



Sacramento County

Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Commission

ACTION SUMMARY

Date and Time: Tuesday, January 20, 2026 – 9:30:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Location: Juvenile Court House – 9605 Kiefer Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95827 – Room 391

Meeting Coordinator: Zyanya Perez, (916) 875-0320, probboardsupport@saccounty.gov

Meeting Material: The on-line version of the agenda and associated material is available at [Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Commission](#) or by contacting the meeting coordinator.

DPC Members:

Rejie Marie Baloyos – **Present**

Nadia Buron, 1st Chair – **Not Present**

Jane Claar, 2nd Chair – **Present**

Abel Diaz – **Present**

Dennis Dulay, Chair – **Present**

Heyman Matlock – **Present**

Rachel Stern – **Not Present**

Doug Ugarkovich – **Present**

Darryl Woo – **Present**

Advisory Members

John Grimes, District Attorney's Office

Kristina Lindquist, Presiding Juvenile Judge

Synthy Lathipanya, Chief Deputy of Juvenile Court Services

Kristalynn McDonald, Chief Deputy of the Youth Detention Facility

Reuben Moreno, Public Defender's Office

Jamal Rowe, Chief Probation Officer

Patrick Michael, Assistant Chief Deputy of Juvenile Services

Julie Wherry, Assistant Chief Probation Officer

Jacqueline White, Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE)

Tiffanie Synnott, Conflict Criminal Defenders

Darius Parakh, Amy Ghiorso, Marcia Rincon Gallardo, Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR)

PARTICIPATE IN MEETING

Members of the public are encouraged to participate. The meeting will be held in person. The public may make verbal comments during the meeting by raising your hand at the designated time

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AGENDA ITEMS SUMMARY

Meeting called to order: 9:30 AM

Agenda Item 1: Welcome, Introductions and Chair Updates

Estimated Duration: 9:30 AM – 9:35 AM

Presenter: Dennis Dulay, Chair

Chair welcomed the committee and the advisory members. Chair shared that the Placer County District Attorney's office sent a playbook to parents regarding human trafficking.

Agenda Item 2: Review and Approval of October 21, 2025 Minutes

Estimated Duration: 9:35 AM – 9:40 AM

Presenter: Dennis Dulay, Chair

Committee Action: Jane Claar and Darryl Woo– Approved as Recommended

AYES: Abel Diaz, Heyman Matlock, Doug Ugarkovich, and Dennis Dulay

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Rejie Marie Baloyos

RECUSAL: None

(PER POLITICAL REFORM ACT (§ 18702.5.))

Agenda Item 3: Action Item: Update/Approve Bylaw Revisions

Estimated Duration: 9:40 AM- 9:50 AM

Presenters: DPC Bylaw Workgroup

This Agenda Item was moved to the next meeting in April.

Agenda Item 4: Delinquency Prevention Program Planning

Estimated Duration: 9:50 AM – 10:10 AM

Presenters: DPC Commission

Chair briefly went over the purpose of the Delinquency Prevention Commission. He had an open discussion with the commission and advisory members to help identify any efforts or programs in the community that dealt with delinquency prevention. It was mentioned that the Neighborhood Alternative Center would be pivoting in a different direction and once the details were finalized, Probation could provide an update at a later DPC meeting. Advisory Member Tiffanie Synnott, named a few organizations that work with county agencies and help with delinquency prevention: Foster Hope, Black Child Legacy, EGI and other groups in the community. Additionally, Probation has programs such as less restrictive step-down that assist in re-introducing the youth to the community.

Agenda Item 5: Juvenile Court Update

Estimated Duration: 10:10 AM – 10:15 AM

Presenter: Presiding Juvenile Judge Kristina Lindquist

Judge Lindquist informed the commission that all juvenile divisions are now located in one building. She relayed that Pine Grove Fire Camp will be providing a presentation to the courts on February 17th. If the DPC would like to attend, they could reach out to courts Judicial Services Assistant, Lina, to reserve their attendance. Judge Lindquist went over annual court data: petitions increased in juvenile justice and dependency, 18,724 hearings were held, courts started utilizing a new electronic case management system, a new Director of Operations, and Director of Juvenile Operations were hired, 72 graduations from dependency court and 155 adoptions.

She also went over programs and organizations that have partnered with Juvenile courts such as: OYCR, Life for Dogs and BRAVE Court. BRAVE Court is Trauma response and CSEC court. BRAVE stands for Brave, Resilient, Achieving, Validating, Embolden.

Chair mentioned that it would be beneficial to DPC to learn more about CPS. He would reach out to the CPS director and give specific information on what DPC would be interested in learning more about.

