



**ALAMEDA COUNTY**  
**Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, April 12, 2023 | 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM**  
**Juvenile Justice Center**  
**2500 Fairmont Drive, San Leandro, CA, Room C1002**

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**Commissioners Present:**

Palagummi, Vamsey (Chair)                       Anderson, Louise                       Noma, Sally                       Peralta, Gina  
 Metz, Elana (Vice Chair)                       Galvis, George                       Nunley, Patricia

**Youth Commissioner:**  Larios, Xochtil                      **Member Emeritus:**  Nair, Kamal

**Collaborative Partners Present:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Badiey, Naseem, ACPD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ford, Brian, Assist. Chief ACPD	<input type="checkbox"/> Rivers, James, ACPD
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barton, Crystal, ACPD	<input type="checkbox"/> Gold, Matthew, DA	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ross, Javay, ACPH
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Burke, Yasmin, ACPD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gershow, Christine, ACBH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tate, Hattie, OUSD
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Buckner-Preston, Mia, SSA-CWS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gratz-Lazarus, Zach, CAAP	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vaughan, Monica, ACOE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cercone, Dante, ACPD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jackson, Scott, Judge	<input type="checkbox"/> Walton, Robert, ACPD
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conner, Shauna, ACPD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Konover, Kimberly, ACBH	<input type="checkbox"/> Wegley, Rebecca, ACPD
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Crawford, Earl, ACOE	<input type="checkbox"/> Mance, Al, Public Defender	<input type="checkbox"/> Williams, Shahidah, BOS
<input type="checkbox"/> Donovan, Allyson, DA	<input type="checkbox"/> McGuire, Tammy, ACPD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wilson, Jacq, DA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dawal, Marcus, Chief ACPD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mitchell, Alicia, ACPD	<input type="checkbox"/> Zambrana, Andrea, CAAP
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Emmons, Craig, ACPD	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pappas, Carissa, ACPD	

**Recorder:** Shavers, Andrea, ACPD                       Williams, Brooklyn, Mayor’s Office

**I. Administrative Business**

- 1. Call to Order:** Vice Chair Metz called the meeting to order at **12:06** pm.
- 2. Roll Call:**

**II. Education**

**Chief of Education and Community Safety – Oakland Crime & Violence Prevention, Brooklyn Williams**

1. Brooklyn Williams in her newly created position with the City of Oakland works in the intersection of education and community safety.
2. She is the Community Safety liaison with stakeholders such as Department of Violence Prevention (DVP), Oakland Police Department (OPD), Alameda County Probation Department (ACPD), Oakland Unified School District (OUSD), Alameda County Public Health Department (ACPHD) and numerous Community Based Organizations (CBOs).
  - a. Her safety priorities focus on gun violence/homicide prevention, sex trafficking, and educating residents about community safety.
  - b. Community Safety Strategies
    - i. Career Technical Education (CTE) Transitional Aged Youth (TAY) Hub
    - ii. School Based Violence Prevention
    - iii. Formation of the Mayor’s Advisory Council on Sex Trafficking
    - iv. Auditing the Ceasefire Strategy

3. She is the education liaison in collaboration with the California Department of Education, OUSD, charter schools, Peralta Colleges, Alameda County Office of Education (ACOE), and philanthropist.

### III. Courts

#### Judge Scott Jackson

The juvenile rehabilitation system needs vocational programming that will help the youth succeed post-release.

- a. Mechanic training - put the old softball field to use by bringing in old cars for the youth to break down, put back together, repair and learn how to be an auto mechanic.
- b. Construction – teach the youth how to build a house and take it down.

#### Questions / Statements & Responses

1. **Question:** There is a lot of SB 823 funding for youth employment and work experience. However it is difficult to utilize the funding because judges are reluctant to allow youth to work off grounds, consequently the funding is predominantly used in-house. How can we use the SB 823 funding?

**Judge Scott's Response:** The courts may be reluctant with Secure Track because it is Secure Track, a secured facility. However, the courts have gone around some of these ideas by bringing the program into the facility to the youth as opposed to sending the youth outside of the secure facility.

I do not want any of the SB 823 youth leaving the facility and returning directly to the community. I do not think that is a healthy transition. I believe in Step Down; it must be a step down that works for everyone. The courts must feel comfortable the program aids a smooth transition without the youth running away.

My vision for Step Down is the youth for the first few months may be in Secure Track. The next few months the youth may be in a locked camp-like facility, still working some programming. The third step before returning to the community, the youth may be in a group home environment or back with family depending on the situation, so they make the transition as smoothly as possible.

2. **Question:** There is a lot of discussion surrounding sector-based training for youth around the area of construction and more. Are there talks on what a collaboration with Community Based Organizations that are specifically doing the work look like and connecting the youth to those CBOs?

As a community-based partner, I hear a lot of the challenges young people face post-release. They are struggling with basic needs, lack of housing, food support, security, etc. All these needs impact their ability to retain employment. So they obtained skill and training but they have immediate needs. Where do you see additional support coming from once the youths are released?

**Judge Scott's Response:** We would need to go to the legislature. Maybe some of the youths are AB 12 eligible, this would provide transitional housing and other support. However, this requires the legislature to change the law.

District Attorney, Jacq Wilson

1. I joined the DA's office several weeks ago. I have two brothers that were system involved; one served 10 years in a federal facility and the other served four years. The brother that served 10 years, two years ago, was earning 26 cents per hour. Last year his business grossed over 2 million dollars. The point is it is possible.
2. People ask the question, "What were you thinking" to young people. The reality is young people are not thinking and they do stupid things.
3. I'm here to build bridges, collaborate, do what is in the interest of the youth and protect public safety.
4. It is difficult, being a Judge and the DA, we must consider public safety and the youth.
5. Each youth that comes before me, I ask myself two questions.
  - a. If it was my child that did this, what would I want for that child? Most people would agree, they would move heaven and earth for their child. We should be moving heaven and earth for the youth.
  - b. I have a daughter; what if someone did that to my daughter? We must hold youth accountable, get them treatment and services so they do not recidivate.

