

**Los Angeles County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC)
Thursday, September 5, 2024, Meeting Minutes**

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Meeting: Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC) Meeting

Date/Time of Meeting: Thursday, September 5, 2024, 1:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Location of Meeting: LACOE ECW

12830 Columbia Way, Conference Room C, Downey, CA 90242

Hybrid Meeting: Live In-Person and via Virtual Platform: WebEX

Members Present = 18:

1. Kimberly Epps, Chief Deputy, (Alternate Sharon Hawkins,) Probation Department, JJCC Chair
2. Samuel Abrahamian, Chief Deputy, Alternate Public Defender (APD)
3. Alisa Blair, Non-Profit Community-Based Organization (CBO) Supervisorial Representative, District 2
4. David Carroll, Department of Youth Development (DYD)
5. Steven Edwards, (Alternate Nick Wyville), Board of Supervisors (BOS), Third District
6. Wason Fu, Department of Public Social Services (DPSS)
7. Dr. Regina Goree, Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)
8. Josh Green, Non-Profit Community-Based Organization (CBO) Supervisorial Representative, District 3
9. Shelan Joseph, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office (DA)
10. Samuel Lewis, Non-Profit Community-Based Organization (CBO) Supervisorial Representative, District 1
11. Yanira Lima, (Alternate Duy Tran), Department of Public Health (DPH)
12. Kent Mendoza, At-Large Community Representative
13. Dr. Denise Miranda, Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD)
14. Tapau Osborne, Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE)
15. Tricia Penrose, Juvenile Court (JC)
16. Diego H. Rodrigues, At-Large Community Representative (Virtual Attendance)
17. Luis J. Rodriguez, Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office (PD)
18. Mercy Santoro, Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation (LACO Parks and Recreation)
19. Dr. Karen Streich, Department of Mental Health (DMH) Audio Time Stamp:0:03:40-0:08:32

Not Present: 1. Alexis Hernandez, Non-Profit Community-Based Organization (CBO) Supervisorial Representative, District 42. Juan Navarro, Non-Profit Community-Based Drug and Alcohol Provider; 3. Dr. Denise Price, At-Large Community Representative; 4. Lt. Christine Stout-Guttilla, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD); 5. Lisa Wilson, Non-Profit Community-Based Organization (CBO) Supervisorial Representative, District 5

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(**JJCPA Administrative Note:** Prior to the Roll Call, JJCPA Administration provided information regarding the process to make a public comment. The audience was directed to the Notice and Agenda that included the process to provide public comments during the live virtual meeting. Additionally, recurring issues were covered to provide clarity and assist those wishing to make a public comment. She added that there were either 8) members of the public present and 20 virtual attendees at the start of the meeting.) [Audio Time Stamp: 0:01:00-0:03:40](#)

Minutes Prepared By: Sharon Hawkins, Probation Department

I. Call to Order and Roll Call of JJCC Voting Members

II. Welcome and Introductions

Sharon Hawkins, (Alternate), Probation Department, welcomed everyone, introduced new JJCC Chair As Chief Deputy Kimberly Epps, new JJCC Members Samuel Lewis as the new Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative from District 1 and Lisa Wilson as the new Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative from District 5. She moved to the next agenda item that included adoption of two (2) sets of Minutes. [Audio Time Stamp: 0:03:40-0:05:04](#)

III. Approval of the JJCC Draft Meeting Minutes January 25, 2024, and February 22, 2024

Handout: 1-25-24 JJCC Draft Meeting Minutes (On Agenda JJCC Mtg 9-5-24)
Handout: 2-22-24 JJCC Draft Meeting Minutes (On Agenda JJCC Mtg 9-5-24)

a. Motion to approve JJCC Draft Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2024

Motion to approve JJCC Draft Meeting Minutes (1/25/24) made by Mercy Santoro, LACO Parks and Recreation, 2nd by Luis Rodriguez, PD
[Audio Time Stamp: 0:09:20-0:09:24](#)

