



**Juvenile Justice and
Delinquency Prevention
Commissions**

**Annual Meeting
January 30, 2024, 5:15 p.m.
FINAL MINUTES**

I. Preliminary Business

- a. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Monroe Labouisse at 5:15 p.m.
- b. Sukhmani Purewal, Clerk and Kelly L., Spanish Interpreter, gave Instructions for Spanish translation services.
- c. Commissioners Present: Chair Johanna Rasmussen, Vice Chair Administration Karin Huber-Levy, Vice Chair Membership Ruchi Mangtani, Zaqhara Agarwal, Paul Bocanegra (online)^[1], Whitney Genevro, Steve Grieb, Monroe Labouisse, Wesley Liu, Ameya Nori. Commissioners attending on Zoom: Sathvik Nori, Susan Swope, and Tiffany Uhila-Hautau.
- d. Commissioners Absent: Ruth Singh
- e. Staff Present: Sukhmani S. Purewal, Assistant Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.
- f. M: Swope, S: Liu to approve the minutes as distributed. Approved unanimously.
- g. Commissioner Ruchi Mangtani nominated Eugene Jackson and Jennifer Blanco for appointment to the Commission. Both were approved unanimously.

II. Oral Communications

- Nancy Goodban informed the Commission that the Board of Supervisors agreed to establish a seven-member Sheriff's Oversight Commission. Applications are now open.
- Paul Bocanegra spoke via Zoom that he is unable to attend the meeting as he is in East Palo Alto for District 4 Supervisors Election Debate.

^[1] Online Zoom attendees do not count towards a quorum and cannot vote.



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III. Updates from System Partners

- a. Private Defender—Ron Reyes reported 42 new cases assigned, of which 9 were alleged 707(b) offenses. They had seven sealing requests and 52 calls on the Miranda hot line. They collaborated with SMCoe and Stanford Legal Clinic to review and address youths' school records and needs. All court-appointed attorneys must have training. Twelve hours were made available for each attorney, and all attorneys were trained. An investigator is assigned to each new case within 72 hours.
- b. District Attorney—Nadia Hahn reported that they are working with the CSEC (Commercially Sexually Exploited Children) Committee.
- c. Probation—Sanam Aram reported 34 youth are in custody at YSC, 30 males and 4 females. Nineteen are on electronic monitoring, 176 on probation, and 170 in Probation's diversion program. On satisfactory diversion completion, no petition is filed and youth do not proceed to court. **ACTION:** Commissioners requested that Probation provide details on the diversion program (besides number on probation, how long is the program, what is offered, and what are the outcomes).
- d. Behavioral Health & Recovery Services —no report
- e. San Mateo County Office of Education: The County Board will discuss JJDPC inspections at their February 21, 2024 meeting.

IV. Annual Inspection Reports—JJDPC and BSCC

- a. JJDPC--Commissioners Rasmussen and Bocanegra met with juvenile hall staff to discuss the inspection report resulting in minor edits to the report. The Commission will now meet quarterly with the Probation Department regarding inspections.



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- b. BSCC Inspection Report--s. 1360 Searches – 5 authorization forms for strip searching were reviewed and technical assistance provided to update the language on the form. A new search authorization form has been implemented. **ACTION:** The BSCC strip search data (5 searches), conflicted with the information the commission was provided during this inspection period (0 searches). Follow up with Probation to obtain the details of the 5 searches, confirmation of number of searches actually conducted during the 2023 inspection year, and a copy of the newly implemented search authorization form.
 - c. Regarding institutions operated for dependent children of court, WIC refers to Group Homes, which are now STRTPs. The question arose as to how other CA JJsCs interpret the scope of their inspection mandate. **ACTION:** Follow up with other Juvenile Justice Commissions and county counsel to understand the parameters of their inspections of STRTPs.
- V. M: Labouisse, S: Huber-Levy to approve the Annual Report (with changes to wording but not content), suggested by Commissioners Swope and Rasmussen, as well as to provide a Spanish translation. Approved unanimously
- VI. Operating Policies—M: Huber-Levy, S: Labouisse to approve the Operating Policies. Approved unanimously.
- VII. Annual Projects--2024 Project Proposals
- a. San Mateo County: Substance Abuse Treatment for Youth (Rasmussen)
 - b. County-wide Delinquency Prevention Summit
 - c. San Mateo County: Teenage Sex Trafficking (Bocanegra)



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VIII. Priorities, Projects, and Ad Hoc Committees

a. 2023 Continuing Projects

- Juvenile Hall Food Services
- Transition Project– From Hall to Home School
- Gun Violence Project

Commissioners will vote on 2024 annual projects at the February meeting

IX. Legislative Update (Liu)

- AB1497 – Legal Justice for Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking Victims. Allows victims to share their stories in court. Bill is in the Senate Appropriations Committee
- AB912 – The SAFE Act was a bipartisan bill providing State funding for diversion programs throughout the State. It passed both Assembly and Senate, but Newsom refused to sign it.
- AB8505 – Fulfilling California’s Promise to Vulnerable Youth: Signed into law by Governor Newsom. AB 505 clarifies existing law and strengthens accountability, ensures county plans are consistent with health-based approaches, enables the Ombudsperson to respond quickly to youth who may be facing abuse, and consolidates regulatory authority and technical assistance under the state’s youth justice expert, the OYCR.

X. Chair Rasmussen adjourned the meeting at 7:13 p.m.