



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



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THURSDAY, MAY 26, 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 12:00 p.m. Wendelyn Julien, Executive Director conducted the roll call:

Present: Commissioner Danielle M. Dupuy, Commissioner Samuel Lewis, Commissioner Sean Garcia-Leys, Commissioner Donald D. Meredith, Commissioner Dominique D. Nong, Commissioner Cyn Yamashiro, Secretary Dolores Canales, Vice Chair Esché L. Jackson, and Chair Franky Carrillo

2. Approval of the May 12, 2022 meeting minutes.

No members of the public commented on this item.

On motion of Commissioner Canales, seconded by Commissioner Dupuy, and unanimously carried (Commissioner Donald D. Meredith being absent), the Los Angeles Probation Oversight Commission (POC) approved the May 12, 2022 meeting minutes:

Ayes: **8 –** Commissioner Danielle M. Dupuy, Commissioner Samuel Lewis, Commissioner Sean Garcia-Leys, Commissioner Dominique D. Nong, Commissioner Cyn Yamashiro, Secretary Dolores Canales, Vice Chair Esché L. Jackson, and Chair Franky Carrillo

Absent: **1 –** Commissioner Donald D. Meredith

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II. DISCUSSIONS

3. Discuss and take appropriate action on the use of electronic monitoring by the Los Angeles County Probation Department.

- Alicia Virani, Gilbert Foundation Director of the Criminal Justice Program, UCLA School of Law

Ms. Virani gave a presentation on Pretrial Electronic Monitoring (EM) in Los Angeles County between 2015-2021.

Commissioner Donald D. Meredith joined the meeting during the presentation.

Mr. Giron delivered a presentation on Electronic Monitoring in the Los Angeles County Probation Department.

Krista Newble addressed the POC.

Ms. Virani clarified Commissioner Dupuy's inquiry about judges in Lancaster recommending electronic monitoring 92% of the time by attributing that percentage to the risk score. Mr. Giron agreed to provide the POC with an updated client agreement that reflects current changes including fee eliminations. Commissioner Dupuy vocalized concerns with the high percentage of failures to appear and requested to meet with Mr. Giron to work through those concerns.

In response to Commissioner Lewis' inquiry about conducting a needs assessment, Mr. Giron stated that the Probation Department uses the Criminal Court Assessment Tool (C-CAT) in addition to the risk assessment to identify individual needs. Commissioner Lewis asked if the individuals that are required to find employment in a specific amount of time connected to resources that will assist them with finding employment. Mr. Giron explained that the case managers are flexible with scheduling.

Commissioner Nong inquired about who approves the list of conditions for the programs offered by private providers. Mr. Giron will gather updated information and gain clarity on this inquiry.

Commissioner Garcia-Leys proposed a motion to refer the compilation of next steps on electronic monitoring, including collaborating with the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, to the Programs and Services Ad Hoc Committee so a series of recommendations can be presented to the POC.

Commissioner Samuel Lewis left the meeting at 12:52 p.m.

Commissioner Dupuy recommended that a time frame for reporting back be included in the motion.

Commissioner Nong recommended that all updates be in writing and shared publicly.

Commissioner Garcia-Leys proposed an updated motion to direct POC staff to work with the Probation Department to request additional information and data on adults and juveniles in the Supervised Release Program, Electronic Monitoring Program, Community Detention Program (CDP), and the Global Positioning System (GPS) Supervision Unit from the Los Angeles County Probation Department. Additionally, he proposed that the fulfillment progress of this motion be monitored by the Programs and Services Ad Hoc Committee so an initial report back of recommendations can be presented to the POC within a month, and as necessary thereafter.

On motion of Commissioner Garcia-Leys, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, and unanimously carried (Commissioner Samuel Lewis being absent), the Los Angeles Probation Oversight Commission (POC) approved the POC to request the electronic monitoring information from the Probation Department and designate the Programs and Services Ad Hoc to investigate and report back to the POC in a month and again as

necessary:

Ayes: 8 – Commissioner Danielle M. Dupuy, Commissioner Sean Garcia-Leys, Commissioner Donald D. Meredith, Commissioner Dominique D. Nong, Commissioner Cyn Yamashiro, Secretary Dolores Canales, Vice Chair Esché L. Jackson, and Chair Franky Carrillo

Absent: 1 – Commissioner Samuel Lewis

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4. Discuss and take appropriate action on adult services provided by the Los Angeles County Probation Department's Special Enforcement Operations Unit (SEO) including its policy on taser usage.

- Karen Fletcher, Chief Deputy, Los Angeles County Probation Department
- Howard Wong, Deputy Director, Los Angeles County Probation Department

Mr. Wong gave a presentation on Special Enforcement Operations (SEO) updates within the Los Angeles County Probation Department.

No members of the public commented on this item.

