



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



**ST. ANNE'S CONFERENCE AND EVENT CENTER
155 NORTH OCCIDENTAL BOULEVARD
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90026**

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2024, 9:00 A.M.

AUDIO/VIDEO FILE FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING

Attachment: [Video](#)

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Call to Order and Roll Call.

Chair Mundo called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. Wende Julien, Executive Director conducted the roll call:

Present: Commissioner Milinda Kakani, Commissioner Samuel Lewis, Commissioner Donald D. Meredith, Commissioner Diane Terry, and Chair Eduardo Mundo

Absent: Commissioner Esché L. Jackson and Vice Chair Dolores Canales

2. Approval of the July 11, 2024 regular meeting minutes.

No members of the public commented on this item.

On motion of Commissioner Kakani, seconded by Commissioner Terry, unanimously carried, (Commissioners Canales, Jackson, and Lewis being absent), the Los Angeles Probation Oversight Commission (POC) agreed to approve the July 11, 2024, regular meeting minutes:

Ayes: 4 – Commissioner Milinda Kakani, Commissioner Donald D. Meredith, Secretary Diane Terry, and Chair Eduardo Mundo

Absent: 3 – Commissioner Esché L. Jackson, Commissioner Samuel Lewis, and Vice Chair Dolores Canales

Attachments: [Approved July 11, 2024 Minutes](#)
Public Comment/Correspondence

II. DISCUSSIONS

3. Creation of an ad hoc committee on Commissioner Recruitment made up of the POC Commissioners Eduardo Mundo, Dolores Canales, and Diane Terry to review applications, conduct interviews, and recommend two to five candidates to bring before the full POC to recommend a candidate to the Board of Supervisors to fill the vacant “at-large” commission
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position on the POC. The ad hoc will disband after the position is filled.

Chair Mundo proposed a motion, seconded by Commissioner Meredith, to create an ad hoc committee to review applications, conduct interviews, and recommend two to five candidates to bring before the full POC to recommend a candidate to the Board of Supervisors to fill the vacant “at-large” commission position on the POC, but the ad hoc will disband after the position is filled.

In response to Commissioner Meredith’s inquiry about including all the Commissioners in the selection process, Chair Mundo confirmed that the ad hoc committee will vet all the applicants, but the top ranked candidates will be referred to the full POC body for consideration and a vote.

No members of the public commented on this item.

On motion of Commissioner Mundo, seconded by Commissioner Meredith, unanimously carried, (Commissioners Canales, Jackson, and Lewis being absent), the POC agreed to create the New Commissioner Ad Hoc Committee:

Ayes: 4 – Commissioner Milinda Kakani, Commissioner Donald D. Meredith, Secretary Diane Terry, and Chair Eduardo Mundo

Absent: 3 – Commissioner Esché L. Jackson, Commissioner Samuel Lewis, and Vice Chair Dolores Canales

Attachments: Supporting Documents
Public Comment/Correspondence

4. Discuss and take possible action to approve the inspection by the Los Angeles County Probation Oversight Commission of Campus Vernon Kilpatrick.
 - Dr. Sarah Gongora, Psy.D., Project Director, Los Angeles County Probation Oversight Commission

Dr. Gongora shared the highlights from the attached inspection report.

Commissioner Terry inquired about the de-escalation training and how the training protocols are implemented when an incident is happening. Executive Director Julien shared that cross departmental trainings were not happening, but there have been very few incidents of violence since the facility has been changed to the SYTF.

Commissioner Meredith shared his observations from the inspection, highlighting that there were vegetable gardens, a canine program, and cottages that made the facility feel less carceral and more educational for the youth.

Eric Raley, Senior Probation Director for the Los Angeles County Probation Department, was present to respond to any questions.

Commissioner Kakani inquired about conversations the Probation Department is having around plumbing, housing, and space utilization at the facilities. Senior Probation Director Raley reported that the Department will report back.

