



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



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THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2026, 9:00 A.M.

AUDIO/VIDEO FILE FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING

Attachment: [Video](#)

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Call to Order and Roll Call.

Chair Canales called the meeting to order at 9:29 a.m.

Executive Director Wendelyn Julien conducted the roll call:

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

Absent: Commissioner Samuel Prater and Commissioner Diane Terry

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

2. Approval of the May 11, 2026 special meeting minutes.

No members of the public commented on this item.

On motion of Commissioner Kakani, seconded by Commissioner Shipp, unanimously carried, (Commissioners Prater and Terry being absent), the Los Angeles Probation Oversight Commission (POC) agreed to approve the May 11, 2026 special meeting minutes as presented:

Ayes: **6 –** Commissioner Brooke Harris, Commissioner Esché L. Jackson, Commissioner Milinda Kakani, Commissioner Donald D. Meredith, Commissioner Tyrique Shipp, and Chair Dolores Canales

Absent: **2 –** Commissioner Samuel Prater and Commissioner Diane Terry

Attachments: [Approved May 11, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes](#)
Public Comment/Correspondence

Agenda item 5 was discussed next, followed by agenda items 4, 3, 6, 7, 8, and 9.

II. DISCUSSIONS

3. **POC's Budget Ad Hoc Committee** – Discuss and take possible action on an update from the Probation Oversight Commission's Budget Ad Hoc Committee regarding the Probation Department's proposed budget for fiscal year 2026-2027.

- **Panelists:**

- i. Stacy Lopez-Maddox, Administrative Deputy, Los Angeles County Probation Department
- ii. Brooke Harris, Commissioner, Los Angeles County Probation Oversight Commission and Chair of the Budget ad hoc committee

This agenda item was discussed after agenda item 4.

Commissioner Harris outlined the Budget Ad Hoc Committee's focus on achieving transparency regarding Probation's budget, including actual expenditures, passthrough amounts, vacancies, salary-savings use, and DOJ settlement costs. She noted that previous motions produced only partial information, and updated data requests have been submitted.

Administrative Deputy Lopez-Maddox reported that Probation submitted a point-in-time vacancy list (1,467 positions) and a budget breakdown identifying passthrough allocations to other departments. She stated that DOJ settlement-related cost reporting remains incomplete due to tracking challenges but is actively being reconciled. Administrative Deputy Lopez-Maddox explained that vacancy-driven salary savings continue to be used to offset significant overtime and operating expenses, and a full vacancy breakdown will be provided after the department completes its current reorganization.

Commissioner Harris requested the Probation Department to clarify salary-savings use, including detailed allocation of overtime and departmental expenses so the public can understand how vacancies and unspent salary dollars are leveraged.

Commissioner Kakani requested detailed information on the following:

- **Funding streams supporting vacant positions, including whether dollars derive from NCC or revenue sources.**
- **List of passthrough allocations broken down by department, purpose, and institutional or field location.**
- **Vacancy-duration data, promotion-related data, and site-level budget impacts of staff reassignments.**

Commissioner Shipp requested clarity on how reassignments affect budget allocations, including whether classification changes trigger different funding sources and whether field staff reassigned to institutions remain budgeted under the field or institutional cost centers.

Two (2) public commenters addressed the POC.

Commissioner Canales inquired about long-term stagnation in DPO I promotions, including the number of staff in the same classification for over ten years.

Commissioner Harris requested that Probation publicly summarize its submitted information to ensure community transparency regarding vacancies, overtime use, and

passthrough expenditures.

Administrative Deputy Lopez-Maddox emphasized the need to fill vacancies and restore staffing levels to reduce mandatory overtime and confirmed that the department currently has funding for promotions and ongoing promotional exams.

Executive Director Julien recommended that fewer than a quorum of commissioners engage directly with union representatives to refine questions related to promotions, vacancies, and salary-savings use.

Agenda item 6 was discussed next.

