



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



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THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 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 12:02 p.m. Wendelyn Julien, Executive Director conducted the roll call:

Present: 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

Absent: Commissioner Danielle M. Dupuy

2. Approval of the May 26, 2022 and June 6, 2022 meeting minutes.

No members of the public commented on this item.

On motion of Commissioner Yamashiro, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, and unanimously carried (Commissioner Danielle M. Dupuy, Commissioner Samuel Lewis, and Commissioner Sean Garcia-Leys being absent), the Los Angeles Probation Oversight Commission (POC) approved the May 26, 2022 and June 6, 2022 meeting minutes:

Ayes: **6 –** Commissioner Donald D. Meredith, Commissioner Dominique D. Nong, Commissioner Cyn Yamashiro, Secretary Dolores Canales, Vice Chair Esché L. Jackson, and Chair Franky Carrillo

Absent: **3 –** Commissioner Danielle M. Dupuy, Commissioner Samuel Lewis, and Commissioner Sean Garcia-Leys

Attachments: [Approved May 26, 2022 Minutes](#)
 [Approved June 6, 2022 Minutes](#)
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II. DISCUSSIONS

3. Discuss and take appropriate action on the Los Angeles Probation Oversight Commission's progress on achieving the goals of the 2022 Operating Strategic Plan.
 - Los Angeles Probation Oversight Commission Staff

Ms. Julien presented updates on the POC's 2022 Operating Strategic Goals including components that have been completed, members of the ad hoc committees, and adjustments that have been made to the goals.

Marsha McLean and Jose Osuna addressed the POC.

Ms. Julien concurred with Commissioner Jackson's suggestions on how the POC can monitor progress for the strategic planning goals including examining capacity, aligning the POC's strategic goals with those of the Probation Department (from an oversight perspective), hiring consultants to create evaluative frameworks, and re-evaluating the strategic plan periodically within the calendar year.

Commissioner Samuel Lewis and Commissioner Sean Garcia-Leys joined the meeting at 12:34 p.m.

Commissioner Nong proposed a motion to request written responses from the Probation Department on the following:

- 1) More details on certain incidents involving disruptive behavior, youth injuries, and assaults on staff (attempted or resolved) that occurred at Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall (BJNJH) and Central Juvenile Hall (CJH) on May 25, 2022, May 27, 2022, May 28, 2022, May 30, 2022, and June 3, 2022;
- 2) Information on injuries to staff;
- 3) Reasons for "N/A" in the "Video Reviewed" columns in the OC Spray deployment reports;
- 4) Information about any subsequent actions (e.g., conversations, discipline, assignment adjustments) taken after reviews of the incidents involving youth and staff;
- 5) Whether the department is reviewing incidents to see any patterns (e.g. staff, youth, time of day, location). If yes, explain the department's findings and actions taken;
- 6) Whether the incidents of disruptive behavior and assaults (attempted or actual) on staff in unit JK at BJNJH involve the same youth and/or staff between May 23, 2022 and June 5, 2022; and
- 7) The meaning of the "Explanation if Required", and explanation for all responses being "N" in those column entries.

On motion of Commissioner Nong, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, and unanimously carried (Commissioner Danielle M. Dupuy being absent), the POC approved the motion to request written responses from the Probation Department regarding OC Spray reporting to advance progress towards achieving Goal 3C: Eliminate use of Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) Spray:

Ayes:	8 –	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
Absent:	1 –	Commissioner Danielle M. Dupuy

In response to Commissioner Jackson's inquiry, Ms. Julien stated that the POC has made a formal budgetary request for three additional staff members for fiscal year 2022-23, which is pending approval.

Mr. Adam Bettino, Chief Deputy at the Los Angeles County Probation Department, emphasized the evolution and creation of a consolidated strategic plan with a dedicated communication strategy that is communicable up and down the chain of command. Commissioner Jackson requested that the revised core values, mission, and vision statements be sent to the POC.

Attachments: [Supporting Documents](#)
[2022 Strategic Operational Plan](#)
[Population Statistics – May 25, 2022](#)
[2022 POC Pre-Inspection Report](#)
[Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

4. 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 provided updates regarding staffing for youth on the secure track (SYTF). He stated that the contractual agreement with Local 685 expired in January 2022 but bargaining for a new contract is underway. Mr. Bettino mentioned that there are two Public Records Act (PRA) requests pending with one from the City of Santa Clarita and the other from the City of Malibu. He highlighted that the Probation Department is collaborating with county and community partners to continue services and programming for youth as they are moved in cohorts to Campus Kilpatrick, and educational and vocational opportunities are being researched. Mr. Bettino reported that roller bars have been installed on one of the cottages at Campus Kilpatrick and remaining security enhancements have been prioritized.

