



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



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THURSDAY, AUGUST 11, 2022, 12:00 P.M.

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I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Call to Order and Roll Call.

Chair Carrillo called the meeting to order at 12:06 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, Secretary Dolores Canales, Vice Chair Esché L. Jackson, and Chair Franky Carrillo

Absent: Commissioner Cyn Yamashiro

2. Approval of the July 28, 2022 meeting minutes.

No members of the public commented on this item.

On motion of Commissioner Meredith, seconded by Commissioner Canales, and unanimously carried (Commissioner Cyn Yamashiro being absent), the Los Angeles Probation Oversight Commission (POC) approved the July 28, 2022 meeting minutes:

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

Absent: **1 –** Commissioner Cyn Yamashiro

Attachments: [Approved July 28, 2022 Minutes](#)
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II. DISCUSSIONS

3. Discuss and take appropriate action on a report by the Office of the Inspector General regarding the Probation Department's involvement with Justin Flores who is accused of killing two El Monte Police Officers in June 2022. Chief Adolfo Gonzales will attend to answer questions.

- Adolfo Gonzales, Chief, Los Angeles County Probation Department
 - Max Huntsman, Inspector General, Office of the Inspector General
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- Eric Bates, Assistant Inspector General, Office of the Inspector General

Mr. Bates explained OIG's inquiry into the supervision of Justin Flores. He provided an estimate of 30-45 days for completion of the report, which will include recommendations to the Probation Department.

Chief Gonzales stated that the Probation Department has been cooperating with the investigation. He explained that according to the Peace Officers' Bill of Rights, law enforcement has up to twelve months to complete the investigation, but they do not intend to take that long to complete the investigation.

Mr. Bates and Chief Gonzales responded to questions posed by the Probation Oversight Commission regarding sharing information, internal investigations, and policy changes.

Commissioner Meredith uplifted several red flags with the contact time periods and notifying law enforcement. Mr. Bates added that information on gun possession was not provided at the time of OIG's preliminary inquiry. Chief Gonzales explained that the Probation Department is researching why law enforcement was not notified.

Commissioner Garcia-Leys inquired about whether other similar incidents will be investigated to identify trends. In response, Mr. Bates mentioned that this was on their radar, but this was an initial investigation, and further investigation is underway. Chief Gonzales added that the Probation Department is proceeding with caution to ensure that there is balance and assistance as needed by looking at other departments and field offices when issuing violations.

Commissioner Nong agreed that too much surveillance, including substance abuse testing can be problematic, but validating and confirming certain allegations is beneficial.

Commissioner Jackson inquired about Probation supporting the families of fallen officers. Chief Gonzales assured that he reached out to the Police Chief and makes himself available as needed.

In response to Chair Carrillo's inquiry about collecting information from the Probation Department, Mr. Bates emphasized that the Department has been very professional, cooperative, and agreed to meet daily if needed to share information.

Danita Beauchamp addressed the POC.

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Public Comment/Correspondence

4. Discuss and take appropriate action on the progress of the decarceration of girls in Los Angeles County as outlined in the December 1, 2021 motion by the Board of Supervisors.
 - Wendelyn Julien, Executive Director, Los Angeles Probation Oversight Commission
 - Luis Rodriguez, Division Chief, Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office
 - Elizabeth Lopez, Youth Development Specialist, Los Angeles County Department of Youth Development
 - Raquel Mariscal, Racial Justice & Well-Being Sr. Strategist, W. Haywood Burns Institute

Ms. Julien stated that the youth justice Gender Responsiveness workgroup has been

receiving data and information on gender-expansive youth to schedule Transitional Multi-Disciplinary Team (T-MDT) meetings.

Mr. Rodriguez mentioned that the majority of girls are being released on arraignment, and most detained girls are choosing to participate in T-MDTs. He added that demographic data on these participants will be shared upon receipt.

Ms. Julien shared demographic data collected on August 10, 2022 on incarcerated youth in Los Angeles County which included 33 girls at Central Juvenile Hall (CJH) with most awaiting placement (pre-dispositioned) and 9 post-disposition girls split between Dorothy Kirby Center (DKC) and Camp Scott. She highlighted that a major challenge is a high rate of crossover between the dependency system, youth who are identified as commercially sexually exploited children (CSEC), and the girls and gender expansive youth in custody.

Mr. Rodriguez added that CSEC girls are given high priority and that the dual status court reopens in September for youth who have a dependency case and a delinquency case.

Ms. Lopez shared progress and challenges the Los Angeles County Department of Youth Development (DYD) has encountered while conserving gender responsiveness. She highlighted that the DYD, in conjunction with the youth justice work groups, introduced a new gender responsive work group whose goal is to create a comprehensive implementation plan to report back on by the end of November 2022.

Commissioner Dupuy expressed the importance of collaborating to get the requested data from the Probation Department to address the data points outlined in the motion.

