

## **Kern County Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council SB 823 Subcommittee Public Meeting Protocol and Instructions for providing Public Comment during Meetings due to Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic**

On March 18, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 (<https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/3.17.20-N-29-20-EO.pdf>), which includes a waiver of Brown Act provisions requiring physical presence of the Subcommittee members or the public to attend and participate at Subcommittee meetings in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The County of Kern hereby provides notice that as a result of the declared federal, state, and local emergencies due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and in light of the Governor's order, **this SB 823 Subcommittee meeting will not be physically open to the public**. You may observe the meeting and address the Subcommittee via email or telephonically as outlined below. Consistent with the Executive Order, Subcommittee members will attend the meeting telephonically and participate in the meeting to the same extent as if they were physically present.

Based on guidance from the California Governor's Office and Department of Public Health, as well as the County Health Officer, in order to minimize the potential spread of the COVID-19 virus, the meeting will be held via teleconferencing. The meeting agenda and documents for each agenda item can be accessed at <https://www.kernprobation.com/juvenile-justice-coordinating-council/sb-823-subcommittee/>

Members of the public can listen to the meeting and provide public comment by following the instructions below:

1. The preferred option for commenting on a specific agenda item or for providing general public comment under Public Presentations is to submit your comment via email to [velar@kernprobation.org](mailto:velar@kernprobation.org) no later than 3:00 p.m. on the Tuesday prior to the Subcommittee meeting. Please include your name and clearly indicate the agenda item number you wish to address.
2. Alternatively, you may comment by calling (661) 868-4205 to leave a voicemail of no more than two minutes in length, no later than 3:00 p.m. on the Tuesday prior to the Subcommittee meeting. Please state and spell your name at the beginning of your message and clearly indicate the agenda item number you wish to address.
3. To listen to the meeting and provide comments via teleconference during the live meeting, callers must first **register with the Kern County Probation Department at 661-868-4102 before the meeting begins** to receive instructions and the call-in number and code. Please call by 4:00 p.m. on the Tuesday prior to the Subcommittee meeting to allow ample time for sign up. You will need to provide your name, phone number and the item number you wish to address.
4. Written comments may also be mailed to **Kern County Probation Department, 2005 Ridge Road, Bakersfield, CA 93305**. Please specify to which agenda item your comment relates.

**All public comments received by email, written letters or voicemail are provided to all Subcommittee members and applicable staff, for review and consideration by the Subcommittee prior to taking action on any matters listed on the agenda and are incorporated into the official record of the Subcommittee meeting.**



## AGENDA

### KERN COUNTY SB 823 SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

#### Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Kern County Probation Department  
2005 Ridge Road  
Bakersfield, California 93305

Wednesday, February 24, 2021  
3:30 p.m.

All agenda item supporting documentation is available for public review by contacting the office of the Kern County Probation Department, 2005 Ridge Road, Bakersfield, California 93305 during regular business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding County recognized holidays, following the posting of the agenda. The agenda is posted on-line at [www.kernprobation.com](http://www.kernprobation.com).

#### AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (Government Code §54953.2)

Disabled individuals who need special assistance to attend or participate in a meeting of the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council may request assistance at the Kern County Probation Department, 2005 Ridge Road, Bakersfield, California, or by calling (661) 868-4100. Every effort will be made to reasonably accommodate individuals with disabilities by making meeting material available in alternative formats. Requests for assistance should be made five (5) working days in advance of a meeting whenever possible.

NOTE: As a result of the declared federal, state, and local emergencies due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and in light of the Governor's order, this SB 823 Subcommittee of the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council meeting is not physically open to the public. Instructions for public participation were posted at <https://www.kernprobation.com/juvenile-justice-coordinating-council/sb-823-subcommittee/>. Testimony and public comment were accepted via email or voice message to the Probation Department prior to this meeting and live comments via teleconference may be heard during the meeting.

- 1) Call to Order  
Subcommittee Members: TR Merickel, William Schlaerth, Peter Kang, Maria Bermudez, Jennie Sill, Carlos Rojas, Judge Wendy Avila, Tom Corson, Wesley Davis, Lois Hannible
- 2) Roll call
- 3) Introductions  
MAKE INTRODUCTIONS
- 4) Public Comment  
This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons to address the Subcommittee on any matter not on this agenda but under the jurisdiction of the Subcommittee. Subcommittee members may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed. They may ask a question for clarification, make a referral to staff for factual information or request staff to report back to the Subcommittee at a later meeting. **SPEAKERS ARE LIMITED TO TWO MINUTES. PLEASE STATE AND SPELL YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD BEFORE MAKING YOUR PRESENTATION. THANK YOU.**
- 5) Chairperson's Report (Chief Merickel)  
General update (Fiscal Impact: None) -  
MAKE PRESENTATION; NO ACTION REQUIRED

- 6) Background and Purpose of SB 823 and Subcommittee  
MAKE PRESENTATION; NO ACTION REQUIRED
- 7) Review and Discussion of Draft SB 823 Plan  
MAKE PRESENTATION; NO ACTION REQUIRED
- 8) Committee Member Announcements or Reports  
Council members may make an announcement or a report on their own activities. They may ask a question for clarification, make a referral to staff or take action to have staff place a matter of business on a future agenda.  
MAKE ANNOUNCEMENTS OR REPORTS
- 9) Next Subcommittee Meeting  
TO BE DETERMINED
- 10) Adjourn