

**CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO
JUVENILE PROBATION COMMISSION**



FULL COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, July 17, 2025,

5:30 pm

**Meeting held hybrid with public
comment at:**

**City Hall, #1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place,
Hearing Room 408 San Francisco, CA 94102**

Recording link:

<https://sfpublic.webex.com/sfpublic/jdr.php?RCID=d3baeeec53520ca950129d008175c0ed>

Full Commission:

Margaret Brodtkin, President
Linda Martley-Jordan, Vice President
Johanna Lacoe
Allison Magee
Elijah Mercer
Toye Moses
Manuel Rodriguez

Meeting Minutes

Hybrid meeting. Comments would have to be from the public sitting in the audience or by using the meeting link listed above.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

1. Roll Call:

1. Margaret Brodtkin, President – Present
2. Linda Martley-Jordan, Vice-President – Absent
3. Johanna Lacoe – Present
4. Allison Magee – Present
5. Elijah Mercer – Present
6. Toye Moses – Present
7. Manuel Rodriguez – Present

2. Land Acknowledgement Reading

3. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda

- a. No public comment.

4. Welcome New Commissioner – Elijah Mercer

5. Update on Log Cabin Ranch RFP – see attached [presentation](#).

a. Key Highlights:

a. Background

- Log Cabin Ranch (LCR), a 600+ acre rural property, was decommissioned in 2018.
- In May 2024, the Commission approved a motion directing JPD and the City's Real Estate Division to explore sale or lease options.

b. Legal Compliance

- The State Surplus Land Act (SLA) requires the Board of Supervisors to declare public land as surplus before any disposition.
- The process must prioritize affordable housing, requiring:
 - A Notice of Availability to housing developers
 - 90-day negotiation window if interest is expressed

c. RFP vs. SOI

- Staff recommended issuing a Statement of Interest (SOI) over a formal RFP due to:
 - Limited infrastructure at LCR (e.g. water system offline)
 - Uncertainty about viable partner interest
 - Need for more flexible exploration of ideas

b. Comments & Questions from the Commissioners:

- Commissioner Magee** advocated for preserving the restorative, youth-centered intent from the 2024 motion
- Commissioner Rodriguez** questioned whether housing providers would realistically pursue development on such a remote site
- Commissioner Mercer** raised concerns about infrastructure feasibility, particularly water access
- President Brodtkin** emphasized that any path forward must center the original purpose of the property: to serve young people in transformative, healing ways. She cautioned against losing this focus in the pursuit of technical or real estate-driven processes.

c. Public Comment:

- Johanna Rasmussen** noted that San Mateo County, which owns adjacent land, is also exploring future use options through a Board of Supervisors subcommittee. She shared that several affordable housing developers have expressed interest in similar parcels and encouraged the Commission to remain open to developer engagement. However, she emphasized that transportation and access limitations should be carefully considered when evaluating potential uses for the site.

d. **Action Item:**

- a. Motion: Commissioner Magee moved the following:
 - Recommend to the Board of Supervisors that it issue a surplus declaration for the Log Cabin Ranch property; and
 - Request that the City's Real Estate Division move forward with a Statement of Interest (SOI) process to explore future use of the site.
- b. Commissioner Lacoë seconded.
- c. Votes: Yes – all commissioners

6. **Chief's Report - PowerPoint is [attached](#).**

a. **Key Highlights:**

- a. Monthly Data Snapshot (as of 7/15/25):
 - Juvenile Hall: 27 youth in custody
 - Decline in bookings and increased community-based resolutions
- b. Staffing & Recognition:
 - June Employee of the Month: Deyona Vanderhorst, Deputy Probation Officer
 - Upcoming: National Probation Week (July 20–26), theme: "Heroes Behind the Mission"
- c. Transformation Efforts:
 - Interagency Team: New Juvenile Justice MDT includes SPY, CARC, HSA, and SFUSD
 - Reentry Grants Awarded: To Sunset Youth Services and Sharp Circle for SYTF and high-needs youth
 - Probation Services Reorg: Aims to reduce caseload fragmentation and expand home-based supervision options
- d. Policy Reform:
 - CalAIM Readiness Assessment Submitted: Pre-release Medi-Cal services planned for April 2026
 - Partnerships expected with SFHP, Anthem, Kaiser, and CBOs
 - Emphasis on early planning, equity in provider selection, and racial justice accountability

