



MINUTES

KERN COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL

Kern County Probation Department
2005 Ridge Road
Bakersfield, CA 93305

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Wednesday, November 10, 2021
8:30 a.m.

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JJCC meeting called to order by Chief TR Merickel at 8:31 a.m.

Council Members: TR Merickel, Cynthia Zimmer, Robin Walters, Donny Youngblood, Leticia Perez, Dena Murphy, Jennie Sill, Linda Hoyle, Greg Terry, Dr. Mary Barlow, Henry Castaneda, Jamie Henderson, Anthony Meeks, Tamarah Harber-Pickens, Tom Corson

Chief Merickel announced Teryl Wakeman will be appointed to the Council in place of Robin Walters.

ROLL CALL: 13 Present (Teryl Wakeman for Robin Walters, Cindy Uetz for Dena Murphy); 2 Absent (Perez, Harber-Pickens)

NOTE: Chief 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 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/>. Testimony and public comment were accepted via email or voice message to the Probation Department prior to this meeting and live comments via teleconference were heard during the meeting.

1) Minutes from the Meeting of April 14, 2021

MOTIONED TO APPROVE

Public Comment: NO ONE HEARD

APPROVED; Sill-Hoyle: 13 Ayes; 2 Absent (Perez, Harber-Pickens)

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 and/or information relating to Juvenile Probation (Fiscal Impact: None)

NO ITEMS TO REPORT ON

4) Juvenile Services Division Report (Elaine Moore, Probation Division Director)

General update on Juvenile Services (Fiscal Impact: None)

PRESENTATION MADE BY ELAINE MOORE, PROBATION DIVISION DIRECTOR.

GREG TERRY HEARD REGARDING OFFENSE TRENDS IN JUVENILE INVESTIGATIONS.

5) Juvenile Programs Division Report (Laura Rivas, Probation Division Director)

General update on Juvenile Programs (Fiscal Impact: None)

PRESENTATION MADE BY LAURA RIVAS, PROBATION DIVISION DIRECTOR.

CINDY UETZ HEARD REGARDING AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF YOUTH AND BEHAVIOR ISSUES.

6) SB 823 Implementation Update (William Dickinson, Deputy Chief Probation Officer)

General update on SB 823 implementation (Fiscal Impact: None)

PRESENTATION MADE BY WILLIAM DICKINSON, DEPUTY CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER.

GREG TERRY HEARD REGARDING A CONTINUING TREND OF HIGH LEVELS OF VIOLENCE ACROSS THE COMMUNITY.

7) Council Member Announcements or Reports

NO ONE HEARD

8) Next JJCC Meeting

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD IN APRIL 2022, WITH THE DATE TO BE DETERMINED.

9) Adjourn as JJCC at 8:51 a.m.