JJCC Member Discussion: None

Public Comments: None

Ayes: Kimberly Epps, (Alternate Sharon Hawkins), Probation Department, Sam Abrahamian, APD, Dr. Regina Goree, DCFS, Yanira Lima (Alternate Duy Tran), DPH, Wason Fu, DPSS, Josh Green, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative District 3, Tricia Penrose, Superior Court, Dr. Karen Streich, DMH, David Carroll, DYD, Mercy Santoro, LACO Parks and Recreation, Tapau Osborne, LACOE, Luis Rodriguez, PD, Dr. Denise Miranda, LAUSD, Shelan Joseph DA

No: None

Abstention: Kent Mendoza, At-Large Community Representative, Alisa Blair, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative District 2

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Motion Passed Audio Time Stamp: 0:0:24-0:12:12

b. Motion to adopt JJCC Draft Meeting Minutes of February 22, 2024

Motion made by Dr. Regina Goree, DCFS, 2nd by Tapau Osborne, LACOE
Audio Time Stamp:0:12:28:00-0:12:32

JJCC Member Discussion: None

Public Comments: None

Ayes: Kimberly Epps, (Alternate Sharon Hawkins), Probation Department, Sam Abrahamian, APD, Dr. Regina Goree, DCFS, Yanira Lima, (Alternate Duy Tran), DPH, Wason Fu, DPSS, Josh Green Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative District 3, Tricia Penrose, JC, Dr. Karen Streich, DMH, Mercy Santoro, LACO Parks and Recreation, Shelan Joseph, DA

No: None

Abstention: None

Motion Passed Audio Time Stamp: 0:12:34-0:21:17

(JJCPA Administrative Note: Due to a technical issue, those attending virtually were unable to hear the start of the meeting. This was discovered after taking the vote on the Draft meeting Minutes of January 25, 2024. Therefore, Sharon Hawkins, provided a summary of the roll call, then asked the JJCC members to re-vote on the agenda items to ensure items voted on were captured during the live and virtual public meeting. At that point, the meeting continued)

IV. New Business

a. Resolution of the County of Los Angeles Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council Adopting and Approving an Amendment to the Member Composition of Its Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Subcommittee, by Alisa Blair, Non-Profit Community-Based Organization (CBO) Supervisorial Representative, District 2

Handout: Final JJCC Draft Resolution Amending Composition for the JJRBG Subcommittee August 21, 2024

Kimberly Epps, (Alternate Sharon Hawkins), Probation Department, moved to the item and introduced Alisa Blair, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative District 2, to discuss the resolution. Audio Time Stamps: 0:21:31-0:21:53, 0:28:39-0:0:29:03, 0:28:39-0:29:23-0:29:33, 0:28:39-0:29:03, 0:29:23-0:29:33, 0:43:03-0:0:43:05, 0:43:11-0:43:18

i. Discussion of Resolution and recommendation for motion to adopt Resolution of the County of Los Angeles Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council Adopting and Approving an Amendment to

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**the Membership Composition of Its Juvenile Justice Realignment
Block Grant Subcommittee**

**Motion to adopt Resolution made by Alisa Blair, Non-Profit CBO
Supervisory Representative District 2, 2nd by Shelan Joseph, DA**

Audio Time Stamps: 0:22:41-0:22:52

Alisa Blair, Non-Profit CBO Supervisory Representative District 2, provided an overview of the Resolution and then asked if any JJCC members had any questions. The Overview of the Resolution Audio Time Stamps: 0:22:00-

JJCC Member Discussion: Luis Rodriguez, PD, Josh Green, Non-Profit CBO Supervisory Representative District 3, Josh Green, Non-Profit CBO Supervisory Representative District 3, Josh Green Non-Profit CBO Supervisory Representative District 3, Josh Green Non-Profit CBO Supervisory Representative District 3, Josh Green Non-Profit CBO Supervisory Representative District 3, Tapau Osborne, LACOE, Kent Mendoza, At-Large Representative, Sam Lewis, Non-Profit CBO Supervisory Representative District 1, Sam Lewis, Non-Profit CBO Supervisory Representative District 1, Tricia Penrose, JC, Kent Mendoza, At-Large Representative, Dr. Denise Miranda, LAUSD, Sam Lewis, Non-Profit CBO Supervisory Representative District 1 Josh Green, Non-Profit CBO Supervisory Representative District 3, Josh Green, Non-Profit CBO Supervisory Representative District 3, David Carroll, DYD, David Carroll, DYD, David Carroll, DYD, Tapau Osborne, LACOE, David Carroll, DYD, Sam Lewis, Non-Profit CBO Supervisory Representative District 1, Sam Abrahamian, APD, Sam Abrahamian, APD, Diego Rodrigues, At-Large Representative, Luis Rodriguez, PD, David Carroll, DYD, Luis Rodriguez, PD, Alisa Blair, Non-Profit CBO Supervisory Representative District 2, Alisa Blair, Non-Profit CBO Supervisory Representative District 2, Alisa Blair, Non-Profit CBO Supervisory Representative District 2, Diego Rodrigues, At-Large Representative Tapau Osborne, LACOE, Luis Rodriguez, PD, Wason Fu, DPSS