Commissioner Yamashiro asked for clarification on the compliance check process and why the Deputy Probation Officer (DPO) of record is not included. Mr. Wong stated that 80% of compliance checks are based on crime trends where the Probation Department has jurisdiction, but the other 20% is client-based compliance checks requested by the Deputy DPO of record. He mentioned that the updated taser policy will be sent to the POC the week of May 31, 2022.

Commissioner Meredith emphasized the need to find balance between law enforcement's tactical compliance checks and the Probation Department's compliance checks.

Commissioner Dupuy inquired if data has been collected to determine if the current compliance check process is successful in addressing the criminal trends within Los Angeles County jurisdictions. Mr. Wong stated that this data is available if the compliance check was a task force operation, but he will report back on the percentage of clean compliance checks.

Chair Carrillo asked about the presence of the SEO at probation facilities. Mr. Wong shared that the SEO unit does not carry cases, but is deployed to facilities to de-escalate situations, assist, or be present in case anything escalates.

Mr. Wong confirmed Commissioner Garcia-Leys' concern about duplicate searches happening by law enforcement and the Probation Department, but spikes are obtained from a variety of intel sources.

Mr. Wong will confirm Commissioner Nong's inquiry about the amount of juvenile training the SEO unit obtains before being deployed to juvenile facilities. He also explained that the SEO unit has been deployed for AWOL's, staffing shortages, and major disturbances.

Chief Deputy Fletcher agreed to have superintendents meet with the POC to explain the purposes for deploying the SEO unit to juvenile facilities.

When it comes to compliance checks, Commissioner Meredith emphasized the importance of distinguishing the SEO's goal from the goals of law enforcement.

Commissioner Canales inquired about data that is collected when the SEO unit provides resources. Chief Deputy Fletcher explained that such data is not collected. Mr. Wong added that the SEO unit leave business cards and complaints are routed to the Ombudsman and reviewed by the SEO manager.

In response to Commissioner Nong's inquiry, Chief Deputy Fletcher confirmed that the Probation Department can provide the list of training materials that SEO officers participate in and will gather other requested data including a deployment schedule.

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III. REPORTS

5. Report on progress the Los Angeles County Probation Department has made with moving youth back to Central Juvenile Hall (CJH).
 - Karen Fletcher, Chief Deputy, Los Angeles County Probation Department

Ms. Fletcher shared that 87 youth have been moved in four phases back to CJH prior to the 90-day due to date and the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) has ensured that education is not interrupted.

J. P. and Mary Portillo addressed the POC.

Chair Carrillo asked Ms. Fletcher to respond to the public comment regarding the documentation and process of moving youth back to CJH.

Commissioner Jackson requested that more detailed information about the preparation and process of moving youth be shared with the POC. Ms. Fletcher stated that a grid showing the offline and occupied buildings and youth classifications can be shared with the POC. Additionally, she mentioned that she will follow up with the Department of Mental Health on the verbal assessments that were conducted with the youth and report back to the POC. Lastly, Ms. Fletcher explained that the complete outline was not shared publicly due to the safety concerns of the youth.

Commissioner Dupuy inquired about the staff morale survey results that was distributed to Probation employees, and Ms. Fletcher confirmed that she will follow up and forward those survey results to the POC.

Commissioner Canales inquired about the notification process the Probation Department followed when alerting staff about coordinating and moving the youth. Ms. Fletcher explained that written notification was not disseminated about specific dates to staff. She further stated that superintendents and directors walked around and informed their staff to ensure that all staff were notified.

Commissioner Garcia-Leys emphasized that the abrupt movement of youth was a result of Probation's choice and not ordered by the California State Board of Community Corrections (BSCC).

Commissioner Meredith expressed concerns with the staffing levels at the facilities. Ms. Fletcher explained the continuous staff shortages and shared that the Probation Department is working with the Chief Executive Office (CEO) to address those staffing needs.

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6. Report 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* and plans to place the youth designated as Secure Track Youth at Campus Kilpatrick and Camp Joseph Scott.

- Adam Bettino, Chief Deputy, Los Angeles County Probation Department
- Wendelyn Julien, Executive Director, Los Angeles Probation Oversight Commission

By common consent, there being no objection (Commissioner Donald D. Meredith being absent), the POC tabled this item to the next regular meeting.

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7. Executive Director report, discussion, and possible action 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, programs and services, girls' decarceration, and the department's responsiveness to data requests.

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

Ms. Julien stated that the 56-hour work week report is pending Probation's review being shared publicly. She emphasized that the girls' decarceration workgroup needs demographic information from the Probation Department. Ms. Julien concluded with mentioning that the POC will be reporting on the signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) agreement with Probation Department in the next meeting.

No members of the public commented on this item.

No commissioners commented on this item.

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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 by 5:00 p.m. the day of the meeting shall become part of the official record.

James Maddox, Thomas Bell, and Pablo Ortiz addressed the POC.

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V. ADJOURNMENT

10. Adjournment for the regular meeting of May 26, 2022.

Chair Carrillo adjourned the meeting at 2:51 p.m.