



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012
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Thursday, August 31, 2023

6:30 PM



Video for the entire meeting. (23-3261)

Attachments: [Video](#)

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Call to Order, Roll Call and Land Acknowledgment. (23-2942)

Co-Chair Ortega Martinez called the meeting to order at 6:43 p.m. County Staff conducted Roll Call, and Commissioner Rodriguez read the County Land Acknowledgement Statement.

Present: Co-Chair Ricardo Ortega Martinez Jr., Commissioner La'Toya Cooper, Commissioner Joshua Elizondo, Commissioner Luisa Flores Urrutia, Commissioner Martine Jones, Commissioner Clarissa Peña, Commissioner Brittianna Robinson, Commissioner Evelyn Karina Rodriguez and Commissioner

Absent: Co-Chair Amanda Hernandez, Commissioner Jacob Jackson, Commissioner Flo Valenzuela and Commissioner Angela Young

2. Approval of minutes from the July 27, 2023 meeting. (23-2943)

On motion of Commissioner Cooper, seconded by Commissioner Smiley, and duly carried (Commissioners Jackson, Valenzuela, Young, and Chair Hernandez being absent), the minutes from the July 27, 2023, meeting were approved.

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II. REPORT

3. Leadership Report. (23-2946)

Executive Director Summers informed Commissioners that staff will send out surveys to them throughout the next couple of weeks and timely responses are encouraged to aide in the upcoming strategic planning

III. DISCUSSION

4. Update and roundtable discussion with David Carroll, Director of the Department of Youth Development. (23-2950)

Refugio Valle, Program Director, Youth Diversion, Department of Youth Development (DYD), introduced himself and provided updates on the diversion and youth development work through his presentation.

After the presentation, discussion ensued, and the following comments were made:

- **DYD partners with the Department of Arts and Culture.**
- **DYD agreed to share the intake survey with the Commission, to allow Commissioners to provide feedback.**
- **DYD is in conversation with their law enforcement partners regarding record sealing.**
- **Many of the DYD providers have partnerships with regional centers.**
- **DYD currently has 11 law enforcements partners.**
- **The DYD model on school diversion referrals is in its early stages.**

Angela Kim, DYD, provided a brief statement regarding the DYD Youth Summit Event being held at the Los Angeles Trade Technical College on December 1, 2023.

Vanessa Petti, Program Director of the Youth Development Team for DYD, introduced herself and provided a summary on the history and work of the Youth Development Team through her presentation.

Marianna Hernandez-Cadena, Program Manager, DYD, introduced herself and shared a presentation highlighting the vision and mission for the Youth Development Network.

Jerry Henry, DYD, provided information on the Community Engagement Task Force. He reported that the initial meeting will take place in East Los Angeles on October 18, 2023, and details for future meetings are forthcoming.

Marsheila Randell, Youth Development Ambassador, DYD, introduced herself and provided a brief statement regarding the public work group in the South Los Angeles region.

Commissioner Jones shared that Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) is hosting a youth symposium on October 26, 2023, that may be of interest to DYD staff to attend and engage youth in their work.

Ezekiel Nishiyama, DYD, provided a brief statement regarding the public work group and task force in the Antelope Valley region.

Marianna Hernandez-Cadena, DYD, shared the details on the application process to join the task force. She also clarified that there are currently two groups that are seeking involvement, which are the public work groups and the task force. The task force has one opening in East Los Angeles and two in the Antelope Valley, both groups will meet primarily virtually. The application is only intended for those interested in the task force, as the work groups are public and voluntary.

Alexia Cine, Youth Development Ambassador, DYD, provided a brief statement on the Heart of YJR project; the group hosts hybrid meetings on the first and third Tuesday of the month. She added that there is a Youth Planning Committee seeking involvement that is made up of leaders from different organizations who are building the plan for the Youth Summit event.

Vanessa Petti informed that there will be more activities and events coming in the year 2024 that will be held in various locations across Los Angeles County, allowing youth from different regions to access these events.

Alexia Cine indicated that DYD is actively trying to partner with organizations and different resources to have transportation available for youth who are further away from where the summits will be held.

Marsheila Randell provided an overview of the school-based partnerships and efforts centered around alternatives to school police on campuses.

Vanessa Petti added that the school-based partnership models and pilot program are in the beginning stages and will require community and youth leadership involvement to get a blueprint that can be implemented in other regions and school districts.

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT - YOUTH DIVERSION DECK](#)
[SUPPORTING DOCUMENT - YOUTH DEVELOPMENT TEAM DECK](#)

IV. COMMITTEE UPDATES

5. Operations Committee update by Committee Chair Joshua Elizondo. (23-2947)

Operations Committee (OPS) Chair Elizondo provided the following update:

- **The committee is currently conducting Commissioner evaluations. Commissioner Jackson has chosen to resign from his current capacity as Commissioner. Two of three Commissioner interviews have been conducted.**
- **The application for new Commissioners will remain open on a continuous basis and notifications will continue to be sent out. The committee will review applications September 4, 2023 through September 8, 2023, and conduct interviews the week of September 11, 2023.**
- **During their next meeting, the committee will discuss a standardized timeline for filling Commissioner vacancies, as well as the application process.**

6. Youth Engagement Committee update by Committee Chair La'Toya Cooper. (23-2948)

Youth Engagement Committee (YEC) Chair La'Toya Cooper reported the following details for the upcoming Listening Sessions:

- **The First District Listening Session will be held in partnership with Pomona Youth Commission on October 7, 2023.**
- **The Third District Listening Session will be held on October 21, 2023.**

7. Ad Hoc Committee on DCFS and Probation Report Card, update by Committee Chair Florencia Valenzuela. (23-2949)

In the absence of Ad Hoc Committee Chair Valenzuela, Executive Director Summers reported that Committee Chair Valenzuela will reach out to those Commissioners that expressed interest in joining the Ad Hoc Committee to schedule a meeting.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

8. Opportunity for members of the public to provide comments to the Commission on item(s) of interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. (23-2951)

No members of the public addressed the Commission.

9. Commissioner discussion of matters not posted on the agenda, to be considered, and placed on the agenda at a future meeting of the Commission. (23-2952)

No matters were presented.

10. Adjournment. (23-2953)

Commissioner Cooper adjourned the meeting in memory of Rode America Martinez Guzman, the mother of Co-Chair Ortega Martinez Jr. A video was shared of Supervisor Kathryn Barger adjourning in her honor at the August 8, 2023 Board of Supervisor's meeting. After which, the Commission offered a moment of silence on her behalf.

On motion of Commissioner Cooper, seconded by Commissioner Flores Urrutia, there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.