



ALAMEDA COUNTY

Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission

MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, October 8, 2025 | 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM
2500 Fairmont Drive, San Leandro, CA 94578
Room C-1002
ZOOM Teleconference

Commissioners Present:

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

Collaborative Partners Present:

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| <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Gratz-Lazarus, Zach, CAAP | <input type="checkbox"/> Ross, Javay, UCSF |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brown, Jenifer, ACPD | <input type="checkbox"/> Goode, Jessica, ACOE | <input type="checkbox"/> Taizan, Juan, ACBH |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Buckner-Preston, Mia, SSA-CWS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Harris, Lisa, AC Library | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tate, Hattie, OUSD |
| <input 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 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 12:11 PM.
2. **Review and adoption of meeting minutes from September 10, 2025.**
3. **Commission Update(s), Announcements and Comments:**
 - a. The commission recognized Vamsey Palagummi and Elana Metz for their eight years served as commission Chair and Vice Chair. The commission recognized Louise Anderson for her 12 years' service as a commissioner.
 - b. The commission has voted unanimously to designate Elana Metz and Louise Anderson as commissioners emeriti.
 - c. The state of California conducted an audit on Alameda County Social Services Agency (SSA). The a few of the findings include the following.
 - i. SSA has not began investigations within the required time per the state guidelines.
 - ii. SSA has not adequately reported actual incidents in the Transitional Center.
 - iii. It appears that case files lacked sufficient documentation to determine the timeliness of services rendered to youth in foster care for needed services such as education, developmental, and mental and behavioral health.
4. **Partner Updates**
 - a. Education
 - i. ACOE – **Lucia Moritz**
 1. There will be a joint high school and junior college graduation October 15, 2025. The ceremony will honor four high school graduates and one college graduate.

2. ACOE is partnering with OYCR to run a literacy initiative for the K-12 population. We now have a full-time Literacy Specialist.
 3. All staff have been trained in Systematic Instruction in Phonological Awareness, Phonics, and Sight Words (SIPPS), a reading intervention strategy.
- ii. OUSD – **Hattie Tate**
1. The contract with the City of Oakland’s Department of Violence Prevention and OUSD has ended.
 2. Between July 1, 2023, and September 30, 2025, there were 469 youth released who either had an address in Oakland or attended school in Oakland. Of the 469, 234 youth returned to an OUSD school post-release. Approximately 50% of the youth released enrolled in other schools.
 3. Multi-payer system in California was established for the supplemental additional mental health services needs of our youth, as well as improved access to social services. I will be working with Behavioral Health and ACOE to connect with the schools to give more support.
- b. Courts
- i. Judiciary – **Judge Scott Jackson**
1. There have been fewer detentions.
 2. There needs to be more programming outside of the justice system to keep youth busy. The more resource putting into our kids the less likely they will become justice involved.
 3. Introduction of the Assistant Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court, Arturo Castro. Judge Castro presides over department 403, supervising the Dependency Court.
- ii. Public Defender – **Michael Mu**
1. After nearly a year in this assignment in the Juvenile Courts, I have noticed that many of the youngest youth, for example a 12-year-old, in custody after an arrest did not speak to an attorney for five to six days.
 2. The youth may have access to the phones but are not able to speak to an attorney to figure out what is going on, what is happen, and the next steps for that many days.
 3. Issues arise when a kid comes in with obvious bruises, the defense needs to document that immediately. The physical evidence may not be present six days later when the defense speaks to them.
 4. As of right now, the status quo is that the defense does not receive the Police Report until maybe the night before the detention hearing around 4:30 pm. More often than not, the report is not received until the morning of the detention hearing as late as 11 am when the hearing is scheduled for 1:30 pm or 2 pm. Depending how many young people are scheduled for hearing that day, the defense may have one-hour to interview three youths, consider their charges, history, develop a release plan, and give the court a comprehensive understanding of where the youth is coming from.
 5. Public Defenders cannot speak with a youth without a conflict check. Without a Police Report the check for conflicts of interest cannot be completed.
- iii. Court Appointed Attorneys
1. Annie Beles was appointed the CAAP Interim Director.
- c. Integrated Healthcare
- i. Medical – **Dr. Javay Ross**
1. Medical stats for September 2025: There was a of 464 total visits – 35 New admissions, 34 Discharges, 300 Nurse Visits, 23 Dental Visits, 8 Optometry Clinic Visits, and 100 Provider Visits.
 2. There was a recent addition to the team. The Medical Clinic is now available five-days a week.
 3. We continue to work with Behavioral Health on rolling out many of the CalAIM deliverables.
- ii. Behavioral Health – **Jennifer Yun**
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- d. Probation

i. **Facilities Updates – John Ebrahimi**

1. **Programming –**

- a. The culinary class at Camp Sweeney is taught by instructors from Laney College.
- b. Camp youth participated in the Healthy 22nd Annual Living Festival at the Oakland Zoo.
- c. Camp youth went on a field trip to the Sheet Metal Training Center in Fairfield.
- d. Firm Roots youth attended an in community sailing event.

2. **Facilities Demographics:** Juvenile Hall – 57 youths in Juvenile Hall (50 male, 7 female), 26 youth on GPS (23 male, 3 female), 0 youth on Home Supervision. Firm Roots Academy – 12 Youth (11 male, 1 female). Camp Sweeney – 6 youth (1 Step Down).

ii. **Positive Youth Development (PYD) Updates – Shereen Khan**

1. Transition Center (TC) stats for September 2025: 58 youth were serviced by the TC; of the youth serviced 24 youth transitioned out of detention. The remaining 34 were out-of-custody/walk-ins. There were 64 referrals for services, 24 education, 10 Public Health, 17 Behavioral Health, 11 Raising Leaders, and 2 life coaching. \$3,870 in concrete services were provided to youth.
2. The Positive Future’s fair in connection with Town Nights and Tribe on Friday, November 14, 2025, from 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm at San Antonio Park.

e. **Social Services – Mia Buckner-Preston**

- i. To respond to concerns regarding the State’s audit, SSA needs Board of Supervisor (BOS) approval. Without BOS approval, SSA is limited in what we can say.
- ii. We are still awaiting opening the transitional shelter care facility. We had the fire code compliance inspection and were given a few things to update. We anticipate completion of the updates by the end of the month. Once the final clearance is completed, we will be able to return to Community Care Licensing (CCL) for the final walkthrough before granting the provisional license.
- iii. To date, the program statement and operations have been approved by CCL.
- iv. House A with a capacity of six (6) will be opening. However, House B will not be opening at this time. House can increase our capacity to 10, but there are significant upgrades and permitting needed.
- v. SSA is still working to expand emergency housing options in the community and county.
- vi. Placement stats for September 2025: 11 emergency placements. Of the placements, 4 came to Jackson Street. Three (3) stayed hours while placement was pending, specifically transportation arrangements. One (1) youth stayed overnight due to safety issues.

5. **Public Comment(s)**

None

6. **Meeting adjourned** at 2:03 pm.

- a. Next Meeting Wednesday, November 12, 2025.