

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



**FULL COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, September 10, 2025,
5:30 pm**

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

**Booker T. Washington Community Center
800 Presidio Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94155**

Recording link:

<https://sfpublic.webex.com/sfpublic/ldr.php?RCID=7260a381a8cf96545edaf0b7cbdd0bec>

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 5:41 pm.

1. Roll Call:

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

2. Land Acknowledgement Reading

3. Public Comments on Items Not on the Agenda

- a. No public comment.

4. Commission Streamlining Update

- a. President Margaret Brodtkin opened the discussion with an overview of the ongoing Commission Streamlining process being considered by the City and County of San Francisco. She explained that this initiative originated from citywide governance discussions on reducing the number of advisory and oversight bodies, and that several commissions, including the Juvenile Probation Commission (JPC), were being reviewed for potential restructuring.

President Brodtkin emphasized that while administrative streamlining may be framed as a measure for efficiency, the Juvenile Probation Commission plays a distinct and irreplaceable role as a public oversight body grounded in youth justice reform, racial equity, and community accountability. She noted that any changes to the Commission's structure must preserve its mission to represent the voices and needs of young people, families, and impacted communities.

- b. Vice President Linda Martley-Jordan reflected on the significance of the Commission's role and the public support it has received throughout the City's commission streamlining process. She emphasized that maintaining a strong and independent Juvenile Probation Commission is vital to ensuring oversight, transparency, and accountability in youth justice.

Vice President Martley-Jordan noted that early conversations with the City's Government Reorganization Task Force suggested a willingness to allow the JPC to continue operating in its current form, though no final decisions have been made. She cautioned that future leadership changes at the Board of Supervisors or City Administrator's Office could influence the process and stressed the importance of continuing to demonstrate the Commission's value through data, transparency, and community impact. She concluded by reaffirming her commitment to the Commission's mission and expressing appreciation for the community's advocacy in support of its continuation.

- c. Commissioner Manuel Rodriguez expressed gratitude for the community's strong public support for the Juvenile Probation Commission during the ongoing City review process. He shared that he felt humbled by the testimony affirming the Commission's importance and urged fellow commissioners to remain focused on their core mission despite the surrounding uncertainty.

Commissioner Rodriguez emphasized the importance of continuing to listen to the community and to address the needs of youth, families, and public safety through collaborative action. He encouraged maintaining unity and purpose as the Commission navigates potential structural changes, reiterating that the ultimate priority must remain the well-being and rehabilitation of young people in San Francisco.

- d. No public comment.

5. Chief's Report - PowerPoints and written reports are [linked](#).

- a. Transformation update
- b. Data report
- c. No public comment.

6. Community Input on Youth in the Juvenile Probation System

- a. Jamil Patterson, representing the East Houston Group, reflected on his long-standing connection to President Margaret Brodtkin and his early advocacy work with Youth Making a Change, under the Coleman Advocates organization. He shared that his experiences as a youth advocate demonstrated the importance of youth leadership development and the value of intergenerational collaboration in community and civic engagement.

Mr. Patterson emphasized that effective youth programs must involve both parents and young people, observing that engaging families early is critical to supporting lasting change. He also spoke about the importance of teaching youth civic participation, describing politics as a practice of shared responsibility and community cooperation.

He concluded by encouraging continued efforts to help young people see themselves as future leaders, affirming that early investment in youth empowerment leads to stronger, more connected communities.

- b. Dawn Stueckle, Executive Director of Sunset Youth Services and Co-Chair of the Juvenile Justice Providers Association (JJPA), shared a positive reflection from a recent basketball game held inside the Juvenile Justice Center. She described the event as an inspiring example of community engagement, where two youth units competed in a friendly and well-regulated game attended by JPD staff, public defenders, and community members.

Ms. Stueckle commended the youth for demonstrating strong emotional regulation, teamwork, and sportsmanship, noting that they thanked the audience and one another after the game. She emphasized that experiences like this highlight the power of community connection and restorative programming within the facility.

She encouraged the Department to continue hosting similar events and recommended providing earlier notice so that more community members can attend and support youth in these positive, relationship-centered activities.

