



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



**EARVIN “MAGIC” JOHNSON RECREATION AREA  
905 EAST EL SEGUNDO BOULEVARD  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90059**

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**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 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 9:11 a.m. Wende Julien, Executive Director conducted the roll call:**

Present: Commissioner Milinda Kakani, Commissioner Donald D. Meredith, Commissioner Samuel Prater, Commissioner Diane Terry, Vice Chair Dolores Canales, and Chair Eduardo Mundo

Absent: Commissioner Esché L. Jackson

2. Approval of the September 12, 2024 regular meeting minutes.

**No members of the public commented on this item.**

**On motion of Commissioner Kakani, seconded by Commissioner Terry, unanimously carried, (Commissioner Jackson being absent), the Los Angeles Probation Oversight Commission (POC) agreed to approve the September 12, 2024, regular meeting minutes:**

**Ayes:** 6 – Commissioner Milinda Kakani, Commissioner Donald D. Meredith, Commissioner Samuel Prater, Secretary Diane Terry, Vice Chair Dolores Canales, and Chair Eduardo Mundo

**Absent:** 1 – Commissioner Esché L. Jackson

**Attachments:** [Approved September 12, 2024 Minutes](#)  
Public Comment/Correspondence

## II. DISCUSSIONS

3. Discuss and take possible action on a report from the Probation Department on its progress with responding to the Board of Supervisors' motion on "[Financial Literacy for Youth in Los Angeles County Care and Accountability of Los Angeles County Probation Department's Unclaimed Juvenile Funds and Property.](#)"

- Robert Smythe, Administrative Deputy III, Los Angeles County Probation Department

**Administrative Deputy Smythe reported on the attached documents.**

**Commissioner Prater shared his sentiments about Twin Spire LLC.**

**Commissioner Kakani inquired about the timeline for implementing the financial literacy program into other Probation facilities. Administrative Deputy Smythe mentioned that there is not currently a timeline in place, but the goal is to have it offered in additional facilities in the next 60 days.**

**In response to Commissioner Kakani's inquiries about the claim form and having it publicly accessible to defense counsel, Administrative Deputy Smythe stated that the Department will work on making the claim form available.**

**Commissioner Prater inquired about information that is collected on the claim form and how funds are disbursed once youth are released. Administrative Deputy Smythe reported that the youth's name, date of birth, and mailing address are required to complete the claim form, and the Department is working with county partners on effective ways to disburse funds. Commissioner Prater shared his sentiments about the need to incorporate electronic notifications such as emails about the disbursement of youth's funds.**

**Commissioner Terry inquired about youth having online access to monitor their bank accounts online while the youth are in the facilities. Administrative Deputy Smythe confirmed that youth at Barry J. Nidorf Secure Youth Treatment Facility (BJN SYTF) can access their online bank accounts with staff using a designated computer. He added that debit cards are not given to the youth, but the youth can opt to have their debit cards mailed to their families.**

**In response to Commissioner Terry's inquiry about the process for a youth's confiscated items being returned, Administrative Deputy Smythe stated that the Probation Department works with the families to have confiscated items returned to the families.**

**Commissioner Kakani inquired about information being made available in Spanish. Administrative Deputy Smythe will ensure there is communications being sent to the families in Spanish as well.**

**Five public commenters addressed the POC.**

**Attachments:** [Supporting Documents](#)  
[Board Motion on Financial Literacy](#)  
[Probation's Report Back & 1st Status Report](#)  
Public Comment/Correspondence

4. Discuss and take possible action on updates on Probation's progress with recent Board motions.
  - Access to Menstrual Products – Kimberly Epps, Chief Deputy
  - Moving post-disposition youth out of Los Padrinos – Angela Walker, Senior Probation Director

Chief Deputy Epps reported on the youth's access to menstrual products within the facilities.

Senior Probation Director Walker gave the report on Probation's progress with moving youth out of Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall.

In response to Chair Mundo's inquiry about the duration each youth has been waiting, Senior Probation Director Walker mentioned that camp headquarters keep that data. Chief Deputy Epps emphasized that there is legal requirement to maintain that information.

Commissioner Prater inquired about how the data is being tracked. Executive Director Julien clarified that the regular updates to the Board of Supervisors are tracked. However, Senior Probation Director Walker stated that there is not a specified report back frequency.

Chair Mundo inquired about a reasonable time for the Probation Department to report back. Chief Deputy Epps stated that a reasonable report back time frame is sixty (60) days.

One public commenter addressed the POC.