b. **Comments & Questions from the Commissioners:**

- a. **Commissioner Lacoë** sought clarification on staffing, particularly whether the proposed Model Two included additional FTEs compared to Model One. She also asked about the timeline and number of youth stepping down from Secure Youth Treatment Facility.
- b. **Commissioner Magee** inquired about whether the supervisory structure for probation officers would change under the reorganization and raised concerns about maintaining continuity in care as youth transition between units.

- c. **Commissioner Mercer** asked how success would be defined for the reentry program and how outcomes would be measured from the department's perspective.
- d. **President Brodtkin** expressed confusion about the reorganization model, referencing a previous longitudinal approach that emphasized continuous care. She asked how the current model related to or differed from that previous structure. She also raised concerns about Sharp Circle, a new partner unknown to many on the Commission, and requested further clarification about their role and background.
- c. Public Comment:
 - a. **Dawn Stueckle**, Director of Sunset Youth Services, shared that the first reentry case under the new program had been a positive experience. Her team provided comprehensive wraparound support, from clothing and IDs to emotional support and planning for reintegration. She highlighted the program's emphasis on dignity, emotional connection, and milestone recovery for young people returning home. She also noted that Sharp Circle had played a meaningful role in this early implementation phase.
 - b. **Sianna**, a parent, gave an emotional testimony regarding her daughter's experience in the juvenile justice system. While acknowledging that her daughter needed to be detained, she criticized systemic practices that, in her view, contributed to criminalizing youth. She expressed concern over the removal of parents from critical decision-making, lack of educational accountability, and questionable incentives within certain community-based programs. Sianna called for a greater focus on family and education as the foundation of any successful intervention and urged the commission to acknowledge systemic failings and work urgently toward reform.

7. Consent Calendar:

- a. Submit a request to enter into a new agreement with Roca Inc. for technical assistance and staff coaching through the Roca Impact Institute, with a proposed 12-month term and a not-to-exceed amount of \$61,125.
- b. Submit a request to enter into a new agreement with Law Enforcement Psychological Services Inc. for pre-employment psychological evaluations, with a proposed 36-month term and a not-to-exceed amount of \$30,000.
 - a. No public comment.
 - b. Commissioner Rodriguez moves to approve the consent calendar.
 - c. Commissioner Laco seconds.
 - d. Votes: Yes: All commissioners
 - e. Motion passes

8. Program Committee Report

- a. Commissioners briefly revisited the resolution passed at the prior meeting to determine whether any additional formal action was needed from the Commission. It was noted that the final resolution language had been shared with the public speakers who presented during the meeting in which the resolution was adopted. President Brodtkin had indicated plans to follow up with key stakeholders regarding the resolution's

contents. After discussion, Commissioners agreed that no further formal steps were required from the Commission at this time.

- b. No public comment.

9. Future Agenda Item

- a. Commissioners briefly discussed upcoming meeting plans and calendar considerations:
- b. It was reconfirmed that the September meeting will be focused on the Juvenile Justice Center, with the Commission expected to present on relevant updates and information.
- c. A question was raised regarding whether the Commission is due to hold another community meeting before the end of the year, as part of its regular public engagement cycle.
- d. There was no final determination made during this discussion, but commissioners acknowledged the importance of maintaining regular community-facing meetings.
- e. No public comment.

10. Review and Approval of the Commission Meeting Minutes for June 11, 2025:

- a. Commissioner Lacoë moves to approve the minutes.
- b. Commissioner Moses seconds the motion.
- c. Votes: Yes: All present commissioners
- d. Minutes approved
- e. No public comments.

11. Adjournment:

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.