



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 9, 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 9:00 a.m. Executive Director Wendelyn Julien conducted the roll call:

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

Absent: Commissioner Brooke Harris and Commissioner Esché L. Jackson

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

2. Approval of the September 15, 2025 special meeting minutes.

No members of the public commented on this item.

On motion of Commissioner Meredith, seconded by Commissioner Kakani, unanimously carried, (Commissioners Harris, Jackson, and Shipp being absent), the Los Angeles Probation Oversight Commission (POC) agreed to approve the September 15, 2025, special meeting minutes:

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

Absent: **3 –** Commissioner Brooke Harris, Commissioner Esché L. Jackson, and Commissioner Tyrique Shipp

Attachments: [Approved September 15, 2025 Minutes](#)
Public Comment/Correspondence

II. DISCUSSIONS

3. Discuss and take possible action on a motion to request information about the frequency and process for transferring youth to adult court and for filing charges against youth for incidents occurring inside the facility.

Executive Director Julien shared an overview from her meetings with detained youth, parents, advocates, attorneys, and credible messengers about young people who are transferred from the juvenile court to adult court or adult custody and emphasized the need to understand the process and the impact on young people.

Chair Mundo added his insights about transfer motion reports.

Commissioner Mundo made a [motion](#), seconded by Commissioner Kakani, as attached to the agenda.

Commissioner Terry made a friendly amendment as follows:

- *Provide the frequency by which Probation has recommended transfer to adult court when completing a transfer report in 2024 and 2025.*
- *Provide the frequency by which the Court approves transfer of a juvenile case to adult court in 2024 and 2025.*
- *Provide the concurrence rate between Probation's recommendation for transfer and the court's decision for transfer in 2024 and 2025.*

Chair Mundo made a friendly amendment requesting the total number of youth who are currently pending transfer to adult court as of October 9, 2025 and requesting an update thereafter every three months thereafter.

Commissioner Shipp arrived at 9:28 a.m.

Three (3) public commenters addressed the POC.

Commissioner Prater stepped out.

Chair Mundo and Commissioner Kakani accepted the friendly amendments.

Two (2) public commenters addressed the POC.

On motion of Commissioner Mundo, seconded by Commissioner Kakani, unanimously carried, (Commissioners Harris, Jackson, and Prater being absent), the POC agreed to accept the attached POC motion as amended:

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, Commissioner Esché L. Jackson, and Commissioner Samuel Prater

Attachments: Supporting Documents
 [POC Motion](#)
 [Approved POC Motion as Amended](#)
 [Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

Agenda item 6 was discussed next, followed by agenda items 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, and 10.

4. Discuss and take possible action on a presentation by the Probation Oversight Commission's Education ad hoc committee regarding a proposal related to post-secondary education services.
 - Representative from the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE)
 - Representative from the Los Angeles County Probation Department
 - Dr. Michael Massa, Chief (Health Policy Division), Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR)

This agenda item was discussed after agenda item 6.

Chair Mundo introduced our virtual panelists for this agenda item including Dr. Debra Duardo and Dr. Ruth Perez from LACOE, Dr. Jesus Corral from Probation, and Dr. Michael Massa from OYCR.

Chair Mundo provided background on educational programming and highlighted the work that the POC's Education Ad Hoc Committee has been doing.

Dr. Corral highlighted the additional initiatives that the Probation Education Services Unit has led including education, college, supporting community non-profits, youth employment, OSHA, and voter registrations.

In response to Commissioner Kakani's inquiry about LACOE working with youth beyond 18 years old, Dr. Duardo clarified that LACOE no longer receives funding from [California's Department of Education](#) (CDE) once students receive their high school diploma. But the CDE does provide [a diploma pathway](#) for students who qualify for the [California Alternate Assessment \(CAA\)](#).

Executive Director Julien mentioned that probation departments in many other counties redirect funds to their county office of education to provide post-secondary educational services for detained youth and all counties in California have access to the Rising Scholars Program.

Dr. Massa stressed that consideration should be given to Assembly Bill 2181, which would allow young people in detention settings access to the CDE and LACOE programming even if they qualify to receive a diploma.