Audio Time Stamps: 0:24:13-0:24:33, 0:25:35-28:35, 0:26:31-0:26:28, 0:26:59-0:27:22, 0:27:36-0:28:35, 0:29:04-0:29:20, 0:29:33-0:30:47, 0:30:58-0:31:23, 0:31:44-0:32:04, 0:32:50-0:33:04, 0:33:43-0:34:12, 0:36:22-0:37:35, 0:37:40-0:38:16, 0:38:20-0:38:45, 0:38:53-0:38:57, 0:39:23-0:42:02, :42:16-0:42:59, 0:43:06-43:10, 0:43:18-0:43:33, 0:43:37-0:44:31, 0:46:35-0:47:32, 0:49:31-0:50:25, 0:50:30-0:51:08, 0:53:18-0:53:47, 0:55:00-0:55:52, 0:56:48-0:56:21, 0:56:32-56:41, 0:56:48-56:51, 1:01:08-1:01:33, 1:01:48-1:02:34, 1:02:49-1:03:05, 1:04:16-1:05:16, 1:05:25-1:06:05, 1:06:06-1:06:44, 1:06:55-1:07:48

Motion to Table made by Luis Rodriguez, PD, 2nd by David Carroll, DYD Audio Time Stamps: 0:57:09-0:57:52

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Ayes: Kimberly Epps, (Sharon Hawkins, Alternate), Probation Department, Josh Green, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative District 3, Kent Mendoza, At-Large Representative, Sam Lewis, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative District 1, Yanira Lima, (Alternate, Duy Tran), DPH, Tricia Penrose, JC, Dr. Karen Streich, DMH, David Carroll, DYD, Mercy Santoro, LACO Parks and Recreation, Tapau Osborne, LACOE, Luis Rodriguez, PD, Dr. Denise Miranda, LAUSD, Diego Rodrigues, At-Large Representative

No: Wason Fu, DPSS, Shelan Joseph, DA

Abstentions: Steven Edwards, (Nick Wyville, Alternate), BOS, Sam Abrahamian, APD, Dr. Regina Goree, DPSS, Yanira Lima (Duy Tran, Alternate), DPH, Alisa Blair, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative, District 2

Motion Passed Audio Time Stamps: 0:58:41-1:01:41, 1:05:18-1:05:25, 1:07:52-1:08:31

b. Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act (JJCPA) Evaluator (RAND Corporation) Update

Kimberly Epps, (Alternate Sharon Hawkins), Probation Department, introduced the JJCPA Evaluator, Stephanie Brand-Holland, RAND Corp. Audio Time Stamp:1:08:49-1:09:22

i. Update by JJCPA Evaluator (RAND Corporation)

Handout: PowerPoint Presentation: JJCPA Evaluator: RAND Corp.

Stephanie Brand-Holliday, RAND Corp. The update included work completed since December 2023. The work was divided into four (4) sets of programs. The first set of programs included Juvenile Mental Health Court, Public Defender's program (CARE), and two (2) programs from Department of Mental Health. The publications would be completed within the next two (2) months. The second set of programs included Department of Public Health's two (2) substance use programs, Department of Economic Opportunity and City of Los Angeles workforce programs, Public Private Partnership's capacity building program, and Department Public Health's capacity building program. The evaluation on the two (2) capacity building programs and two (2) workforce programs were expected for public release within the next two (2) months. The third set of programs included both city and county parks and recreation programs, both city and county housing authority programs and City of Paramount's program. The final reports were expected to be ready for release by the end of 2024. The fourth set of programs included Beaches and Harbors and Public library. The final reports were expected to be ready for public release by the end of 2024.

