



ALAMEDA COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT

JJCC SB823 SUBCOMMITTEE

QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES

February 19, 2026, 12:00 – 2:00pm

JJC, 2500 Fairmont Drive, San Leandro, CA 94578, Room C1002

Microsoft Teams Teleconference Option Provided

JJCC Subcommittee Members or Designees Present:

- Shauna Conner, Chair, Alameda County Probation Department
- Juan Taizan, Alameda County Behavioral Health Department
- Emily Young, Resource Connection Network
- Ericson Amaya, Free Our Kids Coalition
- DeSean Spencer, Oakland Police Department
- Eric Guthertz, Alameda County Office of Education
- Nicole Berrow, District 2 Representative
- Adrienne Hogg, District 3 Representative
- Kelvin Potts, District 4 Representative

1. Call to Order and roll call – The meeting was called to order.

- There were nine Subcommittee Members present. Ten members are required for a quorum. Therefore, voting cannot take place.

2. Review and adoption of meeting minutes from November 21, 2025, Quarterly Meeting.

- Since there was not a quorum, review and adoption of the meeting minutes is deferred to a future meeting.

3. SB823 Annual Plan 2026-2027 – Nayeli Bernal

- The plan incorporates input from surveys, focus groups, and interviews with youth, families, probation staff and providers, highlighting that relationships are a central theme, along with operational strengths and areas of improvement.
- Trust and predictability are key factors contributing to youth stability.
- Youth rated the following areas highest - connections with staff and community partners, mentoring, trades programming, being prepared and having hope for the future.
- Family engagement is an area of focus. Recent efforts such as biweekly check-ins lead by DPOs and bimonthly family engagement sessions have been instituted to improve communication and involvement.
- Preparing for reentry is an area of opportunity for families and staff. Suggested opportunities are earlier case planning, clean timelines for stepdown, better coordination between facilities and community providers, and continuity of educational and behavioral support.

Comment

This group will receive a draft of the report. Email updates and questions and concerns. During the March 25th Special Meeting, feedback will be reviewed and discussed.

4. Q4 Data Reporting

The following data was presented to the subcommittee:

- Use of Force – W. Maemori
- Use of Outdoor Space – A. Banuelos
- Facilities Update – C. Cuevas

5. SB 707 – Updates to the Brown Act – Shauna Conner

- There was some discussion around SB 707 (Amendments to the Brown Act). County Counsel will provide information about how these changes will affect our meetings going forward.
- The amended Brown Act has been distributed to the Subcommittee Members.

Action

Provide SB 707 information at a future meeting.

6. Report Out: Alameda County Behavioral Health – Juan Taizan and Jennier Yun

- One dedicated clinician supports the youth in the Firm Roots Program. Services provided include wellness check-ins, one-on-one meetings, and collaboration with partners, including program observation and feedback. Medication management is handled by a Guidance Clinic psychiatrist.
- CalAIM pre-release planning is taking place to ensure a smooth transition upon release. Referrals and record transfers are in progress.
- Under CalAIM, youth automatically qualify for mental health services. For adults, ACBH will review an adult level of care tool to determine which services are available.

7. Firm Roots Academy Program Updates – Albert Banuelos

- Strong collaboration among youth, staff, county and community partners has created a safer, more supporting culture, leading to greater youth acceptance of programs and resources.
- Ongoing efforts are being made to expand vocational training opportunities outside of the facility.
- The Platinum Unit provides a more relaxed, home-like environment that youth are motivated to access.
- A new app will soon track youth engagement in Cognitive Behavioral Interventions (CBI), helping to measure program impact.

8. Public Comment(s)

- None

9. Next SB823 Subcommittee Meetings:

- Special Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 25, 2026, 12:00 - 2:00pm
2500 Fairmont Drive, San Leandro, CA 94578, 1st Floor, Room C1002
- If Needed: Special Meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 23, 2026, 12:00 –
2:00pm, 2500 Fairmont Drive, San Leandro, CA 94578, 1st Floor, Room C1011
- Quarterly Meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 21, 2026, 12:00 – 2:00pm,
2500 Fairmont Drive, San Leandro, CA 94578, 1st Floor, Room C1002

10. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 1:01pm