Ms. Julien shared that there are very few families in the county who are trained and ready to provide housing for young women and encouraged attendees to consider serving as resource families for girls and gender expansive youth who are in juvenile facilities.

Danita Beauchamp and Ricardo Ortega addressed the POC.

Mr. Rodriguez stated that the policies set forth by the elected official of the District Attorney's Office will impact everyone, including girls and gender expansive youth.

Mr. Rodriguez responded to Commissioner Jackson's inquiry by stating that the individuals who are represented by the Public Defender's Office are connected to community and supportive services upon release regardless of their gender.

Commissioner Jackson inquired about on how progress and success of the program are measured. Mr. Rodriguez mentioned that progress of this pilot program is tracked through the T-MDTs but this process is just getting started.

In response to Commissioner Dupuy's inquiry about the number of young girls and gender expansive youth that have gone home, Mr. Rodriguez mentioned that within the last two months at the Public Defender's Office, seven youth have returned home after T-MDTs.

Ms. Karen Fletcher, Chief Deputy for the Los Angeles County Probation Department, provided a direct contact person for Commissioner Dupuy to communicate with regarding collaborative efforts on addressing parts of the motion.

Commissioner Dupuy inquired about Probation's Intake and Detention log. Ms. Fletcher

added that she will consult with County Counsel and provide an update.

Commissioner Nong inquired about how the LADS scores were assigned. Ms. Fletcher noted that several factors are considered when screening for a recommendation of immediate detention.

Agenda Item 6 was discussed next.

Attachments: [BOS Motion on Decarcerating Girls and Young Women](#)
Public Comment/Correspondence

5. Discuss and take appropriate action on progress the Los Angeles County Probation Department has made regarding site selection and programming for youth dispositioned to the secure track.
 - Adam Bettino, Chief Deputy, Los Angeles County Probation Department
 - Patricia Soung, Consultant to Youth Justice Reimagined and JJCC-JJRBG Subcommittee Member

Mr. Bettino stated that discussions are still underway with labor and the Chief Executive Office (CEO) regarding special recruitment of staff to work with youth assigned to Secure Youth Treatment Facilities (SYTF). He also shared details on the proposed layout of Camp Scott including cost estimations for renovations.

Ms. Patricia Soung explained that the role of the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council – Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Subcommittee (JJCC-JJRBG) is to make SYTF site recommendations to Board of Supervisors. She mentioned that additional facilities beyond Camp Kilpatrick and Camp Scott should be reconsidered by the subcommittee.

Mr. Rodriguez emphasized the importance of looking at other options to place SYTF youth considering the increase in transfer hearings.

No members of the public commented on this item.

Commissioner Lewis proposed a motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Canales, to urge the Board of Supervisors to reconsider Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall (LP) as a viable option SYTF placement.

Commissioner Meredith added that LP is not as expensive to renovate and is centrally located for the community.

Commissioner Canales inquired about the readiness of LP to house young people. Mr. Bettino stated that LP is physically able to house the young people, however, the facility requires renovations and upgrades that can be performed unit by unit in a modular fashion.

Commissioner Garcia-Leys inquired about the best strategy to make the recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. Ms. Soung mentioned that the context of the SYTF site selection has changed since 2020, therefore, the JJCC-JJRBG will do their due diligence to explore additional facilities to build upon their initial assessment in October 2020.

Commissioner Nong recommended that more details and specific timelines be added to the motion. She also suggested that the JJCC-JJRBG Subcommittee and the Board of

Supervisors collaborate to conduct a feasibility analysis of LP and include, but not be limited to costs of renovations, duration of completing these renovations, how LP is being used, a living unit analysis, and a report back on a proposed timeline be delivered back to the POC within one month.

Commissioner Lewis declined to accept the proposed amendments to the original motion.

Commissioner Jackson added that determining the viability of LP as an option is a prerequisite for recommending LP as an alternate SYTF site.

Ms. Julien explained the two board motions on related to SYTF site selections: one designated Campus Kilpatrick as an interim site and asked for scorecards on other facilities, and the second motion suggested that only Campus Kilpatrick and Camp Scott be identified as the only SYTF sites.

In response to Commissioner Dupuy's inquiry about the significance of this motion, Mr. Rodriguez and Commissioner Meredith insisted that this motion would be significant and important to the Board of Supervisors.

Chair Carrillo expressed the importance of collectively supporting the consideration of LP as a SYTF site.

On motion of Commissioner Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Canales, unanimously carried (Commissioner Cyn Yamashiro being absent), the POC agreed to urge the Board of Supervisors to consider Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall as a Secure Track Youth Facility (SYTF):

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

Absent: 1 – Commissioner Cyn Yamashiro

Commissioner Nong proposed a motion to recommend that the JJCC-JJRBG Subcommittee conduct an analysis of the feasibility of making LP an additional SYTF and to report back on the progress of the analysis in 30 days. The analysis shall include, but not be limited to the following: detailed information on how LP is currently being used and any related expansion plans, an analysis of existing living units, and any costs associated with renovating LP with expected times.

