gas cards to help offset transportation costs. Youth visit with their families for 6 hours on Sunday. Visitors are allowed to bring food and can BBQ. Zoom visiting is available on Saturday and telephone calls throughout the week. Mail is delivered to the camp and out on the fire line.

Amity Foundation: Addictive & Criminal Thinking, Substance Abuse Education and Support, Individual and Group Therapy, and Family Reunification services.

ARC (Anti-Recidivism Coalition) provide credible messengers, life coaches, who teach life skills and work with home counties to help youth reenter and reintegrate in their communities.

**VI. Presentation: Mindfulness-Based Substance Abuse Training**

Joaquin Jordan of the Continuity Consulting Group presented on their State-wide leadership/mentorship program, Youth Peer Mentor Program (YPMP) through the California Division of Juvenile Justice. They provide case management and stress the use of credible messengers. They identify as a Prison-to-Professional Pipeline. They are funded by the California Department of Health Care Services and there are no costs to their participants or partners.



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Lionheart provides training for their staff, as well as probation officers, on providing services to traumatized youth.

Youth experience three-to-five day Natural High Retreats at the Gateway Mountain Center in Truckee, including ecotherapy, sailing, and running club.

- VII. **2024 Inspection Update** – this year we will inspect the Elysian STRTP and the Receiving Home TSCF. Commissioners need to sign up for an inspection team by the end of the week.

**Oral Communication**, Shakeel Ali said he was excited to hear that we will include those facilities in our inspection.

VIII. **Project Updates**

- County-Wide Educational Summit: Commissioner Blanco Team is formed with four members: Blanco, Swope, S. Nori, and Grieb.
- Foster Care: Commissioner Genevro Project proposal was presented. Team needs one more member. Commissioner Bocanegra suggested the team contact John Fong, the Director of Child & Family Services.
- Substance Abuse: Chair Rasmussen Project proposal presented. Team needs one more member. Project will address all substances that are adverse to youth health, including vaping.

IX. **Announcements**

- OYCR meeting on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, 1:30-3:30 pm.
- BSCC Meetings on Titles 15 & 24 are carried on YouTube.
- The National Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention has many worthwhile resources we can access at [www.ojp.gov](http://www.ojp.gov)
- The National Conference on Youth Justice Convention will be from November 19-21, 2024, in Washington, DC.

- X. Chair Rasmussen adjourned the meeting at 6:35 pm.