



ALAMEDA COUNTY

Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission

MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, September 10, 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 type="checkbox"/> Gomez, Antonio, ACBH | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pappas, Carissa, ACPD |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Battar, Malliga, ACBH | <input 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 12:03 PM.
2. **Review and adoption of meeting minutes from August 13, 2025.**
3. **Commission Update(s), Announcements and Comments:**
 - a. Commission Chair Vamsey Palagummi and Vice Chair Elana Metz are stepping down from their current role as their terms in commission leadership has ended. Vamsey will serve the remainder of his term as a commissioner.
 - b. The new commission Chair Shani Shay and Vice Chair Xochtil Larios will assume their new role on the commission beginning next meeting.
 - c. The Latino Heritage celebration is scheduled for September 24, 2025, from 10:45 am to 12:30pm.
4. **Presentation** the Alameda County Youth Advisory Council: *Making Space for Youth Voice* given by Gracy Mora Gracy, Ayshah Brown, Kevin Barron, Kimberly Esquivel, and Marguerite De Loney of Fresh Lifelines for Youth (presentation attached).
5. **Partner Updates**
 - a. Education
 - i. ACOE – **Lucia Moritz**
 1. There currently 30 high school graduates in Juvenile Hall.
 2. We are implementing a new K12 model using content teams that rotate through each unit.
 - ii. OUSD – **Hattie Tate**
 1. No update.

- b. Courts
 - i. Judiciary – **Judge Scott Jackson**
 - 1. What are we doing about prevention? Why aren't our kids feeling safe? It is crushing that a young child must have a firearm to feel safe in our community.
 - ii. Public Defender – **Alphonso Mance**
 - 1. We are encountering young people since COVID with early onset psychosis with few mental health resources in place.
 - 2. There are not any long-term treatment facilities for minors with severe mental illness unless the youth is conserved.
 - 3. We are concerned that youth that are monolingual Spanish speaking do not always have Spanish speaking staff available to voice their concerns, specifically when they want to be seen by a Guidance Clinic Clinician.
 - iii. Court Appointed Attorneys
 - 1. No update.
- c. Behavioral Health – **Jennifer Yun**
 - i. We filled one county clinician position. The new hire starts next week.
 - ii. The interviews for a second supervisor were held recently, unfortunately no candidate was selected.
- d. Probation
 - i. Facilities Updates – **Albert Banuelos**
 - 1. Facilities Demographics: Juvenile Hall – 32 youths in Juvenile Hall (29 male, 3 female), 34 youth on GPS (29 male, 5 female), 0 youth on Home Supervision. Firm Roots Academy – 11 Youth (10 male, 1 female). Camp Sweeney – 7 youth.
 - ii. Positive Youth Development (PYD) Updates – **Shereen Khan**
 - 1. Transition Center (TC) stats for August 2025: 67 youth were serviced by the TC; of the youth serviced 36 youth transitioned out of detention. The remaining 31 were out-of-custody/walk-ins. There were 75 referrals for services, 58 education, 4 Public Health, 11 Behavioral Health, and 2 life coaching. \$6,323 in concrete services were provided to youth.
 - 2. There will be a 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. The facility is still not open. The fire alarm system has been installed. The fire inspection is scheduled for next week.
 - ii. Upon receipt of the certificates, we will work with the State's Community Care Licensing to obtain a provisional license to begin caring for children in the new facility.
 - iii. We anticipate opening the facility by the end of the year.
 - iv. While the Assessment Center has been closed, we increased the number of emergency placement and providers in the county and surrounding counties.

6. **Public Comment(s)**

None

7. **Meeting adjourned** at 2:01 pm.

- a. Next Meeting Wednesday, October 8, 2025.