COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA
JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION
Meeting Minutes – October 06, 2026
Via Zoom

Commissioners Present:
Marcie Bellicitti, Chair
Howard Pomerantz, Vice Chair
Heidi Schmittel, Secretary
Nora Manchester
Andrew Cain
Kevin Rudich
Diana Traub
Susan Bates
Cruzsilla Gutierrez

Commissioners Absent:
Deryk Clark
Lisa Macias

Also Present:
Jessica Gamez, Superior Court
Honorable Christopher Van Meir, Superior Court
Honorable Sunil Kulkarni, Superior Court
Etelvina Alvarez, Probation Department
Ashanti Hayes, Probation Department
Trina Gauthier, Probation Department
Ignacio Carriles, Probation Department
Melissa Garcia, Probation Department
Frank Nesci, Probation Department
Daniel Cortez, Probation Department
Morena Cruz, Probation Department
Victoria Contreras-Wolfe, Probation Department
Kristen Keller, Probation Department
Mark Camilleri, SCCOE
Dr. Patrick Hefflin, SCCOE
Ana Reyes, SCCOE
Alex Adams, DAO
Cesilia Fernandez, PDO
Damon Silver, PDO
Lana Kreidle, IDO
Mayra Vargas, BHSD
Arianna Vasquez, LACY
Eva Gonzalez, FLY
Chelsea Ramirez, FLY
Vianni Garcia, FLY
Jamie Marcil, City of San Jose
Lanphuong Le, Medical Services
Tyler Linwill, SJ Youth Empowerment Alliance
Robb Rodriguez, Gavilan College
Garret Quindimil, Sunol Community School
Catherine Erickson
Victoria BurtonBurke

Call to Order & Introductions: Chair Bellicitti called the meeting to order at 12:15pm.

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

Swearing In: None.

Public Comments/Oral Petitions: None.

Approval of Minutes: September 1, 2026 Minutes approved by all Commissioners present.

REPORTS

PRESENTATION: No presentation this month.

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

- Deryk Clark has been reappointed and will be serving a second term
- Committee will be inspecting Juvenile Hall soon
- Hoping to arrange interviews to fill vacancies
- Website updates taking place

Presiding Judge: Judge Kulkarni had nothing new to report.

Dependency Court: Judge Van Meir had nothing new to report.

Legal Advocates for Children & Youth (LACY): Arianna Vasquez had nothing new to report.

Behavioral Health: Mayra Vargas reported on the following:

- Dept. of health care services audit completed

Medical Services: Lanphoung Le reported on the following:

- Beginning 09/30 flu vaccine has become available for youth and staff

Law Enforcement Agencies: No one present to report.

District Attorney's Office: Alex Adams had nothing new to report.

- Governor Newsom signed two bills that will impact juvenile justice beginning Jan. 2027
    - SB1009
    - AB1886

Public Defender's Office: Cesilia Fernandez had nothing new to report.

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

Independent Defenders Office: Lana Kreidle reported on the following:

- SYTF, young adults with adult warrants protocol formally launched Sept. 17

Dependency Advocacy Center: No one present to report.

Alternative Schools Department: Mark Camilleri reported on the following:

- Pumpkin decorating happening at the Ranch
- Trunk or Treat will be taking place
- Bee program has produced lots of honey
- Dual enrollment has begun for students

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

Probation Department:

Daniel Cortez reported on the following for Juvenile Hall:

- Current population: 58 (54 males, 4 females), 23 SYTF
- Halloween decorating contest is upcoming

Ashanti Hayes reported on the following for the Ranch:

- Just finished filming of peer health program
- Targeted inspection completed and success

Ignacio Carriles reported on the following for Services:

- Service awards are taking place tomorrow

Announcements/Correspondence:

- None.

Adjourn to Executive Session: Chair Bellicitti adjourned to Executive Session at 12:31p.m. The next meeting will take place on November 3, 2026 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,

Jessica Gamez