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, SEPTEMBER 10, 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 9:26 a.m.

   Executive Director Wendelyn Julien conducted the roll call:

   Present: Commissioner Brooke Harris, Commissioner Rudy Henandez, Commissioner Milinda Kakani, Commissioner Tyrique Shipp, Commissioner Diane Terry, and Chair Dolores Canales

   Absent: Commissioner Esché L. Jackson, Commissioner Donald D. Meredith, and Commissioner Samuel Prater

   Attachments: Overview of the POC's Role

2. Approval of the July 9, 2026 and August 13, 2026 regular meeting minutes.

   No members of the public commented on this item.

   On motion of Commissioner Kakani, seconded by Commissioner Shipp, unanimously carried, (Commissioners Jackson, Meredith, and Prater being absent), the Los Angeles Probation Oversight Commission (POC) agreed to approve the July 9, 2026 and August 13, 2026 regular meeting minutes as presented:

   Ayes: **5 –** Commissioner Brooke Harris, Commissioner Milinda Kakani, Commissioner Tyrique Shipp, and Commissioner Diane Terry

   Absent: **4 –** Commissioner Esché L. Jackson, Commissioner Donald D. Meredith, Commissioner Samuel Prater, and Chair Dolores Canales

   Attachments: Approved July 9, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes
   Approved August 13, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes
   Public Comment/Correspondence

II. DISCUSSIONS

3. **Budget Presentation –** Discuss and take possible action on an in-depth presentation on the Probation Department's budget from fiscal year 2025-26. A POC motion in July 2026 asked the Probation Department to provide specific information for the presentation which they provided in advance and is attached to the agenda.

    - **Panelists:**

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

Part I – Department-Wide Budget Review and Grant Funding

Administrative Deputy Lopez-Maddox presented an overview of the Probation Department's budget, including adopted versus actual expenditures, funding adjustments, and grant allocations.

Commissioner Kakani asked whether Probation's JJRBG allocation included a prior $5 million balance. Administrative Deputy Lopez-Maddox confirmed that slide 9 did not reflect the $5 million and that she needed to verify whether it carried over.

Commissioner Terry inquired about how optimal field and juvenile detention services for youth and adults on probation are factored into the budget and whether the county calculates a per-youth or per-client service cost for field services or juvenile institution services. Chief Deputy Williams explained that LA County does incremental budgeting and not cost-per-service budgeting.

Commissioner Shipp inquired about the Department requesting additional JJRBG funds despite significant rollover balances (JJCPA slide). Administrative Deputy Lopez-Maddox mentioned that the numbers need to be confirmed again, but historically Probation receives approval for these grant requests and various reasons explain the rollover balances.

Commissioner Shipp also asked about the 20% surplus ($68 million) in field services and where the money was allocated (slide 5). Chief Deputy Williams explained that funds were shifted to other areas through approved budget adjustments.

In response to Commissioner Harris' inquiry about the Department's plan to ensure JJCPA and JJRBG funds are spent, Chief Deputy Williams reported that probation has requested the funds from the JJCPA and JJRBG committees.

Commissioner Kakani inquired about the reasons why probation-allocated grant items remained unspent. Chief Deputy Williams shared that the monies remain unspent due to facility-related delays, program relocations, and operational disruptions.

Jesus Corral, Senior Probation Director, reported that beginning in early 2026 he began supporting JJRBG implementation, noting that some expenditures were not drawn from the correct line items and that staff employed interim workarounds such as transportation assistance for families.

Part II – Salaries, Vacancies, and Overtime

Administrative Deputy Lopez-Maddox presented vacancy totals, salary-savings figures, and overtime expenditures for FY 25-26.

Commissioner Harris requested clarification on whether $282 million in services and supplies was allocated entirely under support services (slide 5). Chief Deputy Williams explained that these costs are distributed across multiple budget units.