**Attachments:**    Supporting Documents  
                          [Board Motion on Menstrual Products](#)  
                          [Board Motion on Moving Youth from LP](#)  
                          Public Comment/Correspondence

5. Discuss and take possible action on a report from the Los Angeles County Office of Inspector General (OIG) on its recent reports and collaborative work with the POC.

- Eric Bates, Assistant Inspector General, Los Angeles County Office of Inspector General

Assistant Inspector General Bates gave an overview of the role and highlighted OIG's findings and recommendations for LPJH and BJN SYTF from its DOJ report.

In response to Commissioner Mundo's inquiry about the number of use of force referrals and length of delays, Assistant Inspector General Bates clarified that only 18 out of the 36 referrals were use of force referrals and the OIG is unaware of the length of time it takes for use of force referrals to be forwarded to Probation's Internal Affairs.

In response to Commissioner Meredith's inquiry about the percentage of unavailable data at BJN SYTF, Assistant Inspector General Bates explained that there was a technical problem due to cameras that are not procured and cameras not set up in the grass areas.

Commissioner Prater inquired about the OIG's sample size of reviewed use of force cases. Assistant Inspector General Bates stated that the OIG team will consider the concerns about the sample size and report back to the POC.

Assistant Inspector General Bates and Chief Deputy Epps clarified the process for reporting and reviewing the use of force incidents.

Commissioner Kakani inquired about the significant delays with the use of force incidents. Assistant Inspector General Bates emphasized that the OIG observed significant delays before use of force incident packets are reviewed by anyone.

Commissioner Kakani inquired about the use of force backlog. Chief Deputy Epps mentioned that some backlogs were addressed and cleared, but the Department will get the current use of force current and backlog data and report back to the POC.

Commissioner Meredith inquired about documentation for tracking if video footage was reviewed. Chief Deputy Epps confirmed that the directors must check off if the video footage was reviewed, but the Probation Department can provide a full report back on this topic. Assistant Inspector General Bates added that OIG uses the video review document to review video footage again.

Seventeen public commenters addressed the POC.

Chief Deputy Epps responded to and provided updates on questions raised by public commenters.

**Attachments:**    Supporting Documents  
                          [OIG's 5<sup>th</sup> DOJ Report](#)  
                          [OIG's Quarterly Report](#)  
                          [Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

6. Discuss and take possible action on the creation of an ad hoc committee on Sexual Misconduct to plan a listening session.

**By Common Consent, there being no objections, this agenda item was tabled for discussion at a future meeting.**

**Attachments:**    Supporting Documents  
                          Public Comment/Correspondence

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

7. Discuss and take possible action on a report from the Commissioner Recruitment Ad Hoc Committee on their recommended applicants for consideration by the full POC to recommend one candidate to the Board of Supervisors to fill the vacant "at-large" commission position on the POC. The ad hoc will disband after the position is filled. The two applicants to be considered are Brooke Harris and Dr. Armida Ornelas.

**Commissioner Mundo proposed a motion, seconded by Commissioner Terry, to recommend Brooke Harris to the Board of Supervisors for appointment to the at-large Commissioner position.**

**Commissioner Meredith questioned the integrity and transparency of the process, and expressed his displeasure with the lack of fairness to the other candidates.**

**Five public commenters addressed the POC.**

**Commissioner Meredith left the meeting at 12:30 p.m.**

**On motion of Commissioner Mundo, seconded by Commissioner Terry, duly carried by the following vote, (Commissioners Jackson and Meredith being absent), the POC agreed to recommend Brooke Harris to the Board of Supervisors for appointment to the POC:**

<b>Ayes:</b>	<b>3 –</b>	Commissioner Milinda Kakani, Secretary Diane Terry, and Chair Eduardo Mundo
<b>Noes:</b>	<b>1 –</b>	Vice Chair Dolores Canales
<b>Absent:</b>	<b>2 –</b>	Commissioner Esché L. Jackson and Commissioner Donald D. Meredith
<b>Abstain:</b>	<b>1 –</b>	Commissioner Samuel Prater

**Commissioner Canales left the meeting at 12:33 p.m.**

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

8. Discuss and take possible action on a report back from the Los Angeles County Probation Oversight Commission ad hoc committee on community-based organizations (CBOs). The CBO ad hoc committee was formed to address the Probation Department's relationships with CBOs including issues related to contracting, scheduling, and clearances.
  - Diane Terry, Commissioner, Los Angeles County Probation Oversight Commission

**This agenda item was not held due to the lack of quorum.**

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

**III. 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.

**This agenda item was not discussed due to the lack of quorum.**

**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](mailto: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.

**This agenda item was not held due to the lack of quorum.**

**Attachments:** [Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

11. Adjournment for the regular meeting of October 10, 2024.

**The meeting ended at 12:36 p.m.**