

# 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, MAY 8, 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 meeting to order at 9:10 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

2. Approval of the April 3, 2025 regular meeting minutes and April 24, 2025 special meeting minutes.

No members of the public commented on this item.

On motion of Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Kakani, unanimously carried, (Commissioners Canales and Prater being absent), the Los Angeles Probation Oversight Commission (POC) agreed to approve the April 3, 2025, regular meeting minutes and the April 24, 2025 special meeting minutes:

- Ayes:7 –Commissioner Brooke Harris, Commissioner Esché L.<br/>Jackson, Commissioner Milinda Kakani, Commissioner<br/>Donald D. Meredith, Commissioner Tyrique Shipp,<br/>Commissioner Diane Terry, and Chair Eduardo Mundo
- Absent: 2 Commissioner Dolores Canales and Commissioner Samuel Prater

Agenda item 3 was discussed next, and the following motions were discussed after agenda item 3.

Commissioner Harris proposed a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kakani, to reconsider the motion to approve the April 3, 2025, regular meeting minutes and the April 24, 2025 special meeting minutes.

No members of the public commented on this item.

On motion of Commissioner Harris, seconded by Commissioner Kakani, unanimously carried, (Commissioner Prater being absent), the POC agreed to reconsider the motion to approve the April 3, 2025, regular meeting minutes and the April 24, 2025 special meeting minutes:

- 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

Commissioner Terry proposed a motion, seconded by Commissioner Harris, to approve the April 3, 2025, regular meeting minutes and the April 24, 2025 special meeting minutes.

No members of the public commented on this item.

On motion of Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Harris, carried by the following vote, (Commissioner Prater being absent), the POC agreed to approve the April 3, 2025, regular meeting minutes and the April 24, 2025 special meeting minutes:

Ayes:	7 –	Commissioner Dolores Canales, Commissioner Brooke Harris, Commissioner Milinda Kakani, Commissioner Donal D. Meredith, Commissioner Tyrique Shipp, Commissioner Diane Terry, and Chair Eduardo Mundo	
Abstain:	1 –	Commissioner Esché L. Jackson	
Absent:	1 –	Commissioner Samuel Prater	
Attachments:	Approved April 3, 2025 Minutes		

Agenda item 4 was discussed next.

#### II. DISCUSSIONS

3. Discuss and take possible action on an update about from the Probation Oversight Commission's ad hoc committees on Education and Community-Based Organizations (CBO) Relationships.

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

Approved April 24, 2025 Minutes Public Comment/Correspondence

• Diane Terry, Vice Chair, Los Angeles County Probation Oversight Commission

#### Chair Mundo confirmed that the Education ad hoc committee has made progress, met with

LACOE, and have a commitment with the Probation Department with a report back to follow at a future meeting.

Commissioner Terry gave a summary of the work the CBO Relationships ad hoc committee has done and shared highlights from the attached document.

Commissioner Terry proposed a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kakani, to dissolve the CBO Relationships ad hoc committee.

Commissioner Canales joined the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

Commissioner Harris inquired about the procedures to continue the work of the CBO Relationships ad hoc committee.

Two (2) public commenters addressed the POC.

On motion of Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Kakani, unanimously carried, (Commissioner Prater being absent), the POC agreed to dissolve the CBO Relationships ad hoc committee:

Ayes:8 –Commissioner Brooke Harris, Commissioner Esché L.<br/>Jackson, Commissioner Milinda Kakani, Commissioner<br/>Donald D. Meredith, Commissioner Tyrique Shipp,<br/>Commissioner Diane Terry, and Chair Eduardo Mundo

Absent: 1 – Commissioner Samuel Prater

#### Agenda item 2 was discussed next for reconsideration.

<u>Attachments:</u> <u>Supporting Documents</u> Public Comment/Correspondence

- 4. The Probation Overnight Commission requests the presence of Chief Guillermo Viera-Rosa to present the LA County Probation Department's plan to depopulate Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall pursuant to the tentative ruling of the Los Angeles County Superior Court and the Board of State and Community Corrections' (BSCC's) findings of unsuitability and noncompliance with Title 15 at Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall (LPJH) and respond to the POC's recommended depopulation solutions. The Commission will discuss and take possible action on the plans.
  - Guillermo Viera-Rosa, Chief, Los Angeles County Probation Department

#### Discussion resumed on this item after agenda item 5.

Chief Viera-Rosa addressed the following POC recommendations and responded to various questions and concerns about Probation's Depopulation Plan.