In response to Commissioner Hernandez's inquiry about vacancy numbers for sworn and non-sworn position, and current academy sizes, Administrative Deputy Lopez-Maddox provided recent hiring and applicant numbers for DPO I candidates.

Chief Deputy Williams reported that actual overtime reached $65 million due to mandated staffing ratios and staffing shortages, and she noted that the department is working toward internal budget controls and limiting overtime to assigned units.

Executive Director Julien encouraged participants to view the CEO's FY 26-27 budget request materials for information on next year's proposed budget.

Part III – Facility Improvements

Administrative Deputy Lopez-Maddox presented on FY 25-26 facility projects and introduced representatives from CEO Capital Programs.

In response to Commissioner Terry's inquiry about the Camp Paige improvements (slide 20), Frank Reyes from the Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office's (CEO) Capital Programs Division explained that a structural beam replacement occurred in anticipation of possible future use.

Commissioner Shipp noted that Camp Paige appeared recently refurbished. Mr. Reyes confirmed that certain maintenance projects proceeded even while the site remained inactive to ensure safe occupancy if reactivated.

Part IV – Staffing Data and Organizational Structure

Administrative Deputy Lopez-Maddox presented staffing data including new hires, separations, reassignments, and promotions.

In response to Commissioner Terry's inquiry about the number of new hires that resign within their first 90 days, Probation confirmed that this data is tracked and can be provided to the POC.

Commissioner Shipp inquired about what the Department is doing to retain staff. Chief Deputy Williams stated that employee-wellness efforts and structural reorganization are underway, though promotional movement remains limited due to mandated institutional staffing needs.

Commissioner Harris noted discrepancies on the executive-level organizational chart (slide 32). Chief Deputy Williams explained how numbers roll up through the chain of command and agreed to provide corrected figures.

Commissioner Kakani requested clarity on JJCPA management and costs related to the DOJ monitor costs. Administrative Deputy Lopez-Maddox confirmed that JJCPA is overseen by Director Hawkins and that DOJ monitor costs are paid through County Counsel, with a multi-year breakdown available.

Chair Canales joined the meeting at 11:53 a.m.

Eight (8) public commenters addressed the POC.

Commissioner Shipp emphasized the importance of developing a promotional pipeline and exploring long-term strategies to support sworn staff advancement.

Attachments:

09/10/26 Probation Budget Presentation
07/09/26 POC Budget Motion
09/10/26 POC Budget Fact Sheet
Probation's Adopted Budget for FY 2025-26
08/11/26 Probation Officers in Field
Probation's Departmental Service Order Log for Fiscal Year 2025-2026
Probation's Capital Project Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025-2026
Probation's Capital Projects/Refurbishments Proposal for Fiscal Year 2026-2027
06/03/26 Probation's Request for Appropriation Adjustment
08/06/26 Probation's Request for Appropriation Adjustment
Probation's Explanation of 2025-2026 Closing NCC Overtime
June 2026 Probation's Current Vacancies
Probation's Hiring and Termination Data for Fiscal Year 2025-2026
Probation's Actual Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2025-2026
Probation's Actuals for Services & Supplies for Fiscal Year 2025-2026
JJCPA Funding and Expenditure Summary
07/17/26 JJCPA Program Expenditure Reports for Fiscal Year 2025-2026
FY 2025-26 JJCC-JJRBG Ad Hoc Subcommittee Funding Recommendations
FY 2025-26 JJCC-CMJJP Ad Hoc Subcommittee Funding Recommendations
Probation Chief's Charts of Budget Actuals for Fiscal Year 2025-2026
Probation's Executive Structure as of August 2026
Public Comment/Correspondence

Reference Documents – from prior POC meetings

05/07/26 Probation's Current Vacancies
05/31/26 Breakdown of Filled Vacancies
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

The POC recessed for 10 minutes and resumed the meeting at 11:53 a.m.

4. **PREA Updates** – 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.