- c. An unidentified community member residing at John Burton Housing shared her perspective on the challenges and successes of intergenerational housing that serves both seniors and young adults transitioning from foster care. She noted that while most residents are thriving, a small number of youth struggle with independence and could benefit from greater oversight and case management support.

The speaker emphasized that consistent supervision, adequate resources, and sustained caseworker engagement are essential to prevent youth from falling through service gaps. She also encouraged the Department to improve community outreach and meeting notifications, suggesting that earlier and broader communication would increase public participation in discussions impacting youth and community well-being. The commenter concluded by affirming her support for the Department's work and urging continued focus on accountability, education, and community engagement to ensure all young people have the opportunity to succeed.

- d. Johanna Rasmussen, community advocate, shared her appreciation for the recent basketball game held at the Juvenile Justice Center, describing it as a fantastic and

uplifting event that fostered community spirit among youth, staff, and supporters. She encouraged commissioners to attend similar activities in the future to directly observe the positive impact of these youth engagement opportunities.

Due to technical difficulties with the virtual platform, Ms. Rasmussen was unable to complete her comments and indicated that she would submit them in writing for the record.

7. Consent Calendar – Submitted for a single vote without discussion unless a Commissioner so requests in which event the matter to be discussed shall be removed from the consent calendar and considered as a separate item:

- a. Submit a request to amend agreement with Dr. Norbert Ralph for competency remediation and sex offender services with the proposed revisions: 1) extend the current 36-month term by 12-months for a revised total term of 48-months.
- b. Submit a request to enter into a new agreement with Welcome Home Oasis for Less Restrictive Programs (LRP) and transitional support services, with a proposed 12-month term and a not-to-exceed amount of \$150,000.
- c. Submit a request to enter into a new agreement with RAMP LA for Less Restrictive Programs (LRP) and transitional support services, with a proposed 12-month term and a not-to-exceed amount of \$150,000.

1. Public Comment:

1. Emily Goldman: I am writing to state the Public Defender's Office is in support of developing contracts with Welcome Home Oasis and RAMP LA. We are in desperate need of step down options for our youth. No young person will be forced to attend a program that is not of their choice but each young person should have options. While some youth will elect to stay in the Bay Area, others would prefer a fresh start outside of the City. These two programs provide options for those who would like to relocate to Southern California. Thank you for your consideration.

2. Commissioner Lacoe moved to accept the motion.

3. Vice-President Martley-Jordan seconded the motion.

4. Votes: Yes – all present commissioners.

5. Motion passes.

8. Program Committee Report

- a. Commissioner Lacoe, Chair of the Program Committee, provided an update on recent committee discussions and activities. The Committee focused on strengthening data transparency and outcome evaluation within Department-funded community-based programs. Commissioners reviewed proposed additions to the Department's Monthly Data Report, including expanded data points on youth participation, demographic trends, and program outcomes.

b. Public Comment:

1. Dawn Stueckle, Executive Director of Sunset Youth Services, provided an update on the collaboration between community-based organizations

and Impact Justice to develop a shared outcomes framework for the Juvenile Services Coordinating Council (JSCC). She explained that the effort aims to create new ways to measure wellness, prevention, and relational outcomes that reflect the holistic success of youth engagement programs.

Ms. Stueckle noted that impact justice is pursuing external funding to support the initiative, which is expected to progress over approximately 18 months with both short- and long-term milestones. She emphasized the importance of incorporating qualitative, youth-centered indicators—such as well-being, connection, and belonging—that are often missed in current data systems, and expressed optimism that this partnership will lead to more meaningful and comprehensive measures of youth success.

9. Future Agenda Items:

- a. October: Juvenile Services Coordinating Council (JSCC) meeting topics:
- b. November: Probation Services, including a report-back on out-of-home placement trends and outcomes.
- c. January JSCC Meeting: Focus on operations and programming within the Juvenile Justice Center (JJC).
- d. No public comment.

10. Review and Approval of the Commission Meeting Minutes for July 17, 2025 –

- a. The approval of the August 6, 2025, meeting minutes was deferred. Commissioners requested that the minutes be revised to accurately reflect that Vice President Linda Martley-Jordan was absent from that meeting. The corrected version will be brought back for approval at a future session.

11. Adjournment:

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm.