



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



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THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 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 9:08 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 Samuel Prater, Commissioner Tyrique Shipp, Commissioner Diane Terry, and Chair Dolores Canales

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

2. Approval of the July 9, 2026 regular meeting minutes.

By Common Consent, this agenda item was tabled for discussion at a future meeting.

No members of the public commented on this item.

Agenda item 4 was discussed next, followed by agenda items 5, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11.

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

II. REPORTS

3. **Probation's Departmental Update** – Chief Guillermo Viera Rosa will provide a report on the status of the Los Angeles County Probation Department's activities, policy changes and implementations, and any other significant incidents/events.

This agenda item was discussed after agenda item 5.

Chief Viera Rosa reported updates related to the California Department of Justice (DOJ) case, BSCC inspections, and local court affirmations of the depopulation strategy.

Commissioner Harris inquired about more details on the depopulation plan including specific facility upgrades, budget considerations for Dorothy Kirby Center (DKC), and the targeted population that DKC would serve. Chief Viera Rosa mentioned that DKC's population would serve only boys, and that the Department is working with BSCC to determine what needs to change in order to house pre-disposition youth with developmental disabilities. He added that estimating renovation costs was difficult but confirmed that updates would be less extensive than originally thought since the facility already meets some earlier structural standards, with most needed changes focused on intake processing.

In response to Commissioner Kakani's inquiry about proposed changes made to DKC, Chief Viera Rosa agreed to provide this information to the POC.

In response to Commissioner Kakani's inquiry about the expected timeline for facility changes, Chief Viera Rosa explained that no plans existed to close the facility during any construction and that timelines depended on required inspections and court direction.

In response to Chair Canales' request that the Chief address a rumor that staff have brought to the POC about plans to close one of the east camps, Chief Viera Rosa confirmed that there are no plans for to close any of the facilities and emphasized the need to use all existing facilities.

Commissioner Jackson inquired about the Department's depopulation plan. Chief Viera Rosa stated that the depopulation plan referred specifically to reducing the population at Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall for compliance purposes rather than reducing total youth in custody, and that the Department was restructuring populations to align programming with youth needs.

In response to Commissioner Prater's inquiry about the number of youth who were moved from Los Padrinos to Barry J Nidorf Juvenile Hall and whether their families were notified, Chief Viera Rosa explained that he cannot share how many would be moved for safety reasons. However, he confirmed that 63 youth are eligible to be moved once staffing levels are verified, that eight youth had already been relocated, and that their families were notified.

Commissioner Shipp asked Chief Viera Rosa to share his long-term vision for the Probation Department. Chief Viera Rosa responded by describing a multidisciplinary model focused on consistent programming across facilities and reducing recidivism by aligning facility placement with youth needs.

Four (4) public commenters addressed the POC.

Commissioner Terry and Chair Canales agreed that additional review about visitation and medication issues identified during the inspection may be appropriate.

Agenda item 6 was discussed next.

Attachments: Public Comment/Correspondence

4. **Probation Oversight Commission (POC) Update** – POC Chair Dolores Canales and POC Executive Director Wendelyn Julien will report brief updates on progress made and challenges encountered since the previous POC meeting. The report will include a vote on the following item:

- i. Report on the inspection of Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall (vote to approve)

This agenda item was discussed after agenda item 2.

Executive Director Julien reported that the POC's 2025-2026 Annual Report will be shared at the next POC meeting. She also explained that work on subpoena-related records, including an outstanding eight-module training course referenced in the Campus Kilpatrick inspection, remained unresolved.

Commissioner Kakani inquired about new policy implications around how youth acquire new charges as a possible future agenda item.

Commissioner Meredith shared his observations from two concurring emergencies that took place near Camp Rockey six weeks ago due to a brush fire and a car accident involving a family leaving visitation. He uplifted the courageous work of Probation officers and other responders who helped rescue visitors who inadvertently backed over a cliff and down onto the road below.