POC Recommendation Number	Chief's Response
1	Probation has performed this assessment exercise in collaboration with the Offices of the District Attorney and Public Defender as ordered by the court and will continue this exercise on a weekly basis.
	The recommendation to include other parties was deemed not feasible due to limitations on people who are legally

	permitted to be part of the process and have access to the youth's records.
	Other organizations are encouraged to continue to provide alternative services, resources, and recommendations to be included in the assessment to determine if somebody is eligible for release.
2	Agreed to this recommendation "in spirit" to expedite and prioritize the process once there is a placement order. Noted that the plan for Camp Paige in the depopulation plan addresses this.
3	Indicated that this recommendation is "too broad," will take too long to address immediate issues, and will not reduce the population. Agrees there are training needs, room for improvement with intake, and noted there is a new Director in charge of Intake/Detention & Control.
4	Stated that this recommendation is not acceptable because it conflicts with the Department's Depopulation Plan.

Chief Viera-Rosa agreed to provide the POC with an explanation of the entire process that was recently followed to review youth cases. This report back will detail how those cases were reviewed, identify Probation employees who were involved in the review process, and identify the group and/or individuals responsible for devising the process.

Chief Viera-Rosa agreed to share information on ways Probation can improve its process on including community input and recommendations into placement assessment packets prior to Probation submitting those packets to the judge.

Chief Viera-Rosa agreed to provide the POC with data related to the length of placement, length of stay between order and transportation to placement site, and a distinction between the suitable placement dispositions and dispositions to Probation facilities.

Ten (10) public commenters addressed the POC.

By Common Consent, the POC agreed to schedule a special meeting to continue the discussion on the Chief's responses to the POC's recommendations as instructed by the Board motion.

Commissioner Kakani proposed a motion, seconded by Commissioner Canales, to formally request the Chief to respond to the following requests:

- Probation's review of the 153 cases including which group of people reviewed the cases, who that review was shared with (whether additional reports or amendments or individuals such Credible Messengers and CBOs), and updated notes from the Probation Case Management System (PCMS) reviewed/used to make recommendations.
- A report back on the timelines for placement of youth exiting Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall post disposition.
- The policy or prohibition for recommending release on 707(b) cases.

 Request the presence of the Chief at the next meeting to provide the above requested information and to remain for the duration of the agenda item including public comments.

Commissioner Terry made a friendly amendment to specify that Chief Viera-Rosa's responses be submitted to the POC in writing one week before the next POC meeting.

Commissioner Jackson left the meeting.

Nine (9) public commenters addressed the POC.

On motion of Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Canales, carried by the following vote, (Commissioners Jackson and Prater being absent), the POC approved the motion:

Ayes:	6 –	Commissioner Dolores Canales, Commissioner Brooke Harris, Commissioner Milinda Kakani, Commissioner Tyrique Shipp, Commissioner Diane Terry, and Chair Eduardo Mundo	
Abstain:	1 –	Commissioner Donald D. Meredith	
Absent:	2 –	Commissioner Esché L. Jackson and Commissioner Samuel Prater	

Commissioner Shipp proposed a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kakani, to request a written report back to the POC (due one week prior to the next POC meeting) about the repairs needed at Camp Joseph Paige and the plans for the step-down or step-up program at Barry J. Nidorf which are listed in Probation's Depopulation Strategy.

Two (2) public commenters addressed the POC.

