



# ALAMEDA COUNTY

## Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, July 9, 2025 | 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM**  
**2500 Fairmont Drive, San Leandro, CA 94578**  
**Room C-1002**  
**ZOOM Teleconference**

### **Commissioners Present:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Palagummi, Vamsey (Chair)                          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Metz, Elana (Vice Chair) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asberry, Aminah | <input type="checkbox"/> Jackson, Aaron                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marshall, Paul | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scott, Richard |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anderson, Louise                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frye, Jasmine            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Larios, Xochtil | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Peregrina, Jessica | <input type="checkbox"/> Shay, Shani               |  |
| <b>Youth Commissioner:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Faiyaz, Sara | <b>Member Emeritus:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Nair, Kamal | <input type="checkbox"/> Nunley, Patricia           |  |  |  |

### **Collaborative Partners Present:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Badiey, Naseem, ACPD              | <input type="checkbox"/> Ford, Brian, Chief, ACPD             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Moritz, Lucia, ACOE          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Banuelos, Albert, ACPD | <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jackson, Scott, ACSC      | <input type="checkbox"/> Walton, Robert, ACPD                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conner, Shauna, ACPD              | <input type="checkbox"/> Jones Dickson, Ursula, DA            | <input 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Mance, Alphonso, Public Defender     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yun, Jennifer, ACBH          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Farrell, Sabrina, DA   | <input checked="" 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 12:05 PM.
2. **Review and adoption of meeting minutes from June 11, 2025.**
3. **Commission Update(s), Announcements and Comments:**
  - a. Introduction of new Commissioner Jessica Peregrina.
4. **Partner Updates**
  - a. **Education – Lucia Moritz**
    - i. ACOE’s new Senior Chief of School is Eric Guthertz comes to his new role from San Francisco Unified School District. He has a lot of experience with justice involved youth.
    - ii. Summer school began July 1 for the school programs.
    - iii. Laney College is currently in session.
  - b. **Courts**
    - i. **Judiciary – Judge Scott Jackson**
      1. There is an uptick of youth coming through Juvenile Hall. It seems like there are youth that are languishing in JH as their cases drag along.
      2. It seems like our youth are rejected from placement.
      3. There has been an increase of violence happening in JH.
    - ii. **District Attorney – Sabrina Farrell**
      1. Ms. Farrell is the current branch head.
      2. There needs to be improved communication between agencies around separating youth with conflicts that exist from outside of JH.

3. As a preventive method, youth need to be educated about consequences prior to offenses. For example, if you have with a gun with you, you are adding 10 years.
  4. Many youths are being manipulated and used for a lot of serious crime.
  5. When youth are in-custody on home passes, their passes should be staggered to reduce chances of reoffending as a group.
- iii. Public Defender – **Michael Wu**
    1. We are seeing a trend, an influx of charges for minor offenses like single-count petty theft from six months or longer.
  - iv. Conflict Attorney – **Zach Gratz-Lazarus**
    1. We are experiencing a strain on resources from both the juvenile and adult sides.
- c. Behavioral Health – **Jennifer Yun**
    - i. One new clinician was onboarded last month and is currently seeing youth on units.
    - ii. There are interviews next week for additional clinicians.
  - d. Probation
    - i. Facilities Updates – **John Ebrahimi**
      1. Recently ACOE in partnership with ACPD held a high school graduation for several youth. Biasedly, this was one of the best in JH. There was high participation from families and CBOs. The graduates were engaged and happy.
      2. Valkyries, the WNBA team, for youth sessions in their Rise program as well as a basketball camp.
      3. Firm Roots Academy began an evidence-based program Anger Regression Therapy (ART). This program is linked to phases.
      4. Facilities Demographics: Juvenile Hall – 73 youths in Juvenile Hall (67 male, 6 female), 20 youth on GPS (12 male, 7 female), 0 youth on Home Supervision, 4 youth in High School and 9 youth are in college. Firm Roots Academy – 12 Youth (11 male, 1 female). Camp Sweeney – 8 youth (3 Secure Track, 5 Non-Secure).
    - ii. Positive Youth Development (PYD) Updates – **Shereen Khan**
      1. Transition Center (TC) stats for June 2025: 57 youth were serviced by the TC; of the youth serviced 28 youth transitioned out of detention. The remaining 29 were out-of-custody/walk-ins. There were 46 referrals for services, 17 education, 10 Public Health, 12 Behavioral Health, 4 life coaching, and 3 for employment. \$4,607.50 in concrete services were provided to youth.
5. **Public Comment**
    - a. None.
  6. **Meeting adjourned** at 1:55 pm.
    - a. Next Meeting Wednesday, August 13, 2025.