Commissioner Dupuy inquired about the workforce willing to work with SYTF population. Mr. Bettino clarified that the Probation Department does not foresee any issues staffing facilities with people who want to work with SYTF population.

Commissioner Jackson recommended that the costs of maintaining LP be included in the motion. Mr. Bettino stated that the Probation Department must submit a report on deferred maintenances costs to the Board of Supervisors (since there is a designated fund for those costs), but Probation is willing to provide ongoing costs related to security at LP, which is paid for by Probation.

Commissioner Lewis shared collaborative workforce opportunities for the youth.

Ms. Soung recommended that the POC consider including community outreach and engagement for feedback while the analysis is underway.

Commissioner Nong accepted the amendments to the motion to recommend that the JJCC-JJRBG Subcommittee conduct an analysis of the feasibility of making LP an additional SYTF site and report back on the progress of that analysis in 30 days which would include, and not be limited to, how LP is currently being used, any expansion plans, the associated costs for any necessary renovations, expected timelines and ability to perform renovations in a phased approach, and engage community members who are located in the same community as LP.

On motion of Commissioner Nong, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, unanimously carried (Commissioner Cyn Yamashiro being absent), the POC agreed to recommend that an in-depth analysis of LP be conducted by the JJCC-JJRBG Subcommittee with a report back in 30 days:

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

Absent: 1 – Commissioner Cyn Yamashiro

Agenda Item 7 was discussed next.

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III. REPORTS

6. 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 facility inspections, programs and services, and the department’s responsiveness to data requests.
 - Wendelyn Julien, Executive Director, Los Angeles Probation Oversight Commission

Ms. Julien reported that 40 of the 98 reform priorities are in process or complete. She announced that the POC’s 2022 inspection cycle has started, with Camp Afflerbaugh, Camp Paige, and DKC and Scott already inspected. Ms. Julien mentioned that the POC immediately reports health and safety concerns directly to the Probation Department. She shared that the inspection reports will be shared as inspections are conducted. Ms. Julien emphasized that the POC’s role of the inspections is to have another set of eyes on the facilities from civilian oversight perspective, and not determining compliance with Title 15.

Ms. Julien highlighted that the POC received a list from Probation Department detailing the contracts and funding sources of various organizations. She mentioned that the POC is canvassing the detailed list, connecting community-based organizations (CBOs) with Probation, and observing the calendared programs. Ms. Julien emphasized that the POC

would like to conduct research on best practices resulting in positive outcomes. She also shared that the POC is in the process of updating its website to incorporate an internal data dashboard, but the memorandum of understanding is awaiting signature from the Probation Department.

No members of the public commented on this item.

Agenda Item 5 was discussed next.

Attachments: [Daily Population Stats](#)
[OC Deployment Reports](#)
Public Comment/Correspondence

7. Report from the Los Angeles County Probation Department on general departmental updates.

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

Mr. Bettino reported that the Probation Department has received approval from the CEO to move forward with hiring 150 staff to keep up with attrition. He added that there have been adjustments to the background process, and Probation is working closely with the Department of Human Resources (DHR) to enhance communication to employees.

Ms. Fletcher reported that the Probation Department has been collaborating with several CBOs to provide programming and certifications to youth in the facilities. She also reported that overall staffing levels in the juvenile halls have improved and is being closely monitored.

No members of the public commented on this item.

In response to Commissioner Dupuy's inquiry about viewing survey results to understand why there are staffing shortages, Ms. Fletcher stated that the Probation Department has been working with DHR and the CEO to address the specific reasons for the staffing shortages but explained what the Probation Department is doing now to mitigate those staffing ratios.

Ms. Julien clarified Commissioner Garcia-Leys' inquiry that union representatives can be invited to attend POC meetings to give their perspective on various topics.

Ms. Fletcher explained the distinctions between the internal survey of the two juvenile halls distributed by the Probation Department and the broader anonymous survey collected by DHR.

Commissioner Lewis shared his sentiments on the staffing ratios and percentage of vacancies, and how those numbers adversely affect youth programming.

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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.

(Not on agenda)

- Roundtable meetings or listening symposiums with stakeholders
- Discussion on the projected and current number of youth that need to be housed at SYTF
- Discussion on the number of youth (and their disposition) Probation recommends to SYTF
- LADS scores – what determines release and what doesn't (interpretation of those numbers)
- Representatives from the Unions when staffing topics are on 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 same day of the meeting shall become part of the official record.

Cookie Lommel, Jose Osuna, Thomas Bell, and Mel Bailey addressed the POC.

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V. ADJOURNMENT

10. Adjournment for the regular meeting of August 11, 2022.

Chair Carrillo adjourned the meeting at 2:53 p.m.