



# ALAMEDA COUNTY

## Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, June 12, 2024 | 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"/> Anderson, Louise | <input type="checkbox"/> Larios, Xochtil             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Metz, Elana (Vice Chair) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ervin, Kareem    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nunley, Patricia |

**Youth Commissioner:**  Naziri, Ethan

**Member Emeritus:**  Nair, Kamal

### **Collaborative Partners Present:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Antonio, Esmeraldo, ACPD                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ford, Brian, Acting Chief, ACPD | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pappas, Carissa, ACPD |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Badiy, Naseem, ACPD           | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Garcia, Lupe ACSC               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ross, Javay, ACPH     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Banuelos, Albert, ACPD                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gipson, Tiffany, DA             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Taizan, Juan, ACBH    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bellino, Dan, ACOE            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gerchow, Christine, ACBH        | <input type="checkbox"/> Tate, Hattie, OUSD               |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Buckner-Preston, Mia, SSA-CWS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gomez, Antonio, ACBH            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vaughan, Monica, ACOE |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cercone, Dante, ACPD          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gratz-Lazarus, Zach, CAAP       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Walton, Robert, ACPD  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conner, Shauna, ACPD          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jackson, Scott, ACSC            | <input type="checkbox"/> Wegley, Rebecca, ACPD            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Donovan, Allyson, DA                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Maemori, William, ACPD                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Williams, Shahidah, BOS          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ebrahimi, John, ACPD          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mance, Al, Public Defender      | <input type="checkbox"/> Wilson, Jacq, DA                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emmons, Craig, ACPD                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Mitchell, Alicia, ACPD                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Zambrana, Andrea, CAAP           |

**Recorder:** Shavers, Andrea, ACPD

Harris, Lisa, ACL

## **I. Administrative Business**

1. **Call to Order:** Vice Chair Metz called the meeting to order at **12:10 PM**.
2. **Roll Call**
3. **Action to Approve Minutes.**

Vice Chair Metz invited a motion to adopt the May minutes as circulated with the agenda.

**MOTION by:** Louise Anderson **Second by:** Patricia Nunley

**AYES (Voice Vote): All Present**

**NOES: None**

**ABSTAIN: None**

**MOTION PASSED.**

4. **Commission Update(s), Announcements and Comments:**
  - a. The August 2024 meeting will be canceled.

## **II. Presentation**

**AC Library, Lisa Harris**

1. Ms. Harris manages a portion of the library called Social Justice Services. This is a branch of the Alameda County Library. Services are provided at Santa Rita Jail, Reach Ashland Youth Center, and the Juvenile Justice Center.
2. We are seeing more kids reading at juvenile levels. We have increased the number of books for that reading level.

3. We have a literacy staff. They are assisting some kids with learning phonetics.
4. A few years back we did a day of the dead program. We asked the kids to pay honor to the people in their lives who had died. We ended up keeping the ofrenda, memorial, in the window. Now when hear that a young person who has come through the system has passed away, we keep their picture up there. That is cause for much reflection and emotion on the part of young people.
5. On holidays, we hold holiday movie nights with the young people.

#### **ACPD Transition Center Updates, Antonio Gomez**

1. The Transition Center is going through renovations.
2. We have created a new website for families that will be available in the upcoming weeks. It will utilize QR codes to make resources that are contracted with the Probation Department easier to access. Additionally, it will give access to free community resources.
3. We are trying to make the Transition Center a one-stop resource hub that includes education, employment, mental health, and medical services.
4. The new Medical Coordinator just joined the team two-weeks ago. The Medical Coordinator will work with kids and families to ensure they have a primary care physician as well as doctor and dentist appointments.
5. Community Liaison Officer was hired. We await her joining the Transition Center. She will be our expert with Community-Based Organizations (CBOs), following up with referrals and the main contact person.
6. The Transition Center now has gift cards for groceries, Walmart, transportation, fast food, Uber, Shell, and clothing.
7. We had 11 youth join our summer summit program. Four more youth will join for a total of 15 youth in the program. There will be fieldtrips to Google, bowling, and more. There will be employment counselors that will host mock interviews and filling-out applications. Patelco will educate the youth about credit and debt.
8. The Transition Center is hosting a job fair at the front of the JJC on July 11 from 1 pm to 4 pm.

### **III. Partner Updates**

#### **Education, Dan Bellino**

1. Beginning July 1 Dr. Meritz will support the post-secondary program.
2. The principal recruitment is still ongoing.
3. The last day of the semester was June 11.

#### **Court, Judge Scott Jackson**

1. There are jurisdictions in this country that look at fourth grade reading levels to determine how many prison beds they should buy by the time those kids turn eighteen years old.
2. This is a good indicator to wrap those kids and family in services at a very early age as a preventive measure, thus helping to keep them out of the system.
3. Some sad news, since April we have lost six (6) kids.
4. It seems like we are paying a lot of lip service to mental health in this county. We have a 709 kid, a kid that is deemed legally incompetent to stand trial, that sees his counselor once every two or three weeks.

#### **Criminal Court Appointed Attorneys (CAAP), Andrea Zambrana**

No updates.

**Public Defender, Al Mance**

1. Staff in the Public Defender's office are shocked that many of the youth they serve have no idea what a trial is.
2. Youth have a very low level of knowledge of how the justice system works. Competency is associated with developmental delays or some mental issue. One big issue with competency is if you can assist in your defense. In San Francisco there have been several youths determined incompetent based on their educational level or cognitive level. This is a huge problem.

**District Attorney, Tiffany Gipson**

No updates.

**Probation**

1. General Updates – **Shauna Conner**
  - a. Juneteenth is next Wednesday, June 19. The event is open to the community and will begin at 10 am.
2. Demographics – **John Ebrahimi**
  - a. Juvenile Hall
    - Number of youths in Juvenile Hall – 50; 39 are male and 11 are female.
    - GPS – 28 are male and 5 are female.
    - Home Supervision – 1 female.
    - Education – 4 are in High School and 9 are in college.
  - b. Firm Roots Academy
    - 13 Youth
  - c. Camp Sweeney
    - 2 youth on Secure Track.
    - 1 Non-Secure Track youths.

**Medical, Dr. Javay Ross**

No updates.

**Social Services, Mia Buckner-Preston**

1. The Assessment Center (AC) will be moving out of its current location on Saturday, July 13, 2024.
  - a. The AC will be on diversion and unable to accept new intakes on July 12.
  - b. During this time the AC is unable to provide care to any child or youth, however there are several providers available to offer emergency or temporary housing.
2. The new facility in Castro Valley will be open the week of July 14 – July 19 for open house and meets & greets. We hope to resume our operations and care of the children the weekend of July 20 – July 22.

**IV. Public Comment**

None.

**Next Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 10, 2024.**

**Location:** Hybrid meeting format.

In-person: Juvenile Justice Center, 2500 Fairmont Drive, San Leandro, CA, Conference Room C1022

Virtual: via Zoom.

**Meeting adjourned at 2:04 PM.**