Agenda Item 6: Probation Youth Detention Facility Update

Estimated Duration: 10:15 AM – 10:20 AM

Presenter: CD McDonald, Probation Department

Chief Deputy McDonald went over the YDF Population report; there are 118 youth, 110 are males and 8 females, 32 are in VOYA, 47 of the youth are age 18 or over. There is currently 1 youth in Pine Grove Fire Camp. They will be presenting to all VOYA youth to increase interest in the program.

YDF has implemented a Restorative Justice Program that work with VOYA youth and professor's from Sacramento State University. The program has been successful, and they will be doing a presentation with court and counsel next month.

A pilot program of VOYA Youth attending American River College has started. The youth will leave the detention in the morning and return in the evening.

Agenda Item 7: Probation Juvenile Courts Update

Estimated Duration: 10:20 AM – 10:25 AM

Presenter: CD Lathipanya, Probation Department

Chief Deputy Lathipanya reflected the work that Probation is doing with Ending Girls Incarceration. Probation is looking to partner with Sierra Health, OYCR and establish a Memorandum of Understanding with Foster Hope. An update was provided that Juvenile Court and Juvenile Field are now located together in the same building.

Agenda Item 8: Probation Juvenile Services Update

Estimated Duration: 10:25 AM – 10:30 AM

Presenter: ACD Michael, Probation Department

Assistant Chief Deputy Michael provided an update on management shifts. In response to AB 1376, which limits juvenile probation to one year, the department has been identifying youth who have been on probation for more than one year and ending their probation, provided all terms and conditions have been successfully completed.

Chair requested to have a one-on-one meeting with the Chief Deputy of Juvenile Services in relation to after-care issues, re-entry, and any gaps that may exist once these youth end with probation.

Commission Member Matlock requested that the commission research and review AB 1376 and discuss it at the next DPC meeting.

Agenda Item 9: Juvenile Public Defender Update

Estimated Duration: 10:30 AM – 10:35 AM

Presenter: Reuben Moreno, Public Defender's Office

Reuben Moreno from Public Defender's Office was not in attendance

Agenda item 10: Conflict Criminal Defenders (CCD) Update

Estimated Duration: 10:35 AM – 10:40 AM

Presenter: Tiffanie Synnott, Conflict Criminal Defenders

Tiffanie Synnott explained the challenge of having several cases and not enough representation for the youth. She mentioned that they see more legal conflicts, co-defending cases and receive about half of the cases from the court. She reflected that she recently recruited a new lawyer that will be joining the CCD team. The

\$80,000 grant received under the Office of State Public Defender will allow to partner with community-based organizations (CBO) in addition to discussing services that Public Defender and Probation provide so that services are not duplicated. One of the main purposes of the grant is to identify ways to better support youth and their families, and to understand what services community-based organizations (CBOs) provide. There may be a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a contracted partner unless county counsel allows to expand the current contract with Foster Hope. Tiffanie will provide an update at a future DPC meeting.

Agenda Item 11: District Attorney's Office Update

Estimated Duration: 10:40 AM – 10:45 AM

Presenter: John Grimes, District Attorney's Office

John Grimes from District Attorney's Office was not in attendance

Agenda Item 12: Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) Update

Estimated Duration: 10:45 AM – 10:50 AM

Presenter: Jacqueline White, SCOE

Marc Nigel from SCOE shared that they are overseeing the Youth Employment Initiative Grant. SCOE is identifying youth in the detention facility that could participate in the grant and once identified, a referral is made to Department of Rehabilitation (DOR). DOR will review the referral and forward it on to PRIDE industries, who will work with the youth within the facility. PRIDE will focus on five areas: 1) self-advocacy 2) Job exploration 3) Post secondary counseling 4) Workplace readiness training and 5) Work Experience. The goal of the grant is getting the youth to gain work experience and the necessary tools to excel when they re-enter the community. So far, 10 youth have been identified for the grant. Some of the programs and organizations that they are working with to assist the youth in achieving their education and work goals were discussed. Culinary, Virtual reality and Forklift training were among some of the programs. Updates will be provided at future DPC Meetings.

Agenda Item 13: Future Agenda Topics

Estimated Duration: 10:50 AM – 10:55 AM

Presenter: Dennis Dulay, Chair

Update and Approve Bylaw Revisions
Review and Discuss AB1376

Agenda Item 14: Public Comment

Estimated Duration: 10:55 AM – 11:00 AM

Presenter: Dennis Dulay, Chair

No Public comment

Adjournment: 10:30 AM