On motion of Commissioner Shipp, seconded by Commissioner Kakani, unanimously carried, (Commissioners Jackson and Prater being absent), the POC agreed to request a written report back to the POC (due one week prior to the next POC meeting) of the repairs needed at Camp Joseph Paige and the plans for the step-down or step-up program at Barry J. Nidorf which are listed in Probation's Depopulation Strategy:

Ayes:	7 –	Commissioner Dolores Canales, Commissioner Brooke Harris, Commissioner Milinda Kakani, Commissioner Donald D. Meredith, Commissioner Tyrique Shipp, Commissioner Diane Terry, and Chair Eduardo Mundo

Absent:2 –Commissioner Esché L. Jackson and<br/>Commissioner Samuel Prater

#### Next, discussion resumed on Agenda item 5.

<u>Attachments:</u>	: Supporting Documents			
	Suitability Timeline (2018-Present)			
	Probation's Facilities Timeline (2020-Present)			
	POC Recommended Depopulation Solutions			
	Probation's Proposed Depopulation Plan			
	Public Comment/Correspondence			

- 5. Discuss and take possible action on a presentation from the Los Angeles County Probation Department's Human Resources Division regarding workers' compensation and leave time for employees of the Los Angeles County Probation Department. Discussion will include the following:
  - i. Sedgwick Workers' Compensation
    - 1. The number of workers' compensation claims filed since July 1, 2024.
    - 2. The average delay between filing of the case and the first Sedgwick appointment.
  - ii. Explanation of <u>California Labor Code Division 4, Part 2, Chapter 2, Article 7, Section</u> <u>4850</u> (4850) and how it applies to Los Angeles County Probation Officers in the field and in the facilities.
  - Deanna Carlisle, Human Resources Manager, Los Angeles County Probation Department

Anthony Taras, Acting Manager of the Risk Management Division within the Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office (CEO), explained how the CEO collaborates with Sedgwick and responded to questions about 4850 leave.

HR Manager Carlisle shared highlights from the attached report, responded to questions about county employee leave plans, how 4850 leave affects Probation Officers, and clarified deployment work assignments based on accommodation requests.

Commissioner Kakani inquired about updated data related to assaults on staff. In response to Commissioner Kakani's inquiry, HR Manager Carlisle and Acting Manager Taras agreed to provide the POC with updated 2025 data to compare to the <u>November 2024</u> use of force data received in February 2025.

Chief Viera-Rosa reiterated that staff reassignments based on the accommodation requests are independent of and unrelated to the mandated departmental 60- to 90-day deployment rotations. He emphasized that deployments are based on an employee being able to perform 100% of the core peace officer functions.

Commissioner Terry proposed a motion, seconded by Commissioner Canales, to table the remainder of this discussion regarding Probation's Human Resources Division to after agenda item 4.

No members of the public addressed the POC.

On motion of Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Canales, unanimously carried, (Commissioner Prater being absent), the POC agreed to resume discussion and possible action on Probation's Human Resources Division after agenda item 4:

- Ayes: 8 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

Agenda item 4 was discussed next, then discussion resumed on agenda item 5.

Commissioner Kakani proposed a motion, seconded by Commissioner Canales, to request the number of worker's compensation claims related to assaults on staff that have been filed from January 2025 to present and January 20204 to May 2024 and a written explanation indicating how the changing expectations of peace officers have been communicated to staff from May 2023 to May 2025 (present).

No members of the public addressed the POC.

On motion of Commissioner Kakani, seconded by Commissioner Canales, unanimously carried, (Commissioners Jackson and Prater being absent), the POC approved the motion:

Ayes:	7 –	Commissioner Dolores Canales, Commissioner Brooke
		Harris, Commissioner Milinda Kakani, Commissioner Donald
		D. Meredith, Commissioner Tyrique Shipp, Commissioner
		Diane Terry, and Chair Eduardo Mundo

Absent:2 –Commissioner Esché L. Jackson and<br/>Commissioner Samuel Prater

#### Agenda item 7 was discussed next.

<u>Attachments:</u>

Supporting Documents 02/06/25 Workers' Compensation Data Public Comment/Correspondence

- 6. Discuss and take possible action on an updated report from the Los Angeles County Probation Department on its progress with ensuring that all facilities that hold incarcerated youth are compliant with the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) standards and training including the implementation of new policies and practices.
  - Nathan Martinez, Probation Director, Los Angeles County Probation Department

Commissioner Terry proposed a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kakani, to table discussion and possible action on Probation's PREA updates for discussion at a future meeting.