## IV. Probation

General Updates, Shauna Conner

1. We have implemented a new blacktop schedule to have the youth outdoors more.
2. We have hired six supervisors and they are in various stages of backgrounds.
3. The shuttle bus is back in operation running on the pre-pandemic schedule.
4. We are in negotiation with a new food vendor. Service is tentatively set to begin in July.
5. The Raising Leaders workshop will run from April 20 through June 8 for all Juvenile Hall units.
6. We are preparing for the BSCC inspection schedule the week of May 2.

ACPD's Partnership with OUSD, Brian Ford

1. ACPD has a longstanding MOU with OUSD to provide a cross-age mentoring program, funding upwards of \$600,000.
2. ACPD has provided afterschool funding for the School Program for Academic & Athletic Transitioning (SPAAT) for OUSD.
3. ACPD recently made a significant investment in truancy services to aid the youth that were displaced due to COVID.
4. For approximately six months, there have been two Deputy Probation Officers (DPOs) assigned to two high schools working on campus through the OK prevention program. The DPOs dress in business casual attire.
  - a. Saturday sessions to provide life skill training.
  - b. Gift cards
5. Raising Leaders – the county liaison Davita has met with OUSD principals. This program engages young people in a series of workshops. After completion there are over 72 internship placement

opportunities with Alameda County. ACPD funds the internships at \$18.00 per hour. Over the lifespan of the program, ACPD has funded upwards of \$4,000,000.

6. ACPD pays for two Public Defenders
7. ACPD provides funding for Bay Area Legal Aid.
8. ACPD funds Midnight Basketball for three consecutive years.

#### Demographics, Yasmin Burke

9. Number of youths at JJC – 65 (61 males, 4 females)
10. Number of youth age 14 and/or under – 9
  - a. 4 youth are 14.
  - b. 5 youth are 13.
11. Number of youths on Home Supervision – 24
12. Number of youths on GPS – 30
13. Number of youths on Secure Track – 22
14. **Number of youths in SB 823 including step downs – 22**
15. **Total number in custody – 22**
  - a. 11 youths are in Unit 1
  - b. 11 youths are in Unit 3, 7 of which are DJJ returnees.
  - c. 14 youth are enrolled in college.
  - d. 5 youth are enrolled in high school.
16. Number of youths at Camp – 10
  - a. 4 youth are enrolled in college.
  - b. 3 youths are SB 823 step downs.
  - c. 2 youth are employed with Tesla.

#### Programming, Yasmin Burke

1. Programming for Secure Track and Camp Sweeney includes the following.
  - a. Family Spring is an intensive substance misuse program. They also conduct a second program for anger management, a 12-week cohort. Units 1, 3,4 and 5 participate.
  - b. George Smith teaches life mapping and journaling.
  - c. True Academy focuses on anger management and gang intervention.
  - d. ROP provides culturally responsive Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT).
  - e. Restoring Our Communities (ROC) hosts a basketball clinic for Units 1, 3 and 5 every Tuesday evening.
  - f. A cooking program is held at Camp Sweeney each Wednesday from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm. Staff assist the youth preparing meals of their choice.
  - g. Center Force will begin a program focusing on fatherhood.
  - h. Youth Beat will begin a program focusing on multimedia arts.
  - i. Financial literacy will be conducted by Charles Pattillo and a credible Messenger beginning with Unit 1. If the program succeeds, we will expand it to Unit 3 and Camp.
2. Screen printing workshop facilitated by a formerly incarcerated youth.
3. April 26 DMV will come to Camp to take photos for the youths' identification.

## V. Medical & Behavioral Health

Medical Updates March 1 – 31, 2023, Dr. Javay Ross

1. Medical
  - a. 25 History and physicals
  - b. 23 Medication Management

- c. 12 Sick Visits
- d. 111 Registered Nurse visits
- 2. Dental
  - a. 37 visits
  - b. 16 new intakes

#### **Guidance Clinic Updates, Dr. Christine Gerchow**

- 1. Behavioral Health numbers for March 1-31, 2023
  - a. 138 other referrals
  - b. 25 Crisis referrals
    - 1. 9 of the referrals occurred after hours.
  - c. 163 total referrals

### **VI. Social Services**

#### **Assessment Center Update, Mia Buckner-Preston**

Background Information: The Assessment Center (AC) provides 72-hour transitional care.

- 1. 40 intakes in March.
  - a. 74% were females.
  - b. 26% were males.
  - c. 70% were teens between the ages of 13 and 17.
- 2. Currently there are 6 youth in the AC.
- 3. 6 youth overstayed in the facility beyond the allotted 72-hours.
- 4. There are no placement options.
  - a. The youth are presenting significant mental health issues. While providers can work with the youth, if the youth refuses medication or to participate in therapeutic services, the provider will not accept the youth.
  - b. The youth have extensive assaultive behaviors.
  - c. The youth have past probation and/or criminal involvement history, drug use and multiple placement disruptions.
  - d. The providers are refusing to accept the youth. The youth are refusing placement. The placement providers are also refusing. Thus, the youth remain at the AC.
- 5. There was an increase in intake after hours and on weekends it has increased to 31%.
- 6. There was an increase in incidents including assaults.

### **VII. Commission Updates**

The May 2023 meeting is canceled. The Commission will meet in June.

### **III. Public Comment**

None.

**Next Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 14, 2023.**

**Location:** Hybrid meeting format.

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

Virtual: via Zoom.

**Meeting adjourned at 2:18 pm.**