



Tulare County

Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission

Meeting Minutes – December 10, 2024

Location: Connections Center, 3249 W. Noble Ave, Visalia, 93277, and via MS Teams

Members Present: Jennie Bautista, Carla Calhoun, Manny Castro, Bud Darwin, Mario Flores, Jeff Jacobs, Timo Pizana, Galen Quenzer

Members Absent: Dylan Callison, Americus Campos, Megan Casebeer, Frank Escobar, Ernest Gibson, Sneha Kumar, Sam Weiser

Additional Attendees: Judge Sylvia Hanna, Mike Santos, Jennifer Hill, Humberto Sanchez, Naomi Sanchez, Marty Schein, Cecilia Simmons

- I. **Call to Order:** Bud Darwin called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.
- II. **Public Comments:** There were no public comments made at this meeting.
- III. **New Business:**
 - a) **Juvenile Court Update:**
 - i. Judge Sylvia Hanna shared that Judge John Bianco is in charge of juvenile detention facilities and said that there are between six (6) to eight (8) in Tulare County. She also briefly mentioned a presentation provided by the Probation Department, Court, and other entities to various schools that is intended to be an educational tool to help decrease threats directed at schools.
 - b) **Probation Update:**
 - i. Deputy Chief Probation Officer Mike Santos provided an update on the improvement projects underway at the JDF that will enhance services for in-custody juveniles and briefly discussed the success of the recent school violence prevention presentation that Judge Hanna mentioned. Another similar presentation for next year is TBD.
- IV. **Actions Items and Discussion:**
 - a) **Actions Items:**
 - i. Jennie Bautista made a motion, and Jeff Jacobs seconded the motion, to approve the Meeting Minutes from June 4, 2024. The motion was approved unanimously.
 - ii. Carla Calhoun made a motion, and Jeff Jacobs seconded the motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from October 8, 2024. The motion was approved unanimously.
 - b) **Discussion (Roundtable):**
 - i. Discussion about updating the Bylaws was tabled for the January 28, 2025 meeting. OYCR will work with an ad hoc committee to review the existing Bylaws and recommend revisions.
 - ii. Recruitment of new commission members and appointment of a chair and secretary were tabled for the January 28, 2025 meeting. Six applications have been received, and five applicants are to be interviewed. There are currently 15 commission members; however, five have either asked to be removed and/or



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have exceeded the number of absences allowed. The commission membership can be between seven to 15 members; the consensus was that 10 members maximum is preferred and will facilitate a quorum is present for action items. Galen Quenzer indicated that he would prefer to remain on commission but vote in absentia on topics that have potential conflicts of interest due to contracts Boys and Girls Club has with the Probation Department. Carla Calhoun expressed a similar preference/concern.

- iii. Judge Sylvia Hanna reported a decrease in the number of school campus threat incidents since the last commission meeting and attributed this, in part, to the presentation on said topic provided to students at various schools.
- iv. A motion was requested to add and swear in Marty Schein as a commission member; however, this action had to be tabled because it was not included in the Agenda for said meeting.
- v. The commission members selected 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. as the meeting time for future commission meetings. Meetings will continue to be held on the 3rd Tuesday of every other month unless otherwise specified.

V. Correspondence Received by the Commission:

- a) There was no correspondence received other than applications for commission membership.

VI. Agenda Development for the Next Meeting:

- a) Swear in new members; appoint chair and secretary
- b) Update to Bylaws
- c) Inspection Dates
- d) Remove commission members (Dylan Callison, Megan Casebeer, Ernest Gibson, Sneha Kumar, Sam Weiser).

VII. Adjournment:

- a) Meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.
- b) The next scheduled meeting is January 28, 2025.
- c) Minutes prepared by Gina Rizza, Staff Services Analyst.