



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission
222 Paul Scannell Drive • San Mateo, CA 94402

Minutes of the Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Commission

December 13, 2022 | 5:30-7:15 pm

Remote Meeting

MINUTES

Commissioners Present: Monroe Labouisse, Chair; Karin Huber-Levy, Vice Chair Administration & Membership; Paul Bocanegra; Allen Bustos; Rebecca Flores; Wesley Liu; Ameya Nori; Sathvik Nori; Johanna Rasmussen; Susan Swope; Melissa Wilson.

Commissioners Absent: Appollonia “Dee” Uhila.

Additional Attendees:

Jehan Clark – Probation

Chris Woo – Skyline College, Project Change

Ashley Dwarshuis – The Art of Yoga Project

Kate Hiester – FLY

Michelle Irachata – Redwood City Pulse

Nancy Goodban – Fixin’ San Mateo County

Jim Lawrence – Fixin’ San Mateo County

Angel Garcia, Regional Specialist, OYCR

Nadia Hahn – District Attorney’s Office

Aurora Pena – Behavioral Health & Recovery
Services

Chelsea Bonini – Liaison- SMC Commission on
Disabilities; Trustee, SMC Board of Education

Zahara Agarwal – SMC Youth Commission Liaison

Community Members: Rebecca Kieler, Annie Tate; Clara Jaeckel, Pat Willard, Carina Merrick; Steve Heryford, Beth von Emster, David Vallerga, Diana Otterby, Ron Susek, Ever Rodriguez, Debra Leschyn, Ali Picos.

I. Administrative Business

- a. **Call to Order:** Chair Labouisse called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
- b. **Roll Call and Establish Quorum:** A quorum was established at 5:31 p.m.
- c. **Action to Adopt Resolution:** Meeting Location Change - Brown Act Compliance (AB361). It was noted by the Chair that the Commission must return to in person meetings by March 2023, in accordance with state law. The Commission intends to meet in person in January 2023.

MOTION: Swope /SECOND: Lui
AYES (VOICE VOTE): All present
NOES: none ABSTAIN: none
MOTION PASSED.

- d. **Action to Set Agenda for December 13, 2022**, with amendment to permit the Education Review and Evaluation Report to be presented first as Item III.a. and the YSC Inspection Report to be presented as Item III.b.:

MOTION: Nori/SECOND: Wilson
AYES (ROLL CALL VOTE): All present
NOES: none ABSTAIN: none
MOTION PASSED.

- e. **Action for Approval of November 29, 2022 Minutes:** Chair Labouisse invited a motion to adopt the November 29, 2022 minutes as circulated prior to this meeting.

MOTION: Swope /SECOND: Wilson
AYES (VOICE VOTE): All present
NOES: none ABSTAIN: none
MOTION PASSED.



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II. Oral Communications (Public Comment): Angel Garcia, Regional Specialist with the Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) thanked the Commission for the invitation to join this meeting and noted she had visited the YSC earlier this month and was looking forward to the discussion of recommendations in the inspection report.

Pat Willard, community member, commented that he was in support of the recommendation in the YSC Inspection report that persons at the YSC always have access to appropriate toiletries and access to showers.

III. Inspection Reports & Presentations:

a. Juvenile Facility Education Program Review & Evaluation – Hillcrest School, Camp Kemp (Rasmussen, S. Nori): The report on the annual education program review and evaluation of Hillcrest School and Camp Kemp was presented to the meeting; a copy of the review and evaluation report was circulated prior to this meeting in the agenda packet and the presentation slides summarizing JJDPC comments and recommendations are attached to these minutes. Commissioner Rasmussen noted that they have requested data on student performance (MAPs), and this will be provided as an addendum to the report when it is received.

Commissioner Swope requested that the report reflect that these Court and Community Schools have received WASC accreditation at the highest level, and course credits from the schools are recognized by 4 year colleges. Commissioner Huber-Levy noted that the Youth Bill of Rights (AB 2417, which was signed into law this fall), requires that youth in detention have access to post-secondary education and training.

Oral Communications (Public Comment): Becca Kieler, community member from Redwood City, urged the adoption of the recommendations in the education review report as soon as possible.