Commissioner Kakani proposed a motion, seconded by Commissioner Meredith, to accept the Campus Vernon Kilpatrick inspection report as presented.

Three public commenters addressed the POC.

On motion of Commissioner Kakani, seconded by Commissioner Meredith, unanimously carried, (Commissioners Canales, Jackson, and Lewis being absent), the POC agreed to accept the Campus Vernon Kilpatrick inspection report as presented:

Ayes: 4 – Commissioner Milinda Kakani, Commissioner Donald D. Meredith, Secretary Diane Terry, and Chair Eduardo Mundo

Absent: 3 – Commissioner Esché L. Jackson, Commissioner Samuel Lewis, and Vice Chair Dolores Canales

Attachments: [Campus Vernon Kilpatrick Inspection Report](#)
Public Comment/Correspondence

5. Discuss and take possible action on an update on progress the Los Angeles County Probation Department has made towards reaching compliance with the California Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC). Discussion will include:
 - i. Report on results of BSCC Inspector “spot checks” at Barry J. Nidorf Secure Youth Treatment Facility (BJN SYTF) and Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall (LPJH).
 - ii. Report on progress on maintaining consistent staffing at both facilities.
 - iii. Report on compliance with program schedules matching programs offered at Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall.
 - Kimberly Epps, Chief Deputy, Los Angeles County Probation Department

Chief Deputy Epps was unable to attend, but Senior Probation Director Raley was present to represent the Probation Department and reported that the Probation Department is waiting for a response from the BSCC regarding the spot checks at BJN SYTF.

Commissioner Kakani inquired about the specific areas of non-compliance the BSCC was evaluating during their visits. Senior Probation Director Raley did not have an update on the spot checks on areas of noncompliance and stated that the BSCC and Probation Department have been preparing for the October 2024 comprehensive inspection, but he can gather information and report back to the POC.

Commissioner Meredith inquired about contraband within the facilities. Senior Probation Director Raley mentioned that the Probation Department can provide a report back once they receive updates from the BSCC.

Chair Mundo clarified the request for a report back from the Probation Department so that the POC can get an understanding of the BSCC’s spot checks, the Department’s areas of compliance and non-compliance, and what the BSCC were checking in on during those unannounced and unannounced visits to the facilities.

Commissioner Kakani inquired about the documentation that was submitted to the BSCC and an update on the BSCC’s sub-items (such as staffing and programming). Executive Director Julien mentioned that this item can be agendized again for September if desired.

Commissioner Lewis joined the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Four public commenters addressed the POC.

Attachments: Supporting Documents
[Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

6. Discuss and take possible action to approve a report to the Board of Supervisors from the Los Angeles County Probation Oversight Commission on the Probation Department's progress with ensuring that all facilities that hold incarcerated youth are compliant with the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) standards and training.
 - Wendelyn Julien, Executive Director, Los Angeles County Probation Oversight Commission

Executive Director Julien explained the importance of the PREA, commended the Los Angeles County Office of Inspector General (OIG) for their [PREA report](#) outlining specific PREA compliance between what the Probation Department's policy say and what the PREA requirements are, and highlighted the POC's recommendations outlined in the attached report back.

Commissioner Meredith recommended that the Probation Department partner with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department's Special Victims Unit (SVU) to investigate PREA cases.

Commissioner Kakani inquired about how the POC's PREA report back will be presented to the Board. Executive Director Julien stated that the report will be submitted to the Board Reporting system, the Supervisors, and asked for other recommendations where the recommendations can be shared.

Senior Probation Director Raley mentioned the Department would like to review the POC's PREA report back and recommendations, and report back to the POC in 60 days.

One public commenter addressed the POC.

Chair Mundo proposed a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kakani, to accept the POC's PREA report back as presented.

Chair Mundo shared his sentiments with Probation staff reporting PREA incidents.

