



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION
STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE VIRTUAL
REGULAR MEETING



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THURSDAY, MAY 12, 2022, 12:00 P.M.

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I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Call to Order and Roll Call.

Chair Franky Carrillo called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. Wendelyn Julien, Executive Director conducted the roll call:

Present: Commissioner Danielle M. Dupuy, Commissioner Sean Garcia-Leys,
 Commissioner Cyn Yamashiro, Secretary Dolores Canales, Vice Chair Esché L.
 Jackson, and Chair Franky Carrillo

Absent: Commissioner Samuel Lewis, Commissioner Donald D. Meredith, and
 Commissioner Dominique D. Nong

2. Approval of the April 14, 2022 and April 27, 2022 meeting minutes.

No members of the public commented on this item.

On motion of Commissioner Yamashiro, seconded by Commissioner Garcia-Leys, and unanimously carried (Commissioner Samuel Lewis, Commissioner Donald D. Meredith, and Commissioner Dominique D. Nong being absent), the Los Angeles Probation Oversight Commission (POC) approved the April 14, 2022 and April 27, 2022 meeting minutes:

Ayes: 5 – Commissioner Danielle M. Dupuy, Commissioner Sean Garcia-Leys, Commissioner Cyn Yamashiro, Vice Chair Esché L. Jackson, Chair Franky Carrillo

Abstain: 1 – Secretary Dolores Canales

Absent: 3 – Commissioner Samuel Lewis, Commissioner Donald D. Meredith, and Commissioner Dominique D. Nong

Attachments: [Approved April 14, 2022 Minutes](#)
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II. DISCUSSIONS

3. Discuss and take appropriate action on progress the Los Angeles County Probation Department has made on ending the Citation Diversion Program including closing cases, lifting driver license
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holds, and referring cases to the Division of Youth Diversion and Development (YDD).

- Felicia Cotton, Deputy Director, Los Angeles County Probation Department
- Elizabeth Lopez, Program Manager, Los Angeles County Department of Health Services

Ms. Cotton explained the court's decision to end the Citation Diversion Program on April 30, 2022, and reaffirmed the Probation Department's commitment to partner with YDD to ensure that remaining DMV holds are lifted, individuals are notified appropriately, and residual work is completed over the next few months. She mentioned that the DMV and the Probation Department are now implementing a pilot program, half manual and half automated, to remove holds in bulk as efficiently as possible. Ms. Cotton stated that as of May 11, 2022, the Probation Department has made 625 referrals with a grand total of 1,043 referrals to date to the YDD. She shared that the Probation Department has launched a website where the status of citations eligible can be tracked online and personal information, such as addresses, can be updated when notified by law enforcement, public defenders, and attorney groups.

Ms. Lopez explained how YDD handles referrals for informal diversion services received from the Probation Department. She emphasized that YDD will continue collaborating with law enforcement and the Probation Department to ensure that there are clear pathways for referrals to be submitted directly to YDD using their referral submission system.

Sarah Clifton, Leah Zeidler-Ordaz, and Milinda Kakani addressed the POC.

Ms. Cotton responded to Commissioner Dupuy's inquiry and stated that the Probation Department connects with the DMV to have them release the DMV holds, an update is reflected in the system, and the Probation Department notifies the individuals. She further explained that some law enforcement agencies filed their juvenile citations with the Los Angeles County Superior Court only, and DMV holds are only being lifted on citations that were filed at the Van Nuys Court and aligned with the Probation Department's former Citation Diversion Program.

Commissioner Jackson inquired about how the community was notified that the Citation Diversion Program was ending. Ms. Cotton shared that no massive outreach has been done, but the public facing website has been created to engage users. She stated that as tickets are dismissed or close to being dismissed, the youth are notified and options for other services are offered to them. Ms. Julien and Ms. Cotton will collaborate on getting the requested website link and telephone number for people to seek status updates on their DMV holds or citation diversion cases.

Chair Carrillo asked how Teen Court relates to the Citation Diversion Program. In response, Ms. Cotton explained that youth are diverted to Teen Court on arrests rather than citations, whereas the youth referred to the Probation Department's Citation Diversion Program are cited only. Ms. Lopez added that YDD does not work with Teen Court.