Commissioner Canales proposed a motion, seconded by Commissioner Harris, to approve the Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall (LPJH) inspection report as presented.

No members of the public commented on this item.

On motion of Commissioner Canales, seconded by Commissioner Harris, unanimously carried, the POC agreed to approve the LPJH inspection report as presented:

Ayes: 8 – Commissioner Brooke Harris, Commissioner Esché L. Jackson, Commissioner Milinda Kakani, Commissioner Donald D. Meredith, Commissioner Samuel Prater, Commissioner Tyrique Shipp, Commissioner Diane Terry, and Chair Dolores Canales

Attachments: [POC's 2025-2026 Annual Report](#)
[May 2026 LPJH Inspection Report](#)
[Probation's Response to LPJH Inspection Report](#)
[POC's LPJH Inspection Summary Report](#)
[Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

III. DISCUSSIONS

5. **Commissioner Selection Ad Hoc Committee** – Discuss and take possible action to approve the decision recommended by the Commissioner Selection Ad Hoc Committee to nominate Rudy Hernandez for appointment as an at-large Probation Oversight Commissioner.

Chair Canales provided an overview of the ad hoc committee's process for unanimously selecting Rudy Hernandez for recommendation to the POC and the Board of Supervisors (Board) for appointment to the POC.

Commissioner Canales proposed a motion, seconded by Commissioner Meredith, to approve the nomination of Rudy Hernandez for appointment as an at-large Probation Oversight Commissioner by the Board of Supervisors.

Commissioners Meredith, Shipp, and Terry shared their sentiments about the transparency of the process even though it was a tough decision with knowledgeable and experienced candidates.

No members of the public commented on this item.

On motion of Commissioner Canales, seconded by Commissioner Meredith, unanimously carried, the POC agreed to approve the nomination of Rudy Hernandez for appointment as an at-large Probation Oversight Commissioner to the Board of Supervisors (Board):

Ayes: 8 – Commissioner Brooke Harris, Commissioner Esché L. Jackson, Commissioner Milinda Kakani, Commissioner Donald D. Meredith, Commissioner Samuel Prater, Commissioner Tyrique Shipp, Commissioner Diane Terry, and Chair Dolores Canales

Agenda item 3 was discussed next.

Attachments: [Rudy Hernandez Biography](#)
Public Comment/Correspondence

The POC recessed for 10 minutes and resumed the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

6. **Report on Adults and Youth on Community Supervision** – Discuss and take possible action on a report from the Los Angeles County Probation Department to further understand the scope of community supervision in Los Angeles County including how many people are under supervision, what types of supervision exist, and the staff and other resources needed to successfully operate field services.

- **Invited panelists included:**

- i. Guillermo Viera Rosa, Chief, Los Angeles County Probation Department
- ii. David Wolfsgruber, Deputy Director (Adult and Youth), Los Angeles County Probation Department
- iii. Gabriella Aguilera, Deputy Director (Youth), Los Angeles County Probation Department

This agenda item was discussed after agenda item 3.

Chief Viera Rosa provided an overview of adult and juvenile field supervision, explaining that staffing shortages led to a shift toward home-based contact models intended to provide earlier and more meaningful engagement with probationers.

Deputy Director Wolfsgruber provided a verbal update covering the past three months since the May 2026 POC meeting including a report on the supervision of about 23,000 adults and 2,000 juveniles, with a total number of 13,000 visits so far.

Commissioner Harris inquired about the number of individuals who received home visits. Deputy Director Wolfsgruber reiterated that approximately 13,000 home visits had been conducted, but this data point includes repeat visits and follow-ups when probationers could not be reached.

Commissioner Jackson inquired about how referrals to services were being tracked. Deputy Director Wolfsgruber confirmed that the referral tracking mechanisms were being developed and agreed to provide the POC with the requested data including the actual number of individuals who were seen, the number of individuals who needed additional services, and the number of people who received a referral for service.