    - **Panelists includes:**

        i. Dr. Jesus Corral, Senior Director, Los Angeles County Probation Department

ii. Audrey Brooks, Probation Director, Los Angeles County Probation Department

Senior Director Dr. Corral and Probation Director Brooks presented the attached PREA PowerPoint presentation. Director Brooks covered the PREA overview, core principles, and the PREA policy. Senior Director Corral presented on the PREA training, data, and PREA compliance unit initiatives.

Commissioner Harris inquired about the 100 substantiated reports of abuse or harassment from 2025 and how they are being tracked. Director Brooks clarified that youth-on-youth, staff-on-youth, and youth-on-staff incidents are tracked, but the youth-on-staff incidents are not reported to the Bureau of Justice (BOJ).

Senior Director Dr. Corral clarified that PREA is not a state mandate, but a federal mandate that applies for both youth and adults.

Commissioner Shipp inquired about what constitutes an unsubstantiated allegation and what burden of proof is applied. Director Brooks responded that every allegation is investigated, and an allegation is unsubstantiated when insufficient evidence exists. However, investigators and supervisors review youth statements, witness accounts, affidavits, and video when available.

Senior Director Dr. Corral shared that the Department evaluates cases where video is missing, cameras malfunction, or statements conflict based on the totality of evidence and incidents may originate from youth, partners, the Ombudsman, or others, with each case fully investigated.

Commissioner Kakani inquired about the PREA refresher training and whether it is live or recorded. Director Brooks explained that the refresher training is held every other year, and this year's refresher training is delivered through live block-week training, and full completion is expected by June 30, 2027 (end of the fiscal year).

Commissioner Kakani asked who serves as PREA investigators and whether investigators may also supervise the units they investigate. Director Brooks highlighted that NCIC certified supervisors conduct investigations in alignment with statewide industry standards and are excluded when allegations involve them directly.

Commissioner Kakani inquired about youth requesting a supportive adult during interviews and whether such requests are offered or documented. Director Brooks responded that interviews are conducted one-on-one due to the sensitive nature of allegations, youth may request support though none have, and offering a support person is not required by policy.

Commissioner Kakani inquired about audits that currently exist to ensure investigative quality and youth comprehension of grooming or predatory behavior. Director Brooks clarified that OIG has not performed PREA-specific audits, youth receive PREA education during intake, and the Department is developing monthly video training to reinforce reporting and safety concepts.

Commissioner Harris asked when allegations are referred to outside law enforcement and whether alleged perpetrators are interviewed. Director Brooks confirmed that referrals occur when potential criminal conduct is suspected, and investigators interview alleged victims, alleged perpetrators, and witnesses, with youth refusals documented.

Commissioner Harris inquired about youth being informed/advised that they may refuse

interviews or request counsel. Director Brooks stated that youth are advised they may refuse participation, although administrative interviews do not include legal advisements, and investigators document refusals.

Commissioner Harris proposed a motion, seconded by Commissioner Kakani, to request PREA data from 2025-2026 with a breakdown detailing raw numbers and percentages for substantiated and unsubstantiated PREA allegations across all categories (youth on youth~~, youth on staff,~~ and staff on youth), including referrals to law enforcement and charges filed on youth and staff for those incidents.

One (1) public commenter addressed the POC.

On motion of Commissioner Harris, seconded by Commissioner Kakani, unanimously carried, (Commissioners Jackson, Meredith, and Prater being absent), the POC agreed to request the PREA data with breakdowns as listed above:

Ayes:	**6 –**	Commissioner Brooke Harris, Commissioner Milinda Kakani, Commissioner Tyrique Shipp, and Commissioner Diane Terry, and Chair Dolores Canales
Absent:	**3 –**	Commissioner Esché L. Jackson, Commissioner Donald D. Meredith, and Commissioner Samuel Prater

Attachments: 09/10/26 PowerPoint Presentation
09/10/26 Approved PREA Motion
Public Comment/Correspondence

Reference Documents – from prior POC meetings
03-19-24 Revised Board Motion on PREA Compliance
06-03-25 Board Motion on Preserving PREA Standards
07-16-25 Report Back on PREA Board Motion

III. REPORTS

5. **Probation's Departmental Update –** Chief Guillermo Viera Rosa (or delegate) 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.

By Common Consent, (Commissioners Jackson, Meredith, and Prater being absent), this agenda item was tabled for discussion at a future meeting.

Attachments: Public Comment/Correspondence

6. **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 items:

   i. POC's Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (vote to approve)
   ii. Report on the inspection of Dorothy Kirby Center (vote to approve)
   iii. Update from the Chair of the DKC/EGI Ad Hoc Committee (vote to accept)

Executive Director Julien thanked Commissioners for participating in the Dorothy Kirby Center (DKC) inspection, noting that the visit demonstrated strong trauma-informed

practices, thorough grievance documentation, and meaningful engagement with staff and youth.

She also highlighted the POC's 2025-2026 annual report, explaining that its theme reflects the evolution of a "person-first" oversight body with growing institutional expertise and historical knowledge.

Commissioner Kakani shared highlights from the attached CVK Ad Hoc Committee motion requesting additional information on consultant-provided training, clarifying that prior materials raised further questions and that the ad hoc committee is seeking details regarding the consultant's role, continued support, and how the department intends to implement the training.

Commissioner Kakani proposed a motion, seconded by Commissioner Terry, to approve the POC's 2025-2026 Annual Report as presented, the DKC Inspection Report as presented, and the CVK motion as presented.

No members of the public commented on this item.

On motion of Commissioner Kakani, seconded by Commissioner Terry, unanimously carried, (Commissioners Jackson, Meredith, and Prater being absent), the POC agreed to approve the POC's 2025-2026 Annual Report, the DKC Inspection Report, and the CVK motion as presented:

Ayes:	**6 –**	Commissioner Brooke Harris, Commissioner Milinda Kakani, Commissioner Tyrique Shipp, Commissioner Diane Terry, and Chair Dolores Canales
Absent:	**3 –**	Commissioner Esché L. Jackson, Commissioner Donald D. Meredith, and Commissioner Samuel Prater

Attachments:
08/25/26 POC Letter to Probation – Data Information Requests with Updates
09/10/26 CVK/EGI Motion
POC's 2025-2026 Annual Report
DKC Inspection Report
Probation's Response to DKC Report
Public Comment/Correspondence

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

REFERENCE DOCUMENTS (INFORMATION ONLY)

7. 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 (July 2026)
Contraband Findings Summary - June 2026 & July 2026 for LP & BJN-SYTF
OC Spray Deployment Reports (July 6, 2026 – August 9, 2026)
09/03/26 POC Updated OC Spray Report
08/26/26 POC Updated Population Statistics Report

MATTERS NOT POSTED

8. 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.

Commissioner Shipp acknowledged the resilience of the youth in custody, noting that they had weathered repeated transfers, prolonged case delays, and other challenges with maturity and positive attitudes.

Commissioner Canales echoed this recognition and highlighted a recent community-supported basketball event involving youth, program partners, LRPs, and public officials, describing it as a significant demonstration of encouragement for the young people.

Executive Director Julien announced the consideration of the Hug Act at the upcoming Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors' meeting, and recognized Commissioners and Supervisor Hahn's office for sustained efforts to prioritize meaningful family contact for youth in facilities.

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.

Three (3) public commenters addressed the POC.

Attachments: Public Comment/Correspondence

V. ADJOURNMENT

10. Adjournment for the regular meeting of September 10, 2026.

On motion by Commissioner Shipp, seconded by Commissioner Kakani, unanimously carried (Commissioners Jackson, Meredith, and Prater being absent), the POC adjourned the meeting at 1:16 p.m.