



Tulare County

Multiagency Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (MJJCC)

Meeting Minutes – April 27, 2026

Location: MS TEAMS

Members:

Kelly Vernon, Chief Probation Officer, Probation Department (Chair)
Eddie Valero, County of Tulare Board Supervisor
Tim Hire, Superintendent, Tulare County Office of Education
Erin Brooks, Public Defender, Public Defender's Office
Jason Salazar, Chief, Visalia Police Department
Mary Escarsega-Fechner, Director, Community Services Employment Training (CSET)
Mike Santos, Deputy Chief Probation Officer, Probation Department

Members Absent:

Honorable Sylvia Hanna, Judge of the Juvenile Court, Superior Court of Tulare County
Daniel Underwood, Chief Deputy District Attorney, District Attorney's Office
Donna Ortiz, Agency Director, Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency
Mike Boudreaux, Sheriff, Sheriff's Office
Natalie Bolin, Director of Mental Health, Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency

Additional Attendees:

Karishma Fazalbhoy, Supervising Staff Analyst, Probation Department
Gina Rizza, Staff Analyst, Probation Department

- I. **Call to Order:** Chief Vernon called the meeting to order at 12:33 p.m.
- II. **Announcements:** None
- III. **Discussion/Action Items**

Discussion

Chief Vernon said that the purpose of this annual meeting is for the Council to approve the meeting minutes from April 22, 2025, and to approve the respective JJCPA-YOBG Consolidated Annual Plan and the SB 823 Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Annual Plan, both for Fiscal Year 2026-27. Both plans are due on May 1, 2026, and are required for funding sources to continue. She said the JJCPA-YOBG plan was consolidated into a single plan, facilitating a more efficient annual planning process.

Action Items (there was a quorum present)

- a) Jason Salazar moved to approve the meeting Minutes from April 22, 2025, with a second by Erin Brooks. The minutes were approved unanimously.
- b) The council did not pose any questions or concerns about the JJCPA/YOBG plan. Jason Salazar moved to approve it, with a second from Tim Hire. This plan was approved unanimously.

Minutes prepared by Gina Rizza, Staff Services Analyst



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c) The council did not pose any questions or concerns about the Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Annual Plan (JJRBG). Chief Vernon said that the SB 823 Subcommittee already reviewed the plan and had no objections. Jason Salazar made a motion to approve it, with a second by Erin Brooks. This plan was approved unanimously.

IV. New Business: None

V. Adjournment

a. Meeting adjourned at 12:36 p.m.