



MINUTES

KERN COUNTY SB 823 SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

Kern County Probation Department
2005 Ridge Road
Bakersfield, California 93305

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Wednesday, October 20, 2021
3:30 p.m.

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SB 823 Subcommittee meeting called to order by Chief TR Merickel at 3:33 p.m.

Subcommittee Members: TR Merickel, William Schlaerth, Peter Kang, Maria Bermudez, Jennie Sill, Carlos Rojas, Judge Wendy Avila, Tom Corson, Wesley Davis, Lois Hannible, Ucedrah Osby

ROLL CALL: 6 Members Present; 5 Absent (Schlaerth, Kang, Avila, Corson, Davis)

NOTE: Chairman Merickel stated 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) Minutes from the Meeting of March 10, 2021

MOTIONED TO APPROVE

Public Comment: NO ONE HEARD

APPROVED; Bermudez-Sill: 6 Ayes; 5 Absent (Schlaerth, Kang, Avila, Corson, Davis)

MOTION PASSED

2) Public Comment

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons to address the Council on any matter not on this agenda but under the jurisdiction of the Council. Council 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 Council 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.

NO ONE HEARD

- 3) Chairperson's Report (Chief Merickel)
General update (Fiscal Impact: None)

NO ITEMS TO REPORT

- 4) SB 823 Implementation Update (William Dickinson)
Discuss County of Kern SB 823 implementation (Fiscal Impact: None) -

SB 823 IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE PRESENTATION MADE BY DEPUTY CHIEF WILLIAM DICKINSON. MR. DICKINSON ALSO STATED AN INVITE IS OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS INTERESTED IN A TOUR OF THE KERN CROSSROADS FACILITY WHERE SB 823 YOUTH ARE HOUSED.

MARIA BERMUDEZ HEARD ASKING WHAT APEX STANDS FOR AND HOW MANY YOUTH ARE IN THE PROGRAM. DICKINSON RESPONDED ACHIEVEMENT, PERSEVERANCE AND EXCELLENCE. THERE ARE CURRENTLY TWO YOUTH COMMITTED TO THE PROGRAM.

JENNIE SILL HEARD COMMENDING THE PARTNERSHIP WITH BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE.

UCEDRAH OSBY HEARD COMMENDING THE PARTNERSHIP WITH BAKERSFIELD COLLEGE AND ASKING ABOUT THE BENEFIT OF COMMINGLING SB 823 YOUTH WITH NON SB 823 YOUTH.

- 5) Subcommittee Member Announcements or Reports

NO ONE HEARD

- 6) Next Subcommittee Meeting

CHIEF MERICKEL REPORTED LEGISLATION CALLS FOR THE SUBCOMMITTEE TO MEET ONCE EVERY THREE YEARS. THIS SUBCOMMITTEE WILL MEET AT LEAST TWICE EVERY YEAR. THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 16, 2022, AT 3:30 PM TO DISCUSS THE YEAR 2 PLAN.

CHIEF MERICKEL THANKED ALL SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THEIR PARTNERSHIP AND RESTATED THE INVITE IS OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS INTERESTED IN A TOUR OF THE KERN CROSSROADS FACILITY WHERE SB 823 YOUTH ARE HOUSED.

- 7) Adjourn as Subcommittee at 3:54 p.m.