Marsha McLean, Mariana Garcia Godoy, Jackie Juarez, Zoe Rawson, Nicole Brown, Leah Zeidler-Ordaz, Danita Beauchamp, Thomas Bell, and Krista Newble addressed the POC.

Ms. Julien clarified the role of the POC, the Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Subcommittee (JJRBG), the Probation Department, and the Board of Supervisors in making recommendations and decisions about the site selection and programming for SYTF youth.

Commissioner Meredith stressed the importance of implementing programming and services, including changing the environment throughout the day based on his observations during site visits. Mr. Bettino emphasized the challenges with staffing and the efforts towards increasing programming despite the COVID-19 pandemic.

Commissioner Lewis proposed a motion, seconded by Commissioner Garcia-Leys, to recommend the Board of Supervisors approve the immediate transfer of SYTF youth that are identified as "ready" from BJNJH to Campus Kilpatrick.

Commissioner Jackson inquired about how readiness was assessed. Mr. Bettino reiterated the need to move the youth as safe as possible for youth and staff, which is part of an ongoing collaborative assessment process.

In response to Commissioner Garcia-Leys' concern, Mr. Bettino explained that operationally, management is considering the integration of mixed populations (existing population at Campus Kilpatrick with SYTF youth) along with staffing challenges and labor negotiations, which are delaying the transfer of SYTF youth to Campus Kilpatrick operationally.

Commissioner Meredith inquired about the length of time it would take to move the youth that are "ready" and if Campus Kilpatrick is equipped now to house the youth. Mr. Bettino stated that the Probation Department have the services and supports ready and available now, but there is deliberation around staffing.

Commissioner Canales inquired about the extra care that is in place for the youth that are "not ready". Mr. Bettino explained that the Probation Department is striving to give young people hope and opportunity by tailoring the programming and services based on the youth's individual responsiveness.

Commissioner Jackson recommended the presence of a temporary task force to support the transition. Mr. Bettino mentioned that the department is open to suggestions while labor work towards an agreement.

Commissioner Garcia-Leys shared that the POC is not attempting to rewrite the labor contract but trying to pilot a new program that must be done simultaneously with labor negotiations. He inquired about the capacities for each cottage at Campus Kilpatrick, which Mr. Bettino confirmed fluctuates between 8-16 youth based on population.

Commissioners Jackson, Meredith, and Nong recommended that the number of youths identified as "ready" be included in the motion. Mr. Bettino confirmed that four SYTF youth will be in the first cohort followed by thirteen in the second cohort. Commissioner Nong recommended that a minimum be added with a date included.

Commissioner Yamashiro asked for clarity on how the movement of SYTF youth to Campus Kilpatrick would disrupt labor negotiations.

On motion of Commissioner Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Garcia-Leys, and unanimously carried (Commissioner Danielle M. Dupuy being absent), the Los Angeles Probation Oversight Commission (POC) approved the amended motion to make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to require the Probation Department to take immediate action to move at a minimum the four youth who have been determined to be "ready" to Campus Kilpatrick by July 1, 2022 as phase one of implementation of the secure track facilities program:

Ayes: 8 – 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

Absent: 1 – Commissioner Danielle M. Dupuy

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5. 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 confirmed that the L.A. Model will be utilized and implemented at all the facilities including the post-disposition facilities in Los Angeles County, and the POC will be sharing how the 56-hour work week impacts the L.A. Model.

Mr. Bettino shared that security enhancements for Campus Kilpatrick are underway and roller bars have been installed on one of the cottages. He concurred that the L.A. Model will be utilized across facilities and will be adjusted as necessary depending on the site and population served.

Marsha McLean, Mariana Garcia Godoy, Frank Paredes, and Nicole Brown addressed the POC.

Commissioner Nong encouraged everyone to view the Los Angeles Times article on the Evident Change's report in July 2021, which evaluated the benefits and areas of opportunity to fully implement the L.A. Model across Los Angeles County.

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III. MISCELLANEOUS

MATTERS NOT POSTED

6. 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.

(Not on agenda)

- Updates on the elimination of OC Spray
- Presentation on the 56-Hour Work Week
- Discuss the issues raised by the California State Board of Community Corrections (BSCC) including Central Juvenile Hall (CJH) unsuitability
- Concluding presentation on the movement of youth back to CJH

PUBLIC COMMENT

7. 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 same day of the meeting shall become part of the official record.

Frank Paredes, Danita Beauchamp, Gregg Johnson, Cookie Lommel, Mariana Garcia Godoy, Kristina Fitz, and Oscar Canales addressed the POC.

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IV. ADJOURNMENT

8. Adjournment for the regular meeting of June 9, 2022.

Chair Carrillo adjourned the meeting at 2:33 p.m.