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Regarding Gap Analysis of 2024, they wanted to focus on exploring best practices related to serving at-risk and juvenile justice-involved youth. Based upon their review of the data and other guiding documents (ex. CMJJP, and CAC Youth Service Needs Assessment Survey), they focused on LGBTQ+ youth. The final report was due to be ready for public release in December or January 2025. Audio Time Stamp: 1:09:27-1:27:30

JJCC Member Discussion: Mercy Santoro, LACO Parks and Recreation Audio Time Stamp: 1:27:52-1:28:53

c. JJCPA Fiscal Update

Kimberly Epps, (Alternate Sharon Hawkins), Probation Department, moved to the item and indicated Mr. Smythe was unable to attend and the item would be tabled. Audio Time Stamp: 1:32:06-1:36:28

Motion to table made by Kimberly Epps (Alternate, Sharon Hawkins), Probation Department, 2nd by Sam Abrahamian, APD

Ayes: Kimberly Epps, (Alternate Sharon Hawkins) Probation Department, Sam Abrahamian, APD, Yanira Lima (Alternate Duy Tran), DPH, Wason Fu, DPSS, Josh Green, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative, District 3, Kent Mendoza, At-Large Community Representative, Sam Lewis, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative, District 1, Tricia Penrose, JC, Dr. Karen Streich, DMH, David Carroll, DYD, Mercy Santoro, LACO Parks and Recreation, Tapau Osborne, LACOE, Luis Rodriguez, PD, Dr. Denise Miranda, LAUSD, Shelan Joseph, DA, Alisa Blair, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative, District 2, Diego Rodrigues, At-Large Community Representative

No: None

Abstention: None

Motion Passed Audio Time Stamp: 1:29:51-1:32:06

d. FY 2025-26 Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council-Comprehensive Multiagency Juvenile Justice Plan (JJCC-CMJJP) Ad-Hoc Subcommittee (AHS) Update

Kimberly Epps, (Alternate Sharon Hawkins), Probation Department, moved to the item and introduced Mercy Santoro, Co-Chair to provide an update. Audio Time Stamp: 1:29:51-1:39:06

Mercy Santoro, LACO Parks and Recreation, Co-Chair, provided an update regarding the current AHS. She acknowledged the hard work of the AHS members and recognized that signing up for subcommittee's is a major commitment, and

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that we appreciate the work. She acknowledged the subcommittee members as the membership was shown on screen. [AHS membership: Kimberly Epps, Mercy Santoro, Tapau Osborne, Sam Lewis, Josh Green, Luis Rodriguez, Karen Streich and Tricia Penrose, and Sam Abrahamian]. Their work began in March to update the FY 25-26 CMJJP. Only July 1, 2024, the Youth Service Needs Assessment survey and the FY 25-26 funding request application process were both launched on the same date. Meetings resumed September 2024, and they hoped to conclude with their recommendations before the November holiday break. She then asked AHS members if they wanted to speak. *Audio Time Stamp: 1:32:06-1:36:34*

JJCC-CMJJP AHS Members Discussion: None

JJCC Member Discussion: David Carroll, DYD *Audio Time Stamp: 1:39:34-1:41:01*

Public Comment: None

e. FY2025-2026 JJCC-Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant (JJCC-JJRBG) Ad-Hoc Subcommittee Update

Kimberly Epps, (Alternate Sharon Hawkins), Probation Department, moved to the item and introduced Luis Rodriguez, PD, JJCC-JJRBG Subcommittee co-Chair to provide an update. *Audio Time Stamp: 1:36:52-1:37:33*

Luis Rodriguez, PD, JJCC-JJRBG Co-Chair, provided an update regarding the current AHC. He stated that AHS had been digging deep into what has not been happening. As everyone was aware, the state auditor presented the report a few weeks prior to the meeting, and it is disturbing because millions of dollars that had not been spent. The AHS's first task (as identified prior to the audit report) as an ad-hoc, they decided they needed to figure out why there was so much unspent money and where it was and why it was. Therefore, they had been walking through the process of determining what is going on. Then they streamlined the application process. They were meeting on a weekly basis and finalizing the form and establishing a clear pathway for the applicants, and then to be more transparent, to establish a clear pathway for the applicants, and providing a clear future as to why we have so many millions unspent. He ended by stating they want to ensure they have a clear, transparent and easy understandable process.