Nancy Goodban, community member from Redwood City and representing Fixin' San Mateo County, commented that it is so important that youth in detention have opportunities for high quality education to prepare them to live successful lives upon their return to their home schools and community.

Ms Garcia noted that OCYR are mentioned in the Youth Bill of Rights, and although OCYR are not an oversight body they can highlight best and promising practices for education and training (Bill does not specify which courses must be implemented or how). Also, there is new funding available through the Rising Scholars Network (overseen by Chancellor's office), so should inquire as to whether local community colleges intend to apply for funding (\$15M of the \$25M fund is designated for justice involved youth; RFP for funding will be out in January 2023). This funding is meant to incentivize collaboration to overcome obstacles to providing more CTE and post-secondary education opportunities.

Chair Labouisse invited a motion to approve the Education Program Review & Evaluation report as written by the inspection team and amended to include the comments from Commissioners noted above:

MOTION: Swope
AYES (ROLL CALL): All present
NOES: none ABSTAIN: none
MOTION PASSED.



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b. Youth Services Center (Rasmussen, Bocanegra, S. Nori): The report on the annual inspection of the Youth Services Center was presented to the meeting; a copy of the inspection report was circulated in advance with the agenda packet and the presentation slides summarizing JJDCP comments and recommendations are attached to these minutes.

Commissioner Swope suggested an additional recommendation to conduct intake interviews in private. Commissioner Wilson requested that the JJDCP receive a report out on serious incidents at YSC, such as incidents relating to violence and suicide, as provided for in the MOU with Probation; Commissioner Rasmussen confirmed that this information is already being provided by Probation.

Chair Labouisse noted a comment from a Camp Kemp resident that the water from taps in cells at YSC is not good, and suggested a recommendation to provide access to water bottles or water cooler for YSC residents, and perhaps a follow up for building maintenance. Commissioner Rasmussen confirmed that water coolers have already been installed at YSC, but that a request for testing of water quality in taps will be recommended.

Extension of Meeting: Recognizing the time, Chair Labouisse moved to extend the meeting by 15 minutes to allow sufficient time to complete the business of this meeting:

MOTION: Labouisse /SECOND: Wilson
AYES (VOICE VOTE): All present
NOES: none ABSTAIN: none
MOTION PASSED.

Oral Communications (Public Comment): Kate Hiester, FLY, commented on the experiences of two young men, former residents of YSC from 1 year and 10 years ago, who shared that the time they spent in quarantine during the first days where they were unable to leave their cells or connect with others were the most difficult times for them and noted that we need to be mindful of the severe impact of isolation which should be minimized as much as possible. Also, a young woman who had spent time at YSC shared that there was not an appropriate range of feminine hygiene products available.

Clara Jaeckel, community member from Redwood City, commented that preventing recidivism is about strengthening the ties between youth and their community and helping them see a place for themselves within it, including strengthening their sense of dignity and self-worth and the understanding that they matter to the community so they don't feel disengaged and disenfranchised. She noted that some of the recommendations, such as culturally appropriate toiletries, food that is appetizing, and a dedicated mental health room with privacy for therapy sessions, should not be treated as luxuries or special privileges. In addition, youth should be connected with realistic opportunities to support themselves and thrive. These things are not special favors to grant, or take away, but are basic and necessary provisions to enable youth to be healthy members of the community.

Chair Labouisse invited a motion to approve the YSC annual inspection report, amended to reflect the further recommendations referred to above, but otherwise as written by the YSC inspection team and attached to the agenda packet:

MOTION: Wilson
AYES (ROLL CALL): All present
NOES: none ABSTAIN: none
MOTION PASSED.



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b. Summary of Report Recommendations for Reimagine Juvenile Hall Committee (Labouisse):

The Reimagine Juvenile Hall Committee has invited the JJRPC to submit ideas for improvements to the YSC for which the \$1.5M in funding allocated to SMC by the State may be used. Chair Labouisse moved that the Commission authorize himself and Commissioners Rasmussen and Bocanegra to prepare a summary of recommendations taken from all of the 2022 inspection reports, to submit to the Reimagine Juvenile Hall Committee.

MOTION: Labouisse/SECOND: Bocanegra

AYES (VOICE VOTE): All present

NOES: none ABSTAIN: none

MOTION PASSED.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 31, 2023