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4. Discuss and take appropriate action on updates from the Los Angeles County Probation Department's plan to move youth back to Central Juvenile Hall (CJH).
 - Adam Bettino, Chief Deputy, Los Angeles County Probation Department

- Karen Fletcher, Chief Deputy, Los Angeles County Probation Department

Chair Carrillo shared that two commissioners and three POC staff members conducted a pre-inspection of CJH on April 20, 2022 and will be sharing those observations publicly.

Chief Deputy Karen Fletcher provided verbal updates on returning youth to CJH. She stated that significant repairs and improvements have been made to CJH, but there are many still under construction. She reported that the youth will be returning beginning the week of May 16th in four phases and with collaboration with Juvenile Court Health Services (JCHS), Department of Mental Health (DMH), and the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE). Ms. Fletcher shared that of the 96 youth awaiting movement back to CJH, there will approximately 29 youth in the first phase, 12 in phase two, 27 in phase three, and a group of 28 in the final phase. She assured that the families, partners, and attorneys representing the youth would be notified when youth are moved.

Milinda Kakani addressed the POC.

Ms. Fletcher responded to Commissioner Garcia-Leys' concern about culture change at CJH by stating that staff are eager to return to CJH as well as the youth. She added that a new leadership team has been assigned to CJH, and the Probation Department has been empowering staff by providing training on understanding the department's policies, procedures, best practices, and California Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) regulations. Ms. Fletcher also mentioned that the new leadership of supervisors and directors will be onsite in the units interacting with staff to mentor and coach them in real time and engage with the youth.

Commissioner Dupuy inquired about how many youth have received additional charges since the move, and when girls will be phased back to CJH. Ms. Fletcher stated that the number of additional charges is low, but violations with the court have been filed for severe destruction of county property or assault of officers. She confirmed that the girls will be transferred back to CJH in the first phase with assistance from partner organizations.

In response to Commissioner Jackson's inquiry about assessment participants, Ms. Fletcher clarified that the youth would be participating in the assessments and getting prepared for the transfer back to CJH, and the POC will be able to view the full phasing plan once dates have been confirmed.

Ms. Julien asked that the Probation Department continue to keep the POC informed of additional updates so staff and commissioners can follow-up and provide oversight of the facility improvements.

Chair Carrillo asked Ms. Fletcher to share insights about the new CJH leadership team. Ms. Fletcher stated that the new leadership team have immersed themselves in the juvenile hall operations and are committed to ensuring what the Probation Department does for the youth is appropriate, fair, and effective.

Commissioner Jackson inquired about the voices of Probation staff being considered to improve overall morale. Ms. Fletcher stated that she meets with focus groups comprised of Detention Services Bureau staff to seek more feedback directly from line staff in addition to survey responses.

Attachments: [CJH 90 Day Improvement Plan](#)

[Email Correspondences on Moving Youth
Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

5. Discuss and take appropriate action on progress the Los Angeles County Probation Department has made moving youth dispositioned to the secure track to Campus Kilpatrick and Camp Scott.

- Adam Bettino, Chief Deputy, Los Angeles County Probation Department

Mr. Bettino reported that confidential negotiations are underway with labor, limiting what he can share. He explained that he could share updates about Camp Scott and Campus Kilpatrick. In collaboration with the 37 young men dispositioned to the secure track and new leadership, Mr. Bettino stated that the Probation Department is working on improving the program by renaming and rebranding the secure track program and planning programming. He mentioned that the Probation Department has been working closely with county and community partners to develop a quality assessment to move youth out of Campus Kilpatrick safely and efficiently.

Mr. Bettino explained that an architect consultant is working with the Probation Department and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works to develop a project plan for improvements at Camp Scott. He stated that building out spaces for offices, support services, and visits part of the project plan, which will be reviewed by the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council – Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant (JJCC-JJRBG) Subcommittee before being finalized.