Audio Time Stamp: 1:37:34-1:39:33

JJCC-JJRBG Ad-Hoc Subcommittee Members Discussion: None

JJCC Member Discussion: David Carroll, DYD *Audio Time Stamp: 1:39:34-1:41:01*

f. JJCC-Community Advisory Committee Update

Kimberly Epps, (Alternate Sharon Hawkins), Probation Department, moved to the item and introduced Josh Green, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative District 3, JJCC-CAC Chair, to provide an update. *Audio Time Stamp: 1:41:16-1:43:52*

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Josh Green, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative District 3, JJCC-CAC Chair provided an update. He indicated they were in the process of reviewing the applications received and hopefully would then bring the recommendations to the CAC space with a recommended slate of new members. He stated the current At-Large members will continue to serve until the process is completed. He stated they had struggled with scheduling and then also due to a number of personnel changes, which added a challenge. The process included making recommendations to the CAC, then the recommendations would be brought forth to the JJCC for approval. The Board of Supervisors have the final approval. He provided a reminder that At-Large members are also members of the CAC, and full voting members of the JJCC. He additionally covered an update regarding JJCC-Governance Ad-Hoc Subcommittee during this time. Audio Time Stamp 1:41:16-1:43:52

JJCC Member Discussion: None

g. JJCC-JJCC Member Data Ad-Hoc Subcommittee Update

Kimberly Epps, (Alternate Sharon Hawkins), Probation Department, moved to the item and made a motion to table the remaining items. Audio Time Stamp:

Motion to table Data and Governance Ad-Hoc Subcommittee updates made by Kimberly Epps, (Alternate Sharon Hawkins), Probation Department 2nd by Tapau Osborne, LACOE Audio Time Stamp: 1:44:21-1:46:50

Ayes: Kimberly Epps (Alternate Sharon Hawkins), Probation Department, Sam Abrahamian, APD, Yanira Lima (Alternate Duy Tran), DPH, Wason Fu, DPSS, Josh Green Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative District 3, Kent Mendoza, At-Large Community Representative, Tricia Penrose, JC, Dr. Karen Streich, DMH, David Carroll DYD, Luis Rodriguez, PD, Dr. Denise Miranda, LAUSD, Shelan Joseph, DA, Diego Rodrigues, At-Large Community Representative

No: None

Abstention: None

Motion Passed: Audio Time Stamp: 1:44:21-1:46:50

h. JJCC-Governance and Procedure Ad-Hoc Subcommittee Update

Kimberly Epps, (Alternate Sharon Hawkins), Probation Department, indicated Josh Green, Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative District 3, JJCC-CAC Chair provided an update under the JJCC-CAC update. Please refer to that time stamp for more information. Audio Time Stamp: 1:44:21-1:45:01

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Motion to table Data and Governance Ad-Hoc Subcommittee updates made by Kimberly Epps, (Alternate Sharon Hawkins), Probation Department 2nd by Tapau Osborne, LACOE Audio Time Stamp: 1:44:21-1:46:50

Ayes: Kimberly Epps (Alternate Sharon Hawkins), Probation Department, Sam Abrahamian, APD, Yanira Lima (Alternate Duy Tran), DPH, Wason Fu, DPSS, Josh Green Non-Profit CBO Supervisorial Representative District 3, Kent Mendoza, At-Large Community Representative, Tricia Penrose, JC, Dr. Karen Streich, DMH, David Carroll DYD, Luis Rodriguez, PD, Dr. Denise Miranda, LAUSD, Shelan Joseph, DA, Diego Rodrigues, At-Large Community Representative

No: None

Abstention: None

Motion Passed: Audio Time Stamp: 1:44:21-1:46:50

V. Other Matters/Public Comments

JJCC Member Discussion: None

Public Comment: None Audio Time Stamp: 1:46:50-1:47:20

VI. Adjournment – Meeting Adjourned at 3:27 P.M.