



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



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THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2025, 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 special meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Executive Director Wendelyn Julien conducted the roll call:

Present: Commissioner Dolores Canales, Commissioner Brooke Harris, Commissioner Esché L. Jackson, Commissioner Milinda Kakani, Commissioner Donald D. Meredith, Commissioner Tyrique Shipp, Commissioner Diane Terry, and Chair Eduardo Mundo

Absent: Commissioner Samuel Prater

Attachments: [Overview of the POC's Role](#)

II. DISCUSSIONS

2. Discuss and take action on Supervising Judge Miguel Espinoza's tentative ruling in the Order to Show Cause hearing on April 18, 2025, directing the Los Angeles County Probation Department to provide a plan to depopulate Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall by May 2, 2025. The POC will also discuss the Probation Department's statement about the ruling correlating the decision to the need to move forward with its Global Plan. The POC will give the public an opportunity to share concerns and opinions and the POC may take action on recommended alternatives.

Commissioner Shipp joined the meeting at 9:12 a.m.

Chair Mundo mentioned that David Carroll, Director of the Los Angeles County Department of Youth Development (DYD) and Michael Theberge, Deputy Public Defender from the Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office are available to answer questions.

Executive Director Julien provided a verbal summary of Judge Espinoza's tentative ruling of April 18, 2025, Order to Show Cause Hearing.

Although there was no representation at the POC's Special Meeting from the Probation Department's leadership team, the department released the following media statements in response to Judge Espinoza's ruling: [a statement regarding the court ruling on April 18, 2025](#) and [a statement regarding its initial depopulation plan on May 2, 2025](#).

Chair Mundo proposed a motion, seconded by Commission Terry, to accept the attached recommended solutions to depopulate LPJH and promote compliance with DOJ and BSCC related to the Facilities Plan (Global Plan).

Commissioner Meredith shared the feedback he received from community members about the use of Camp Paige including concerns around program expansions, escapes, assaults, overall safety of the surrounding community, and political sensitivity. He also shared concerns about the process by which the recommendations were developed.

Commissioner Canales shared the feedback she received from the City of La Verne regarding the Global Plan and shutting down Camp Paige.

Chair Mundo emphasized that the County of Los Angeles is in a crisis right now while trying to care for over 280 youth at Los Padrinos.

Commissioner Canales shared her sentiments on how the unexpected immediate movement of youth years ago was traumatic, chaotic, and painful for the detained youth.

Commissioner Harris shared her sentiments about the delays since October 2024 with holding the Probation Department accountable from a practical perspective with developing a plan (about the people – youth and staff) to comply with the DOJ and BSCC.

In response to Commissioner Kakani's inquiry about detaining youth at LPJH, Mr. Theberge confirmed that LPJH is unsuitable to house youth ordered to detention by operation of the law.

Commissioner Kakani stressed that judges are essentially making orders for youth to detention in a facility that is operating illegally. She also distinguished depopulation (shifting youth within the County) from decarceration (safely releasing youth back into the community).

Commissioner Meredith proposed an alternative to use Camp Kilpatrick since it is underutilized to rehabilitate youth.

Chair Mundo was opposed to the alternative due to Camp Kilpatrick being unable to accommodate various subgroups, and the inaccessibility to public transportation.

Commissioner Canales made a friendly amendment to re-evaluate the Camp Kilpatrick SYTF population for release to step-down programs, especially Pine Grove. Chair Mundo and Commissioner Terry accepted Commissioner Canales' friendly amendment

Commissioner Shipp made a friendly amendment to uplift DYD's Diversion Program and incorporate diversion language as a depopulation goal. Chair Mundo and Commissioner Terry accepted Commissioner Shipp's friendly amendment.

Commissioner Harris shared that a large part of a judge's decision in each case is based on the Probation Department's detention report.

Commissioner Harris made a friendly amendment to incorporate interagency collaboration

on alternatives to assess rapid releases as recommended by the Zero Now Coalition. Chair Mundo and Commissioner Terry accepted Commissioner Harris's friendly amendment

Commissioner Kakani supported the amendment also suggesting that DYD or an interagency team be given access to the youth to assess if the youth can be released.

Chair Mundo clarified that the Offices of the Los Angeles County Public Defender and District Attorney were intentionally omitted because they have their say in the courtroom.

Commissioner Harris shared that defense attorneys have an ethical mandate to represent the express interest of their clients (the youth) including public defenders, alternate public defenders, resource attorneys, the panel, private representation, law schools, juvenile justice clinics as opposed to district attorneys.

Director Carroll stressed the importance of keeping participation in the re-entry program voluntary as opposed to something ordered by the court to prevent youth from receiving additional violations and confinement.

Commissioner Jackson made a friendly amendment that was accepted by Chair Mundo and Commissioner Terry stating that to ensure the successful implementation of intensive service components, it is critical that probation officers and CDP staff are supported with adequate staffing levels and resources. The plan should be a strategic approach that balances facility deployment with community-based support that provides quality supervision, mitigates risks, and upholds the plan's goals.

Thirty-three (33) public commenters addressed the POC.

Commissioner Jackson commended members of the public for showing up and participating today during the special meeting as advocates for reform.

Executive Director Julien repeated the friendly amendments below which were accepted by Chair Mundo and Commissioner Terry:

- Re-evaluate the Camp Kilpatrick SYTF population for release to step-down programs, especially Pine Grove.
- Uplift DYD's Diversion and Re-entry Programs such as Re-entry Activities for Youth (RAY) for both pre-disposition and post-adjudicated youth returning home.
- Engage in interagency collaboration with input from families, judges, DYD community care teams, advocates, credible messengers, etc. for rapid release planning and reassessments which include reassessing and returning all currently detained youth to court for release consideration
- To ensure the successful implementation of intensive service components, it is critical that probation officers and CDP staff are supported with adequate staffing levels and resources. The plan should be a strategic approach that balances facility deployment with community-based support that provides quality supervision, mitigates risks, and upholds the plan's goals.

On motion of Chair Mundo, seconded by Commissioner Terry, unanimously carried, (Commissioner Prater being absent), the Los Angeles Probation Oversight Commission (POC) agreed to accept the attached recommended solutions to depopulate Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall as amended:

Ayes: 8 – Commissioner Dolores Canales, Commissioner Brooke Harris, Commissioner Esché L. Jackson, Commissioner

Milinda Kakani, Commissioner Donald D. Meredith,
Commissioner Tyrique Shipp, Commissioner Diane Terry,
and Chair Eduardo Mundo

Absent: 1 – Commissioner Samuel Prater

Attachments: [Supporting Documents](#)
[Approved POC Recommended Depopulation Solutions](#)
[Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

III. 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.

The Commissioners requested that the following items be agendized at a future meeting:

- Probation employees deliberately not showing up to work.
- Probationer notification system to keep probationers apprised of who their supervising probation officers are, especially for youth on the Community Detention Program (CDP).
- Probation's plans and progress towards depopulating LPJH.

Chair Mundo reminded everyone that the leadership team is open to discussions at any time on any potential agenda items or topics. He invited Commissioners and the public to join him at court watch.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

9. Adjournment for the special meeting of April 24, 2025.

On motion of Commissioner Kakani, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, unanimously carried, (Commissioner Prater being absent), the POC adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.