Attachments: Supporting Documents
[Probation's Adopted Budget for FY 2025-26](#)
[05/07/26 Probation's Current Vacancies](#)
[05/31/26 Breakdown of Filled Vacancies](#)
[Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

Reference Documents – from prior POC meetings

[02/17/26 Probation's Budget Presentation – BOS Meeting](#)
[04/01/26 Probation's Recommended Budget – CEO's Public Safety Cluster](#)
[JJCC Spending Allocation Ad-Hoc Subcommittee Co-Chair Report for FY 2026-27](#)
[Draft CMJJP Plan for FY 2026-27](#)
[FY 2026-27 JJCC-CMJJP Ad-Hoc Subcommittee's Funding Recommendations](#)
[FY 2026-27 JJCPA Program Descriptions for the Funding Recommendations](#)
[Draft of the 2026 JJRBG Annual Plan and Recent JJCPA & JJRBG Board Letters](#)
[08/20/2024 CA Auditor Fact Sheet on JJCPA/JJRBG Spending](#)

4. **Post-Secondary Education in Probation's Detention Facilities** – Discuss and take possible action on reports from the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) on progress towards the creation of an implementation plan to provide post-secondary education services in juvenile court schools inside Probation's detention facilities.

• **Panelists included:**

- i. Mario Marcos, Chief of School Support and Transformation, LACOE
- ii. Dr. Janice Phelps, Special Programs Support and Transformation Executive Director, LACOE
- iii. Michele Dawson, Special Programs Support and Transformation Executive Director, LACOE
- iv. Tapau Osborne, Special Programs Support and Transformation Director, LACOE
- v. Dr. Michael Massa, Chief of the Health Policy Division, California Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR)
- vi. Alex Jacques, LACOE's Consultant, Third Way Solutions (TWS)
- vii. Rahman Williams, Supervising Program Analyst

This agenda item was discussed after agenda item 5.

Chief Marcos (LACOE) and LACOE's Special Programs Support and Transformation team presented the attached PowerPoint Presentation. Alex Jacques from Third Way Solutions virtually presented the attached PowerPoint Presentation.

Rahman Williams, Supervising Program Analyst for the Los Angeles County Probation Department did not provide a presentation but addressed questions from commissioners and reported that all youth receive individualized education plans based on their assigned community college. Mr. Williams noted that participation is voluntary, access varies by

facility due to safety considerations, and 25 youth have completed associate degrees to date.

Dr. Massa gave background on statewide juvenile justice realignment and the resulting need for stronger county-based higher-education pathways. Dr. Massa reported that LA County has seven Rising Scholars-funded colleges but is underperforming in degree and transfer outcomes, despite the strong evidence showing that post-secondary engagement reduces recidivism. Dr. Massa affirmed OYCR's support for expanding educational access in partnership with LACOE and community colleges.

Commissioner Meredith highlighted the need for expanded trade and vocational training. Dr. Massa confirmed that community colleges can provide specialized vocational pathways suitable for detained youth.

Commissioner Shipp requested information on support for youth already enrolled in college. Mr. Williams confirmed that access differs by site, citing CVK's four-hour daily block, Los Padrinos' two two-hour sessions, and describing ongoing efforts to address access limitations.

Mr. Williams noted that Welfare & Institutions Code assigns responsibility for post-secondary services to the Probation Department.

Probation Chief Guillermo Viera Rosa joined the discussion, stating that he is not convinced that transferring responsibility to LACOE would improve outcomes but that he remains open to continued collaboration. Chief Viera Rosa emphasized that structural, legal, and logistical issues require further analysis.

Chief Viera Rosa questioned the participation of OYCR in the presentation. Dr. Massa clarified that OYCR's comments were grounded in information provided publicly by the Probation Department in their comprehensive plan and intended to support collaborative improvement.

Commissioner Jackson asked about deeper collaboration and supportive roles from the Probation Department with LACOE. Chief Viera Rosa affirmed that expanded coordination is possible and that both agencies already partner closely.

Commissioner Harris stressed the need for depth and quality in educational services beyond basic access and questioned the Probation Department's capacity to provide a comprehensive academic model. Chief Viera Rosa acknowledged gaps in outcome measurement and stated legal questions remain unresolved.

Chair Canales proposed a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to request a formal County Counsel opinion on Welfare & Institutions Code (WIC) 858 and 889.2.

Commissioner Kakani asked for detailed data on the 25 associate-degree recipients, post-release outcomes, and enrollment trends. Mr. Williams agreed to provide the information to the POC.