Dr. Duardo emphasized that LACOE faces many current challenges with providing education to detained students because they rely on the Probation Department for things like bringing students to school, advocating in classrooms, maintaining classroom safety, and providing LACOE with classroom space.

Commissioner Kakani proposed a motion, seconded by Commissioner Shipp, to share the recommendations from page 7 of the attached proposal with the Board of Supervisors.

Commissioner Mundo left the meeting at 11:22 a.m.

Nine (9) public commenters addressed the POC.

On motion of Commissioner Kakani, seconded by Commissioner Shipp, the POC agreed to share the recommendations of the attached proposal with the Board with the following vote:

Ayes: 5 – Commissioner Dolores Canales, Commissioner Milinda Kakani, Commissioner Samuel Prater, Commissioner Tyrique Shipp, and Commissioner Diane Terry

Noes: 1 – Commissioner Donald D. Meredith

Absent: 3 – Commissioner Brooke Harris, Commissioner Esché L. Jackson, and Chair Eduardo Mundo

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

The POC recessed for 10 minutes and returned at 11:58 a.m. to discuss agenda item 5.

5. Discuss and take possible action on an overview of the Probation Department's internal data management systems and structure. Discussion will include responses to the following questions:
- i. How is the Data Management Unit structured and what are the roles of the team members?
 - ii. How is the Data Management Unit working to mitigate the long-standing data collection challenges such as accurately collecting, analyzing, and reporting high quality data consistently given a decentralized Department and antiquated data management systems?
 - iii. Why has the Probation Department stopped publishing PROBSTAT and sharing population data on a public-facing dashboard and when does the Department intend to return to that practice?
 - iv. What is the Department's budget for Data and Research?
- Representative from the Los Angeles County Probation Department

Acting Chief Information Officer Vijay Panati responded questions i and ii, while Administrative Deputy Stacy Lopez-Maddox responded to questions iii and iv.

Commissioner Meredith inquired about Probation utilizing similar technology systems that other law enforcement agencies are using. Acting Chief Information Officer Panati and Administrative Deputy Lopez-Maddox stated that the Department is working with external agencies and resources to consolidate their case management solutions into one case management system (a long-term technological solution).

Commissioner Kakani inquired about who determines how to filter the data in the daily population statistics report, expressing concerns about lumping age ranges and genders together. Administrative Deputy Lopez-Maddox agreed to research this and report back to the POC.

In response to Commissioner Kakani's inquiry about the timeline for releasing PROBSTAT data again, Acting Chief Information Officer Panati and Administrative Deputy Lopez-Maddox mentioned that they will report back to the POC when this information has been discussed and a timeline has been decided.

In response to Commissioner Terry's inquiry about the Probation Department sharing the data that is ready to be shared, Acting Chief Information Officer Panati confirmed that he

can share the schema of data available in the data warehouse, including fields and frequency in which the data is refreshed/updated.

Four (4) public commenters addressed the POC.

Agenda item 7 was discussed next.

Attachments: Supporting Documents
 [Probation's Formal Responses to the Agenda Questions](#)
 Public Comment/Correspondence

6. Discuss and take possible action on a presentation on the [Probation Department's Memorandum of Agreement¹ with law enforcement agencies](#) for cooperation with field services, a list of agencies with whom the Department has entered MOUs on this issue, a report on what data is being tracked with respect to these MOUs, and how much funding is involved.

- Representative from the Los Angeles County Probation Department

This agenda item was discussed after agenda item 3.

Executive Director Julien shared that a Probation representative was not available to present on this agenda item, but that the Department agreed to provide a formal response to the questions from the discussion.

Commissioner Kakani raised the following questions:

- Can you clarify the roles of the Probation Officers/Field Officers and the law enforcement agencies when it comes to supervising individuals on probation?
- Did the Probation Department consult with the Los Angeles County Justice, Care, and Opportunities Department (JCOD)?

Commissioner Shipp added the following questions:

- What social services are offered/provided in conjunction with law enforcement involvement in the MOA?
- How are Probation Officers ensuring that probationers are being connected to these social services (such as JCOD), community-based organizations (CBOs), and are getting/accessing what they need?