No members of the public commented on this item.

On motion of Commissioner Terry, seconded by Commissioner Kakani, unanimously carried, (Commissioners Meredith and Prater being absent), the POC approved the motion:

Ayes:	7 –	Commissioner Dolores Canales, Commissioner Brooke Harris, Commissioner Esché L. Jackson, Commissioner Milinda Kakani, Commissioner Tyrique Shipp, Commissioner Diane Terry, and Chair Eduardo Mundo	
Absent:	2 –	Commissioner Donald D. Meredith and Commissioner Samuel Prater	
<u>Attachments:</u>	<u>03-19-2</u>	Supporting Documents 03-19-24 Revised Board Motion on PREA Compliance Public Comment/Correspondence	

#### Agenda item 8 was discussed next.

7. Discuss and take possible action up to and including voting to direct the Office of Inspector General (OIG) to issue a subpoena for outstanding data and information. As part of this agenda item, the Executive Director of the Probation Oversight Commission will report and share information about outstanding data and information requests. Executive Director Julien highlighted and appreciated the information received from the Department and provided updates on data that has been received.

Commissioner Harris left the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

Commissioner Kakani proposed a motion, seconded by Commissioner Terry, to accept the attached motion to direct OIG to subpoen information from the Probation Department as presented.

Two (2) public commenters addressed the POC.

On motion of Commissioner Kakani, seconded by Commissioner Terry, unanimously carried, (Commissioners Harris, Jackson, Meredith, and Prater being absent), the POC approved the motion

Ayes:	5 –	Commissioner Dolores Canales, Commissioner Milinda Kakani, Commissioner Tyrique Shipp, Commissioner Diane Terry, and Chair Eduardo Mundo
Absent:	4 –	Commissioner Brooke Harris, Commissioner Esché L. Jackson, Commissioner Donald D. Meredith, and Commissioner Samuel Prater

#### Agenda item 6 was discussed for action next.

<u>Attachments:</u>	Supporting Documents			
	04/30/25 POC Letter to Probation – Data Information Requests			
	Motion to Direct OIG to Subpoena Items			
	Motion to Formally Request Items (if needed)			
	Public Comment/Correspondence			

#### III. <u>REPORTS</u>

- 8. Report from the Executive Director of the Los Angeles County Probation Oversight Commission.
  - Wendelyn Julien, Executive Director, Los Angeles County Probation Oversight Commission
    - i. NARCAN Update on results of inspections
    - ii. DCFS Data Fact Sheet
    - iii. LADS Data Fact Sheet
    - iv. Youth with Developmental Disabilities Data Fact Sheet
    - v. <u>Three Year Report</u>

The POC agreed to schedule a town hall to discuss the data fact sheets.

Commissioner Meredith proposed a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kakani, to submit the attached three-year report to the Board.

No members of the public commented on this item.

On motion of Commissioner Meredith, seconded by Commissioner Kakani, unanimously carried, (Commissioners Harris, Jackson, and Prater being absent), the POC approved the motion:

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Ayes: 6 –		Commissioner Dolores Canales, Commissioner Milinda Kakani, Commissioner Donald D. Meredith, Commissioner Tyrique Shipp, Commissioner Diane Terry, and Chair Eduardo Mundo	
Absent:	3 –	Commissioner Brooke Harris, Co Jackson, and Commissioner Sar	
<u>Attachments</u>		rting Documents Comment/Correspondence	

#### 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 individuals were recognized and remembered: Probation Officer Michael Wall (April 30<sup>th</sup>) and Bryan Diaz (May 9<sup>th</sup>).

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

• Cancel and reschedule the June 12<sup>th</sup> meeting due to BSCC conflict

#### 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.

#### Three (3) public commenters addressed the POC.

<u>Attachments:</u> Public Comment/Correspondence

#### V. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

11. Adjournment for the regular meeting of May 8, 2025.

On motion by Commissioner Shipp, seconded by Commissioner Kakani, unanimously carried, (Commissioners Harris, Jackson, and Prater being absent), the POC adjourned the meeting at 1:11 p.m.