Commissioner Canales asked Third Way Solutions to clarify which data were missing. Alex Jacques (TWS) explained that key data elements such as site-level enrollment, course participation, and graduate-versus-non-graduate counts were confirmed as unavailable, preventing a full current-state analysis.

Alex Jacques (TWS) stated that due to the missing foundational data, TWS shifted focus

towards designing an aspirational system model and identifying the governance, operational, and data conditions required for implementation. Alex Jacques (TWS) added that multiple jurisdictions provide relevant best-practice examples and that these will be shared in writing and reiterated that missing data limited the ability to complete a full current-state assessment.

LACOE reported ongoing work to strengthen high-school academics, CTE, STEM, and dual-enrollment pathways and is analyzing staffing and resource needs should it assume greater responsibility for post-secondary services.

Three (3) public commenters addressed the POC.

Commissioner Jackson left the meeting at 11:21 a.m.

On motion of Chair Canales, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, unanimously carried, (Commissioners Jackson, Prater, and Terry being absent), the POC agreed to request an official opinion on WIC 858 and 889.2 opinion from the Los Angeles County's County Counsel:

Ayes:	5 –	Commissioner Brooke Harris, Commissioner Milinda Kakani, Commissioner Donald D. Meredith, Commissioner Tyrique Shipp, and Chair Dolores Canales
Absent:	3 –	Commissioner Esché L. Jackson, Commissioner Samuel Prater, and Commissioner Diane Terry

Agenda item 3 was discussed next.

Attachments: Supporting Documents
[LACOE Presentation](#)
[Third Way Solutions Presentation](#)
[04/22/26 Probation's Follow-Up Report to Board Motion](#)
[Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

Reference Documents – from prior POC meetings
[02/18/26 PowerPoint Presentation on Strengthening Post-Secondary Education](#)
[11/04/25 Board Motion](#)
[POC's Draft Proposal](#)
[10/09/25 Approved POC Recommendations for Post-Secondary Education](#)
[01/16/26 LACOE's Report Back on Post-Secondary Education](#)
[01/20/26 Probation's Report Back on Post-Secondary Education](#)

The POC recessed for 10 minutes and resumed the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

5. **Identifying and Protecting Detained LGBTQ+ Youth** – Discuss and take possible action on identifying programs and services available to identify, serve and protect LGBTQ+ youth who are detained.

This agenda item was discussed after agenda item 2.

- **The Probation Department was asked to provide:**
 - i. A required update on the "Care with Pride" [Board motion](#); and
 - ii. Updates on progress to correctly identify and serve gender-expansive youth.
- **Panelists included:**
 - i. Suzanne Lyles, Acting Senior Director, Los Angeles County Probation Department
 - ii. Elizabeth Sanchez, Young Women's Freedom Center

Senior Director Lyles provided an update on the Gender Health Coalition (GHC), noting ongoing meetings, established referral processes for youth, and annual gender-responsive, trauma-informed, and equity-focused training for all staff. She stated that the eight-hour block training remains consistent but is under review for enhancement in collaboration with external partners. Senior Director Lyles confirmed the GHC is building on existing practices, will further examine safety considerations for vulnerable populations, and will report back to the POC on LGBTQ+-affirming programming across all facilities.

Commissioner Kakani requested details on training quality, content updates, and implementation across all detention facilities. Senior Director Lyles confirmed she will gather this information and report back to the POC.

Commissioners Jackson, Shipp, and Brooke raised questions regarding strategic planning, safety in non-carceral settings, youth identification practices, and systemwide programming for gender-expansive youth.

Elizabeth Sanchez of the Young Women's Freedom Center reported on Campus Vernon Kilpatrick (CVK) programming, describing strong collaboration with Probation staff, daily engagement with youth, and satellite programming that continues in suitable-housing placements.

LACOE representative Tapau Osborne added that LGBTQ+ themes are incorporated into school-based curriculum across facilities.

No members of the public commented on this item.

Agenda item 4 was discussed next.

Attachments: Supporting Documents
 [06/17/25 Care with Pride Board Motion](#)
 [Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

6. **Probation Oversight Commission Executive Director Report** – Discuss and take possible action on the following items as reported by the Los Angeles County Probation Oversight Commission:
- i. Outstanding requests for information
 - ii. Analysis of OC Spray Data
 - iii. Analysis of Callout and “No call/no show” Data
 - iv. Report on the inspection of Campus Vernon Kilpatrick (vote to approve)

This agenda item was discussed after agenda item 3.