Commissioner Kakani questioned inconsistent field-services data previously provided to the POC and asked how caseloads were being defined. Chief Viera Rosa explained that traditional caseload ratios were no longer meaningful due to the newly implemented Los Angeles Supervision Model and noted that the Department will be standardizing data formats shared with the POC.

Commissioner Terry asked how many youth returning on violations were linked to field supervision gaps. Chief Viera Rosa acknowledged gaps in prior supervision models and stated the new approach should reduce preventable violations through earlier contact and needs assessments.

Commissioner Kakani proposed a motion, seconded by Commissioner Terry, to request field supervision data from the Probation Department. The requested data includes clarifying field services referrals:

- How many individuals were seen among the 13,000 home visits?
- How many referrals were made?
- What are/were the types of referrals?
- What services do Probation send/refer them to?

Commissioner Terry inquired about youth placed in LRPs. Deputy Director Aguillera confirmed that the youth in LRPs and STRTPs are not part of the adult LA Supervision Model. She stated that these youth receive at least one visit per month and follow an intensive supervision model.

Commissioner Meredith asked whether probation or the courts determine custody status, and the Chief clarified that most youth are detained by court order, with probation recommendations informing but not controlling judicial decisions.

Commissioner Jackson expressed concerns that staffing shortages and strained working conditions could undermine the Department's ability to sustain supervision improvements. Chief Viera Rosa acknowledged staff fatigue but emphasized recruitment efforts and the need for staff attendance to meet statutory ratios.

Three (3) public commenters addressed the POC.

On motion of Commissioner Shipp, seconded by Commissioner Terry, unanimously carried, (Commissioner Prater being absent), the POC agreed to formally request information on adult field services:

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

Absent: 1 – Commissioner Samuel Prater

Attachments: Supporting Documents
 [08/13/26 SYTF Placement Report](#)
 [08/12/26 Juvenile Field Data](#)
 [08/12/26 Adult CORE and AB109 Data](#)
 [08/12/26 LA Supervision Model](#)
 Public Comment/Correspondence

Reference Documents – from prior POC meetings

[AFSB-CORE Caseloads – April 2026](#)

[AB 109 Post-Release Services Caseloads – April 2026](#)

[JFSB Caseloads – April 2026](#)

[08/14/25 Adult Field Services Presentation](#)

[03/27/25 Juvenile Supervision Staffing Breakdown](#)

[AFSB-CORE-Area Office Data - January 2024](#)

[AFSB Data by Position – March 2025](#)

7. **Grievances and Complaints** – Discuss and take possible action on a presentation explaining the policies, directives, and procedures for how grievances and complaints are reviewed, resolved, and tracked by the Los Angeles County Probation Department. The presentation will include (a) distinguishing grievances from complaints, (b) explaining how grievances and complaints are escalated to Internal Affairs, law enforcement, and the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Division, and (c) defining the processes and procedures for handling grievances and complaints filed by youth in detention facilities, youth and adults under community supervision, and other interested parties including family members and advocates.

- **Panelists included:**

- i. Robert Arcos, Chief Deputy, Los Angeles County Probation Department
- ii. Taneka Shehee-Gomez, Ombudsperson, Los Angeles County Probation Department
- iii. Dan Carpenter, Director, Ombudsperson, Los Angeles County Probation Department

Executive Director Julien introduced the item and noted the Department has not provided the POC with a finalized Departmental policy on grievances and complaints. She also mentioned that the POC has received a draft report of the grievances and complaints for January 2026-June 2026 and that due to Probation's new tracking systems data for 2026 had not yet been completely verified and therefore would be provided at a later date.

Ombudsperson Taneka Shehee gave an overview of the 2025 annual grievance data and distinguished complaints from grievances and recommended that the Board consider establishing a county-wide ombudsman.

Dan Carpenter, Probation Director with the Los Angeles County Probation Department, gave a PowerPoint Presentation explaining improvements to the grievance management system (GMS).

