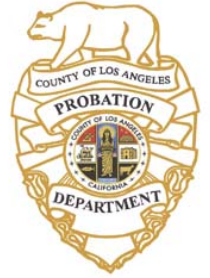




**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE PROBATION COMMISSION
EAST LOS ANGELES LIBRARY
GLORIA MOLINA COMMUNITY ROOM
4837 East 3rd Street, Los Angeles CA, 90022**



Thursday, December 12, 2019

10:00 AM

Present: President Joe Gardner, Commissioner Meredith, Commissioner Seaver, Commissioner Levine 1st Vice President, Commissioner Butler 2nd Vice President, Commissioner Herbon, Commissioner Mitchell, Commissioner Caster, Commissioner Martinez, Deputy Director Luis Dominguez, Bureau Chief Mark Garcia, Probation Director Scott Sanders, Dr. Hanumantha Damerla, Nicole De La Torre

Attachment: [Audio Transcript](#)

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Commission President Joe Gardner welcomed all and called the meeting to order. President Gardner informed the Commissioners and all present that the meeting was being recorded and asked that all identify themselves prior to making any statements.

1. Excused Absences: Commissioner Swartz, Commissioner Kaplan, and Commissioner Shutan
2. Roll Call

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The following meeting minutes were approved:

- May 9, 2019
- May 23, 2019
- August 8, 2019
- October 24, 2019

April 25, 2019 attendance roster to be updated and resubmitted. July 25 and November 14 will be added to the January 9 agenda for review/approval.

Commissioners

Joe Gardner-President,

Hon. Jan Levine (Ret.)-1st Vice President, Hon. Betsy Butler (Ret.), – 2nd Vice President, Donald Meredith-Sergeant at Arms, Daniel Seaver, Azael Martinez-Sonoqui, Cyn Yamashiro, Esq., Jacqueline Caster, Esq, Jo Kaplan Esq, Olivia E. Mitchell, Peter Shutan, Rev. Zachary Hoover, Randy Herbon, Gale Swartz

III. PROBATION DEPARTMENT**4. Continuation of the Department's November 14, 2019 presentation regarding the Transformative Career Institute to be opened at the former site of Camp Gonzales to answer the following:**

- Will Probation be the County Department responsible for overseeing this new multi-million-dollar program?
- Will this program involve young adults not subject to Probation jurisdiction?
- What will be the cost per participant?
- How much of that will come from Probation funds?
- What accounts will those funds come from?
- What are the committed sources of funding and in what amounts?
- What are the criteria for enrollment?
- What is the background, expertise, and track record of the CBO in charge running this residential treatment program? (Is there a CBO identified to run the facility day to day? Who is it?)
- What will the staffing levels be for 30 adults per 6-month session?
- What are the identified outcomes? How will data be tracked?

The Commission provided clarification of questions regarding item #4. This item was continued.

5. Update from the Probation Department regarding minors evacuated from Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall on October 10, 2019 due to major wildfire. Questions to include:

- When will minors be transported from Los Padornos site back to Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall,
- Are minors receiving recreation, education and other programming?

Youth/Staff are scheduled to return to Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall on December 14, 2019. The facility has been renovated with paint, improved decontamination units, and various other improvements. Los Padornos (LP) presented challenges due to being repurposed but was up and running within 24 hours.

Probation stated that theories for success while staff/youth were relocated at LP are more space, softer look/feel of a more rehabilitative facility, a reset at a new facility, youth felt cared for, and an increase in staffing ratios.

Speaker(s): Luis Dominguez, Deputy Director
Scott Sanders, Probation Director
Mark Garcia, Bureau Chief

Action Item(s): No action items requested.

The Probation Commission will receive, exchange, distribute information, conduct discussion and take possible action relevant to Item #4

IV. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

- 6 Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest within the subject matter of the Commission. Three (3) minutes are allowed, per person, on each agenda and non-agenda item with a total of 15 minutes for public comments unless the Commission sets alternative limits or other allocations of time

No public comments were received.

VI. BUSINESS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

7. Discuss and finalize letter from the Commission to the Board of Supervisors and Chief

The Commission discussed a letter addressed to the Board of Supervisors dated December 12, 2019 regarding an urgent request for action to correct conditions within the Los Angeles County Probation Department. Commissioners in attendance voted in favor of sending the letter and Commissioners Kaplan, Shutan, and Swartz provided their support in advance.

Action Item(s): Probation to post letter on website for public viewing.

8. Inspection reports for Halls and Camps must be completed and submitted to the Chair by December 12th Meeting.

This item was continued.

The Probation Commission will receive, exchange, distribute information, conduct discussion and take possible action relevant to Items 7 and 8

VII. COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND UPDATES

9. January 9th Meeting will be held in Room 830, Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California 90012
10. January 23rd Meetings will be held at L.A. Co. Probation Training Center, Classroom 6, 3300 Sandoval Ave, Pico Rivera, CA 90660

Item tabled for language clarification.

DISCUSSION REGARDING PROPOSED TOPICS FOR NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 9, 2020

11. **Status or update regarding a search for a new chief.**
12. **Status of the Board of Supervisors Motion passed on August 13th about restructuring our juvenile justice system to a health focused model.**
13. **Response from the Probation Department regarding inspection of Camp Afflerbaugh on September 24, 2019.**
14. **Response from the Probation Department regarding inspection of Camp Rocky on November 11, 2019.**

The Probation Commission will receive, exchange, distribute information, conduct discussion and take possible action relevant to Items 11, 12, 13, and 14

VIII, ANNOUNCEMENTS

15. **Annual election of officers will take place on January 9th, 2020.**

Graduation will take place at Nidorf on December 19, 2019 at 9:00 AM.

Commissioner Martinez to announce date for distribution of sports equipment in near future.

IX, ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned.