



ALAMEDA COUNTY

Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission

MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, August 13, 2025 | 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM
2500 Fairmont Drive, San Leandro, CA 94578
Room C-1002
[ZOOM Teleconference](#)

Commissioners Present:

- Palagummi, Vamsey (Chair) Metz, Elana (Vice Chair) Asberry, Aminah Jackson, Aaron Marshall, Paul Scott, Richard
 Anderson, Louise Frye, Jasmine Larios, Xochtil Peregrina, Jessica Shay, Shani
- Youth Commissioner:** Faiyaz, Sara **Member Emeritus:** Nair, Kamal Nunley, Patricia

Collaborative Partners Present:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Badiey, Naseem, ACPD | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ford, Brian, Chief, ACPD | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moritz, Lucia, ACOE |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Banuelos, Albert, ACPD | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gomez, Antonio, ACBH | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pappas, Carissa, ACPD |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Battar, Malliga, ACBH | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gratz-Lazarus, Zach, CAAP | <input type="checkbox"/> Ross, Javay, UCSF |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brown, Jenifer, ACPD | <input type="checkbox"/> Goode, Jessica, ACOE | <input type="checkbox"/> Taizan, Juan, ACBH |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Buckner-Preston, Mia, SSA-CWS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Harris, Lisa, AC Library | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tate, Hattie, OUSD |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cercone, Dante, ACPD | <input type="checkbox"/> Jackson, Scott, ACSC | <input type="checkbox"/> Walton, Robert, ACPD |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conner, Shauna, ACPD | <input type="checkbox"/> Jones Dickson, Ursula, DA | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wegley, Rebecca, ACPD |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Donovan, Allyson, DA | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Khan, Shereen, ACPD | <input type="checkbox"/> Williams, Shahidah, BOS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ebrahimi, John, ACPD | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maemori, William, ACPD | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wu, Michael, Public Defender |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emmons, Craig, ACPD | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mance, Alphonso, Public Defender | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yun, Jennifer, ACBH |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Farrell, Sabrina, DA | <input type="checkbox"/> Morimoto, Mas, DA | <input type="checkbox"/> Zambrana, Andrea, CAAP |

1. **Call to Order and roll call** – The meeting was called to order at 12:07 PM.
2. **Review and adoption of meeting minutes from July 9, 2025.**
3. **Commission Update(s), Announcements and Comments:**
 - a. The commission released a press release concerning the increase of Youth Adult Transfer Petitions in Alameda County over the last few months.
 - b. Introduction of community-based organization (CBO) Beyond Emancipation. The CBO is the new contract holder for the Youth Advisory Council (YAC).
4. **Presentation** on the Alameda County Probation Department Post Release Reentry Services given by Dr. Gary Mallare, Jonathan Brumfield, and Alfonso Silva-Piontek of Safe Passages (presentation attached).
5. **Partner Updates**
 - a. Education
 - i. ACOE – **Lucia Moritz**
 1. There are currently 60 youths in the Juvenile Justice Center (JJC); of the 60, 31 are high school graduates. Six high school youths are participating in dual enrollment.
 2. The 2025-26 school year begins Friday, August 15. The post-secondary school year begins Monday, August 18.
 3. ACOE is partnering with Dr. Massa to host a reading intervention program. ACOE has also hired a reading specialist.

- ii. OUSD – **Hattie Tate**
 - 1. Post-release, our justice involved youth are being pushed out of schools.
 - 2. Over the past 15 years, we have done an incredible job building an effective rehabilitation environment; however, we have not reached the same level within the schools. This disconnect educationally aids in youth recidivism.
 - b. Courts
 - i. Public Defender – **Alphonso Mance**
 - 1. The line of communication is open between the DA’s office and the Public Defender.
 - 2. We continue to see old cases coming across our desks.
 - ii. Court Appointed Attorneys – **Zach Gratz-Lazarus**
 - 1. There are many petitions, especially on the adult side.
 - c. Behavioral Health – **Jennifer Yun**
 - i. We are undergoing the process to fill the remaining two county clinician vacancies.
 - ii. We held second interviews for the Clinician Supervisor and anticipate finalizing the results this week. When filled, we will have two Clinician Supervisors.
 - iii. The Clinician Supervisor and I worked with a couple of clinicians from our overtime team to develop a 4-week skill-based group for our youth identifying emotions, grounding techniques, self-esteem, and communication skills. We will work with Probation partners around scheduling and identifying youth to participate.
 - d. Probation
 - i. Facilities Updates – **Albert Banuelos**
 - 1. Camp Sweeney
 - a. The CWS art studio is close to completion.
 - b. A round of Choices, an evidence-based programming, just began.
 - c. On August 1, we held the second annual car show with great turnout from staff and CBOs.
 - 2. Firm Roots Academy
 - a. Two youths from FRA recently left the grounds to participate in Water on the Bay sailing program.
 - b. One youth attended their Sacramento State University orientation in-person.
 - 3. Facilities Demographics: Juvenile Hall – 57 youths in Juvenile Hall (50 male, 7 female), 38 youth on GPS (32 male, 8 female), 0 youth on Home Supervision. Firm Roots Academy – 12 Youth (11 male, 1 female). Camp Sweeney – 8 youth.
 - ii. Positive Youth Development (PYD) Updates – **Shereen Khan**
 - 1. Transition Center (TC) stats for July 2025: 72 youth were serviced by the TC; of the youth serviced 48 youth transitioned out of detention. The remaining 24 were out-of-custody/walk-ins. There were 50 referrals for services, 3 education, 15 Public Health, 23 Behavioral Health, and 9 life coaching. \$2,745 in concrete services were provided to youth.
6. **Public Comment(s)**
 - a. Marguerite, Fresh Lines for Youth (FLY) – how is the development of the Youth Leadership Council within JH progressing?
 - b. Cynthia Nunes, Urban Peace Movement – we have a severe concern about the increase of Youth Adult Transfer Petitions to transfer cases to the adult court. These transfers strip youth of age-appropriate rehabilitation they are entitled too.
7. **Meeting adjourned** at 2:03 pm.
 - a. Next Meeting Wednesday, September 10, 2025.