On motion of Commissioner Mundo, seconded by Commissioner Kakani, unanimously carried, (Commissioners Canales and Jackson being absent), the POC agreed to accept the POC's PREA report back as presented:

Ayes: 5 – Commissioner Milinda Kakani, Commissioner Samuel Lewis, Commissioner Donald D. Meredith, Secretary Diane Terry, and Chair Eduardo Mundo

Absent: 2 – Commissioner Esché L. Jackson and Vice Chair Dolores Canales

Attachments: [Revised Board Motion](#)
[POC's Approved Report Back](#)

By Common Consent, there being no objections, the POC recessed for ten minutes.

7. Discussion and possible action to approve a report from the Los Angeles County Probation Oversight Commission on efforts to increase programming focused on substance use disorder treatment and harm prevention efforts including NARCAN in Probation's juvenile facilities.
 - Dr. Sarah Gongora, Psy.D., Project Director, Los Angeles County Probation Oversight Commission

Dr. Gongora provided background on the SUD report, highlighted the findings, and shared the recommendations outlined in the report.

Commissioner Lewis highlighted how several contractors and county departments have collaborated with the Probation Department to run a more integrated model of drug treatment programs.

Executive Director Julien shared the efficacy of credible messengers being trained and offering some of the programming, and how that helps to encourage youth to participate, which is one of the specific things that's called out in the report.

Commissioner Kakani inquired about why the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health's Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC) or the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (DMH) was not able to provide programming on the seven out of thirteen visits that Dr. Gongora conducted. Dr. Gongora mentioned that there was some disagreement between the Probation Department and DMH on the calendar and schedule.

In response to Commissioner Terry's inquiry around space, noise, privacy for substance use programming, Senior Probation Director Raley mentioned that the spacing is different at each unit.

Commissioner Terry proposed a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kakani, to accept the POC's SUD report as presented.

Five public commenters addressed the POC.

Commissioner Lewis shared his sentiments about his work as a Commissioner, and formally resigned as a Commissioner.

Commissioner Lewis left the meeting at 11:33 a.m.,

On motion of Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Kakani, unanimously carried, (Commissioners Canales, Jackson, and Lewis being absent), the POC agreed to accept the POC's SUD report as presented:

Ayes: 4 – Commissioner Milinda Kakani, Commissioner Donald D. Meredith, Secretary Diane Terry, and Chair Eduardo Mundo

Absent: 3 – Commissioner Esché L. Jackson, Commissioner Samuel Lewis, and Vice Chair Dolores Canales

Attachments: [POC's Approved SUD Report](#)
Public Comment/Correspondence

III. REPORTS

8. Report from the Los Angeles County Probation Oversight Commission's New Charges Ad Hoc Committee. The ad hoc subcommittee on new charges met to review the Probation Department's new policy on when criminal charges can be brought against youth in detention.

- Eduardo Mundo, Chair, Los Angeles County Probation Oversight Commission

Chair Mundo reported that the committee has not had a chance to meet with the Probation Department to discuss the newly drafted policy and will do so soon and report back to the

full POC.

Two public commenters addressed the POC.

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IV. MISCELLANEOUS

MATTERS NOT POSTED

9. 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)

The following topics were proposed to be agendized at a future POC meeting:

- Discuss the Fire Camp Program/Wildland Crew Program where youth aged 18 and over can get certified as qualified wildland firefighters in December 2024.
- Explore and discuss substance abuse treatment programs that are not offered by the Probation Department.
- Explanation of Bail Deviation and how those reports are done on the adult services side.

Commissioner Meredith highlighted the pros of the Fire Camp Program and raised awareness for the Los Angeles County Firefighter and seven youth out of Camp Scutter who perished while fighting fires to protect a Los Angeles County city in August 2023.

PUBLIC COMMENT

10. 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.

Four public commenters addressed the POC.

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V. ADJOURNMENT

11. Adjournment for the regular meeting of August 8, 2024.

On motion by Commissioner Kakani, seconded by Commissioner Terry, unanimously carried (Commissioners Canales, Jackson, and Lewis being absent), the POC adjourned the meeting at 11:57 a.m.