Executive Director Julien shared highlights from the Campus Vernon Kilpatrick (CVK) Inspection Report and reported the following:

- The POC had a successful virtual town hall on the inspection of CVK on June 4, 2026, which can be viewed [here](#).
- Upon approval, the attached CVK inspection report will be submitted to the California Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.
- The POC's Data and Research Team continues to analyze Probation's responses to the pending information requests, including Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) spray and intake trends.

Commissioner Kakani proposed a motion, seconded by Commissioner Shipp, to accept the Campus Kilpatrick inspection report as presented.

Executive Director Julien outlined the outstanding requested items that have yet to be received from the Probation Department.

Commissioner Kakani proposed a motion, seconded by Commissioner Harris, to subpoena outstanding information from the May 20th attached memo including the detention report recommendations, the snapshot data, training module for the Campus Kilpatrick that was referred to in Probation's response, and the outstanding budget requests.

Executive Director Julien further reported on Probation's call out data, including the no call no show data, which the POC agreed must be closely monitored and stopped immediately.

Three (3) public commenters addressed the POC.

On motion of Commissioner Kakani, seconded by Commissioner Shipp, unanimously carried, (Commissioners Jackson, Prater, and Terry being absent), the POC agreed to approve the 2026 Campus Kilpatrick Inspection Report as presented:

Ayes: 5 – Commissioner Brooke Harris, Commissioner Milinda Kakani, Commissioner Donald D. Meredith, Commissioner Tyrique Shipp, and Chair Dolores Canales

Absent: 3 – Commissioner Esché L. Jackson, Commissioner Samuel Prater and Commissioner Diane Terry

On motion of Commissioner Kakani, seconded by Commissioner Harris, unanimously carried, (Commissioners Jackson, Prater, and Terry being absent), the POC agreed to direct the Los Angeles County Office of Inspector General to subpoena information from the Probation Department:

Ayes: 5 – Commissioner Brooke Harris, Commissioner Milinda Kakani, Commissioner Donald D. Meredith, Commissioner Tyrique Shipp, and Chair Dolores Canales

Absent: 3 – Commissioner Esché L. Jackson, Commissioner Samuel Prater and Commissioner Diane Terry

Attachments: Supporting Documents
[May 2026 CVK Inspection Report](#)
[Probation's Response to CVK Inspection Report](#)
[POC's CVK Inspection Summary Report](#)
[05/28/26 POC Memo to Probation – Data Information Requests with Updates](#)
[OC Spray Deployment Reports \(April 20, 2026 – May 17, 2026\)](#)
[POC OC Spray Analysis](#)
[POC Callout Data Report](#)
[YOYV Data for LPJH & BJN-SYTF \(April 2026 and May 2026\)](#)
[Contraband Findings Summary - April 2026 & May 2026 for LP & BJN-SYTF](#)
[Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

III. MISCELLANEOUS

MATTERS NOT POSTED

7. 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.

There were no topics proposed for discussion at future meetings.

Commissioners Meredith extended accolades to Deputy Probation Officer II Raphael Paz ~~Hauz~~ for his distinguished service as a DPO II and a co-located officer with the Glendale Police Departments where he received a Divisional Commendation at the Glendale Police Awards Luncheon.

Commissioner Kakani recommended agendaizing discussions around youth medications (especially long-term) related to their trauma, and how the underlying issues/needs are being addressed. Dr. Sarah Gongora, Psy.D., Project Director for the POC, recommended that other panelists for this topic include the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (Psychiatry) and Juvenile Court Health Services (JCHS).

Commissioner Shipp congratulated the youth who completed their education and graduated from Mission College this past week.

PUBLIC COMMENT

8. 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.

Five (5) public commenters addressed the POC.

Attachments: [Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

IV. ADJOURNMENT

9. Adjournment for the regular meeting of June 11, 2026.

On motion by Commissioner Kakani, seconded by Commissioner Harris, unanimously carried (Commissioners Jackson, Prater, and Terry being absent), the POC adjourned the meeting at 1:03 p.m.