

**COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA
JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes – September 3, 2024
Via Zoom**

Commissioners Present: Stephen Betts, Chair
Dev Ghoshal
Victoria Burton Burke (*virtual*)
Nora Manchester
Penny Blake
Vaishali “Shali” Sirkay
Diana Traub (*virtual*)
Jean Pennypacker
Karen Guldán
Marcie Bellicitti
Darius Parakh (*virtual*)
Neha Parthasarathi (*virtual*)
Michelle Wu

Commissioners Absent: Howard Pomerantz, Secretary

Also Present: Atanaska Georgieva, Superior Court
Honorable Andrea Flint
Honorable Jose Franco
Veronica Robles, BHSD
Grace Gonzalez, BHSD
Erin Morgan, BHSD
Violeta Garcia, BHSD
Trina Gauthier, Probation Department
Melissa Garcia, Probation Department
Ashanti Hayes, Probation Department
Elisa Carias, Probation Department
Ignacio Carriles, Probation Department
Jill Ugalde, Probation Department
Ngan Ho, Probation Department
Victoria Contreras-Wolfe, Probation Department
Kimberly D’zatko, Probation Department
Lakshmi Musunuri, Probation Department
Lana Kreidie, IDO
Damon Silver, PDO
Jonathan Mosby, PDO
Stacey Capps, DAO
Dane Caldwell-Holden, SCCOE
Eugene Santillan, SCCOE
Mark Camilleri, SCCOE
Lanphuong, Le, Medical Services

Patty Ramirez, DFCS
Jackie Howe, DFCS
Delayna Rosas, FLY
Vianni Garcia, FLY
Ruth Maurice, CRS
Amanda Kennedy, LACY
Captain Jason Dwyer, SJPD
Matt Cammann, Seneca
Sergio Gonzalez, SJ YEA
Ashley Dargert, Office of County Supervisor Otto Lee
Deryk Clark
Tiffany Hayes

Call to Order & Introductions: Chair Betts called the meeting to order at 12:20pm.

Agenda Approval: The agenda was approved by all Commissioners present.

Swearing In: Honorable Jose Franco administered the oath of office to Michelle Wu and Neha Parthasarathi as Juvenile Justice Youth Commissioners in the County of Santa Clara.

Public Comments/Oral Petitions: None.

Approval of Minutes: August 6, 2024 Minutes approved by all Commissioners present.

REPORTS

PROBATION DEPARTMENT'S JUVENILE DATA DASHBOARD (Kimberly D'zatko, Lakshmi Musunuri)

- Probation gave a demonstration on how to access data and reports from the Probation website.
- From the home page, click on the "data & reports" tab.
- Click on the different hyperlinks to access specific data dashboards.
 - There will be instructions on how to navigate the data on each dashboard.
- Data is filtered by year.
 - Select the year for which data you would like to see.
- Dashboards are accessible to the public.

Chair's Report: Chair Betts reported on the following:

- Heather Angove and Rayan Sengupta have resigned from the JJC.
- Michelle Wu has joined the JJC as a Youth Commissioner.
- Wrapping up SYTF/LIFT inspection and beginning Law Enforcement Agency inspection.

Presiding Judge: Judge Franco reported on the following:

- Judges will begin working on Juvenile Hall and SYTF inspection report.
- Judicial assignments for Juvenile will be confirmed in November and will likely stay the same.
- Commissioner asked: What is your inspection comprised of?
 - Judge Franco: We start with the intake process, and we ask specific questions as we walk through the full tour. We look to see how the units operate and if anything has changed.

Judges will sometimes interview one or two youth to include their perspective. The Judge's report is not usually as detailed as the JJC report.

Dependency Court: No one present to report.

Alternate Defender's Office: No one present to report.

Independent Defender's Office: Lana Kreidie had nothing new to report.

Legal Advocates for Children & Youth (LACY): No one present to report.

Dependency Advocacy Center (DAC): No one present to report.

Conflict Resolution Services (formerly OMOS): Ruth Maurice had nothing new to report.

Alternative Schools Department: Eugene Santillan reported on the following:

- Met with commissioners for SYTF inspection.
- Osborne students will have access to new CTE program called Roots of Success.
 - Focused on exposing students to environmental issues or green careers.
 - Upon completion of the program, students will receive certificate as an Environmental Specialist from the State of California.
- Working with county partners to build programming for the Welcome Center.

Mark Camilleri reported on the following:

- Purchased two new machines for the construction trades program.
- Programs focus on career readiness by preparing students to operate machinery that is actually used on the job site.
- Relocated music room to the old library.

Department of Family and Children's Service (DFCS): No one present to report.

Probation Department:

Trina Gauthier reported on the following for Juvenile Hall:

- 4 SYTF youth were certified as Peer Health Educators.
 - These youth facilitated a 6 week curriculum to the peers in their units.
- Hired new Supervising Group Counselor.
- Organized a BBQ fundraiser to raise money for holiday celebrations and cultural events for the youth.
- Supervisors and Managers will be holding staff appreciation event this month.
- Preparing for inspection visit next month.

Elsa Jennings reported on the following for the Ranch:

- Had new Youth Center grand opening.
- SYTF boys took a field trip to Alcatraz Island and Big Basin State Park.
- Several youth in the SYTF program are employed.
- SYTF girls participated in a few community based field trips.

Victoria Contreras-Wolfe reported on the following for services:

- Arranged tours with Santa Clara County Communications dispatch facility.

- Education services unit prepared backpacks filled with supplies for the new school year.
 - There are still backpacks available for any youth in need.
- Several probation officers were recognized at a provider meeting.
- DIY unit has new supervisor.

Behavioral Health: Veronica Robles had nothing new to report.

Medical Services: Lanphuong Le reported on the following:

- Held an event at City Hall displaying art from the Opiate Awareness Project.
- Zero current Covid cases at Juvenile Hall and the Ranch.
- Chair Betts asked: Will you be giving out the new vaccination?
 - Lanphuong: Not yet, we haven't been given any guideline on that yet.

Law Enforcement Agencies: Captain Jason Dwyer reported on the following:

- Working on how LE reports out to the SJ YEA.
- Family Violence unit has been working with DFCS to streamline the afterhours notification process.

District Attorney's Office: Paul Jhin had nothing new to report.

Public Defender's Office: Jonathan Mosby had nothing new to report.

Announcements/Correspondence:

- Darius Parakh accepted a job with OYCR and will no longer be with the JJC.

Adjourn to Executive Session: Chair Betts adjourned to Executive Session at 1:21p.m. The next meeting will take place on October 1, 2024 via Zoom. Participants are also welcome to attend in person in the Independence Conference Room on the ground floor of 353 West Julian Street, San Jose.

Respectfully submitted,

Kara Garasky