



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



**KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012**

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 29, 2026, 9:00 A.M.

This meeting was not recorded or livestreamed, therefore, audio/video files are not available.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Call to Order, Welcome, and Roll Call.

Chair Canales called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

Executive Director Wendelyn Julien conducted the roll call:

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

Absent: Commissioner Esché L. Jackson and Commissioner Samuel Prater

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

II. PRESENTATIONS

2. Presentation on POC inspection protocols including reporting on child abuse and Prison Rape Elimination Action (PREA) compliance.

- Dr. Sarah Gongora, Psy.D., Project Director, Los Angeles County Probation Oversight Commission

Dr. Gongora gave a presentation on the policies, procedures, and requirements for conducting facility inspections. She mentioned that the team is considering changing the inspection dates to accommodate Commissioners' schedules and increase participation.

Commissioners recommended that POC staff and Commissioners check the staff schedule and the Risk and Management Plans (ex: ask employees if they know where it is or if they know their role in these moments) when conducting inspections and site visits.

Attachments: [PowerPoint Slides](#)

3. Presentation on "Brain Development During Childhood and Adolescence" from the Adolescent Development Lab at UCLA.

- Dr. Andrew Fuligni, Ph.D., Director, UCLA Center for the Developing Adolescent
 - Taylor Colby, Policy and Practice Associate, UCLA Center for the Developing Adolescent
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Dr. Fuligni gave a presentation on supporting the connecting brain during adolescence and responded to various questions raised by attendees.

Commissioners recommended that this presentation be expanded and delivered to law enforcement agencies, and the Probation Department.

Attachments: [PowerPoint Slides](#)
[Science Spotlight: Early Adversity Experience](#)
[Adolescents Contributing to Others to Support Their Well-being & Community](#)
[Key Developmental Needs of Adolescence](#)

4. Presentation on strategies and agreements for effective meetings including the Ralph M. Brown Act (Brown Act) requirements and Robert's Rules of Order.

- Wendelyn Julien, Executive Director, Los Angeles County Probation Oversight Commission

Executive Director Julien gave a presentation on the Brown Act and effective meetings using Robert's Rules of Order. The Commissioners recommended that the following considerations be implemented in our meeting structure:

- Integrate a positive perspective or accolades of the Probation Department.
- Set aside ample time to review the meeting materials.
- Ask the Probation Department to come prepared to present.
- Build Momentum by meeting with Probation employees in person (form legitimacy and consensus).
- Invite community-based organizations (CBOs) and other experts to the meetings (regular, special, and ad hoc meetings).
- Explore ways to get more visitors/family members to participate in the meetings.

Attachments: [PowerPoint Slides](#)
[California Government Code - Brown Act](#)
[Ralph M. Brown Act Requirements \(2022\)](#)
[Procedural Rules Based on Robert's Rules of Order \(Abridged\)](#)

III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

5. 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.

One (1) public commenter addressed the POC.

Attachments: Public Comment/Correspondence

IV. ADJOURNMENT

6. Adjournment for the special meeting of January 29, 2026.

On motion by Chair Canales, seconded by Commissioner Terry, unanimously carried (Commissioners Jackson and Prater being absent), the POC adjourned the meeting at 12:59 p.m.