Security enhancements are still underway at Campus Kilpatrick, and Mr. Bettino explained that the department's priorities were communicated to the Los Angeles County Internal Services Department (ISD).

Marsha McLean, Jessie LC, and Thomas Bell addressed the POC.

Chair Carrillo inquired about early release options for youth. Mr. Bettino stated that the Probation Department is still determining the best way to release the non secure-track youth back home or to other facilities. He stated that intake has been halted at Campus Kilpatrick.

Mr. Bettino responded to Commissioner Dupuy's question by stating that the Probation Department is going through the delineation process to distinguish mandatory training and the ongoing courses for the phased staff training, which is not causing delays in transferring the youth.

Commissioner Dupuy and Chair Carrillo urged the Probation Department to include the perspectives of staff and their personal experiences when making decisions.

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6. Discuss and take appropriate action on progress the Los Angeles County Probation Department has made towards implementing the *L.A. Model* pursuant to the September 21, 2021 Board of Supervisors' motion regarding reaffirming and expanding the *L.A. Model*.

- Los Angeles County Probation Department
- Wendelyn Julien, Executive Director, Los Angeles Probation Oversight Commission

Ms. Julien shared how the implementation of the L.A. Model has been evolving, but there is broad agreement between the Board of Supervisors, the Probation Department, stakeholders, and the POC that the L.A. Model and its philosophies and practices should be implemented at all facilities.

Ms. Fletcher added that the youth's continuum of care and delivery of services remain a main priority for the Probation Department.

No members of the public commented on this item.

No questions or concerns were raised by Commissioners on this item.

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III. REPORTS

7. Executive Director report on the Los Angeles Probation Oversight Commission's progress towards completing its 2022 strategic goals. The report this month will include updates on the 56-hour work week research, facility inspections, girls' decarceration, and Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) spray elimination.
 - Los Angeles Probation Oversight Commission Staff

Ms. Julien shared that a report on the findings and recommendations of the 56-hour work week is forthcoming and will be shared with the Probation Department once complete and then with the public and the Board of Supervisors. She highlighted that the Probation Department has been fulfilled most individual data requests from the POC, however a memorandum of understanding is underway between the POC and the Probation Department to ensure that data can be regularly shared and to ensure that Probation is moving forward on progress to create a public-facing dashboard.

Ms. Julien emphasized that the POC is required to conduct annual inspections of juvenile facilities pursuant to the BSCC's Title 15 regulations. She stated that official 2022 inspections will begin at the end of May and will now include an evaluation of programs and services scheduled for the date of the inspection.

Although there has been a sharp increase in OC Spray usage in the past two months, Ms. Julien assured everyone that the POC will continue to enforce the Board of Supervisors' recommendation on the phasing out of OC Spray in juvenile halls and camps.

Lastly, Ms. Julien reported that Luis Rodriguez from the Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office has been in constant communication regarding progress on implementing the transitional multidisciplinary teams (T-MDTs) for girls and gender expansive youth in an effort to determine alternatives to incarceration and release and reentry planning.

Eduardo Mundo addressed the POC.

Commissioner Jackson expressed her gratitude for POC Staff and Commissioners.

Attachments: [PROBSTAT Report – April 7, 2022](#)
[Population Statistics – April 27, 2022](#)

[OC Spray Report – May 12, 2022](#)
[Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

MATTERS NOT POSTED

8. Matters not posted on the agenda, to be discussed and (if requested), placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the authority, of matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda.

No items were discussed for placement on a future agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENT

9. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Los Angeles Probation Oversight Commission (POC) on items of interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the POC.

You may submit public comment by e-mail to info@poc.lacounty.gov.

Written public comment or documentation must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. one business day before the scheduled meeting to be included on the agenda. Please include the Agenda Item(s) and meeting date in your correspondence. Correspondence received shall become part of the official record.

Mel Bailey, Thomas Bell, Sarah Clifton, Marsha McLean, Jessie LC, Oscar Canales, and Krista Newble addressed the POC.

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V. ADJOURNMENT

10. Adjournment for the regular meeting of May 12, 2022.

Chair Carrillo adjourned the meeting at 1:59 p.m.