Commissioner Terry added the following questions:

- With the MOA, law enforcement would be acting in the name of the Probation Department and should be trained the same way Field Probation Officers are trained to handle field visits. What does the training look like for law enforcement in connection to this MOA?
- When conducting field visits as law enforcement, when do they take off the law enforcement lens and act in the name of the Probation Department?
- What type of oversight is there over this MOA process to know if it's being implemented effectively?
- Considering the staffing shortages on a larger scale, how many law enforcement agencies have agreed to support the Probation Department?

Six (6) public commenters addressed the POC.

Commissioner Canales added the following question:

¹ Note that the correct term is Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) instead of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). The attached MOA was referred to during the discussion as the "MOU".

- How many invoices have been submitted by LA IMPACT to the Probation Department since December 1, 2024 (\$1 million was available) including the available funding allocated to LA IMPACT and the total amounts that have already been dispersed?

Agenda item 4 was discussed next.

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

III. **REPORT**

7. Report from the Executive Director of the Los Angeles County Probation Oversight Commission. This report will include discussion and a motion to approve the POC's most recent inspection reports.
 - Wendelyn Julien, Executive Director, Los Angeles County Probation Oversight Commission
 - Alisa Hartz, Ombudsperson, OYCR
 - Cole Lancaster, Family Engagement Specialist, OYCR
 - i. Campus Kilpatrick and Barry J. Nidorf-SYTF Inspections (vote to approve)
 - ii. Update on visitation observations (vote to approve)

This agenda item was discussed after agenda item 5.

By Common Consent, the POC agreed to reserve discussion on the POC's Visitation Inspection Report for a virtual town hall or special meeting with panelists from the Probation Department and California's Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR).

Commissioner Kakani proposed a motion, seconded by Commissioner Canales, to approve the Campus Vernon Kilpatrick and Barry J. Nidorf-SYTF Inspection Reports as attached.

Executive Director Julien reported that the POC's recent requests for information have been received and are attached to the agenda. The POC will continue to distribute a formal monthly memorandum to the Department outlining all new, pending, and outstanding information requests.

One (1) public commenter addressed the POC.

On motion of Commissioner Kakani, seconded by Commissioner Canales, unanimously carried, the POC agreed to approve the Campus Vernon Kilpatrick and Barry J. Nidorf-SYTF Inspection Reports as presented:

Ayes: **6 –** Commissioner Dolores Canales, Commissioner Milinda Kakani, Commissioner Donald D. Meredith, Commissioner Samuel Prater, Commissioner Tyrique Shipp, and Commissioner Diane Terry

Absent: **3 –** Commissioner Brooke Harris, Commissioner Esché L. Jackson, and Chair Mundo

Attachments: [Supporting Documents](#)
 [Campus Kilpatrick Inspection Report](#)
 [Probation's Response to Camp Kilpatrick Inspection Report](#)

[Barry J. Nidorf-SYTF Inspection Report](#)
[Probation's Response to BJN-SYTF Inspection Report](#)
[POC Report on BJN-SYTF and LPJH Visitation Observations](#)
[OC Spray Deployment Reports](#)
[June-September 2025 Contraband Summary \(LPJH & BJN-SYTF\)](#)
[YOYV Data for LPJH & BJN-SYTF for March 2025-July 2025](#)
[Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

MATTERS NOT POSTED

8. Matters not posted on the agenda, to be discussed and 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 following topics were proposed for discussion at future meetings:

- Discuss youth vocational training and workforce development opportunities
- Include a conversation around step-downs and least-restrictive placements (specifically for SYTF) with community-based organizations (CBOs)
- Research on why Probation staff are calling out sick and explore potential solutions

Commissioner Canales emphasized the importance of public comment and active public engagement during the live meetings.

Commissioner Meredith commended Probation staff working hard at LPJH and BJN-SYTF, and encouraged the Department to share information with the media commending the work of Probation staff.

PUBLIC COMMENT

9. 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.

Two (2) public commenters addressed the POC.

Attachments: [Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

V. ADJOURNMENT

10. Adjournment for the regular meeting of October 9, 2025.

On motion by Commissioner Meredith, seconded by Commissioner Kakani, unanimously carried (Commissioners Harris, Jackson, and Mundo being absent), the POC adjourned the meeting at 1:09 p.m.