In response to Commissioner Jackson's inquiry about the GMS links not working, Director Carpenter confirmed that the GMS system links were recently repaired after Commissioners observed failures during inspections and are all working.

Commissioner Jackson inquired about the steps that are being taken to ensure youths' needs are being identified, and that they understand and trust grievance procedures. Director Carpenter acknowledged persistent distrust and described ongoing efforts to encourage youth participation through tools such as tablets and youth councils where their voices can be heard.

In response to Commissioner Shipp's inquiry about the Department using an electronic GMS system that was once flawed, Director Carpenter confirmed that several improvements have been made to safeguard the data and enhance the data extraction capabilities to make the GMS more reliable.

Commissioner Shipp proposed a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kakani, to create an ad hoc committee on grievances and complaints.

Commissioner Kakani inquired about the quality-assurance process for monitoring timeliness and completeness of grievance responses. Mr. Carpenter explained that the GMS alerts grievance officers and supervisors to receive emails when deadlines approach.

In response to Commissioner Terry's inquiry about how grievance information is verified when youth are placed in out-of-home facilities, it was confirmed that Deputy Probation Officers (DPOs) are expected to monitor and report issues in progress updates to the courts.

Jocelyn Roman, Deputy Director for the Los Angeles County Probation Department, explained that part of the grievance quality-assurance process requires each grievance to be routed to the division director for review and signature, ensuring leadership sees the full context of the youth's complaint and the proposed resolution to strengthen accuracy and accountability in when handling grievances.

Commissioner Prater left the meeting at 12:24 p.m.

One (1) public commenter addressed the POC.

On motion of Commissioner Shipp, seconded by Commissioner Kakani, unanimously carried, (Commissioner Prater being absent), the POC agreed to create an ad hoc committee on grievances and complaints processes:

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

Absent: 1 – Commissioner Samuel Prater

Attachments: Supporting Documents
[08/13/26 Probation's Grievance and Complaints Summary](#)
[08/13/26 Probation's Ombudsman 2025 Annual Report](#)
Public Comment/Correspondence

Reference Documents – from prior POC meetings
[07/24/25 OYCR's PowerPoint Presentation](#)
[OYCR's 2024 Ombudsperson Report](#)
[POC Flow Chart on Probation's Grievance & Complaint Process](#)

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS (INFORMATION ONLY)

8. Documents that are attached to the agenda for informational purposes and public reference only. These materials are not agenda items and will not be presented, discussed, deliberated, or acted upon during this meeting.

(Not on agenda)

Attachments: [YOYV Data for LPJH & BJN-SYTF \(June 2026\)](#)
[Contraband Findings Summary - May 2026 & June 2026 for LP & BJN-SYTF](#)
[OC Spray Deployment Reports \(June 15, 2026 – July 5, 2026\)](#)

[IDC Statistical Data for May 2026 and June 2026](#)
[07/29/26 POC Updated OC Spray Report](#)
[07/29/26 Updated Population Statistics Report](#)

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 topics were proposed for discussion at future meetings:

- Informal follow-up reviews for inspections, progress being made with visitations, and the implementation of the visitation policy.
- The need for further examination of visitation and medication issues flagged in recent facility inspections.
- Discuss how observations from informal facility inspections (Commissioner reports) will be shared amongst Commissioners, with the Board, and publicly despite already being shared with the Probation Department.

Commissioner Meredith shared remarks about the courageous firefighters from the Los Angeles County Fire Department and Los Angeles County Probation Department's juvenile camp together known as Fire Crew 4-4 who tragically lost their lives while fighting a canyon fire on August 23, 1968.

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.

Commissioner Meredith left the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

Four (4) public commenters addressed the POC.

Attachments: Public Comment/Correspondence

V. ADJOURNMENT

11. Adjournment for the regular meeting of August 13, 2026.

On motion by Commissioner Kakani, seconded by Commissioner Shipp, unanimously carried (Commissioners Jackson, Meredith, and Prater being absent), the POC adjourned the meeting at 1:21 p.m.