



Tulare County  
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission  
Meeting Minutes – February 3, 2026

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**Location:** Connections Center, 3249 W. Noble Ave, Visalia, 93277, and via Zoom

**Members Present:** Jennie Bautista, Andrew Garcia, Jeff Jacobs, Galen Quenzer, Carla Calhoun, Martha Schein

**Members Absent:** Naomi Campos, Manny Castro, Bud Darwin, Maria Hoover, Jerry Gaytan,

**Additional Attendees:** Judge Sylvia Hanna, Deputy Chief Mike Santos, David Yanez Tulare County Counsel, Jennifer Hill Geo Group Tulare Youth Program Manger, Claudia Morales Geo Group Tulare Youth APM, Sharieta Thomas Restore 180, Division Manager William Jones

- I. **Call to Order:** Martha Schein called the meeting to order at 5:39 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 reported progress on the newly established Treatment Court, which aims to provide psychological evaluations and mental health services to thirty youth by June.
    - ii. Judge Hanna shared that Porterville Unified School District Pathways will be having a mock trial experience for their students in the near future.
  - b) **Probation Update:**
    - i. Deputy Chief Santos reported the addition of a fourth supervising probation officer and new contracts with Earlimart and Pixley to expand prevention programs across Tulare County.
    - ii. Deputy Chief Santos reported that he will provide contact information for the new BSCC inspector (Kirk) to commissioners and invite commissioners to the pre-inspection briefing
- IV. **Actions Items and Discussion:**
  - a) **Actions Items:**
    - i. Approval of previous meeting minutes (Oct 7, 2025)
      1. Jeff Jacobs made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from October 7, 2025, with the change of VSCC to BSCC. Galen Quenzer seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
    - ii. Approval of previous meeting minutes (December 2, 2025)
      1. Jeff Jacobs made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from December 2, 2025. Galen Quenzer seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.
- V. **Discussion (Roundtable):**



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- i. Update on Commissioner Resignations
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- ii. Interview/Nomination Committee
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- iii. By-Laws Committee
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- iv. Arrest of Probation Officer
  1. Concerns about a recent arrest of a former probation officer emphasized the importance of transparency and communication with the commission.
- v. Presentation - No Presentation
- vi. Roundtable
  1. Review Inspection Findings
    - a. Agreement to schedule more frequent facility visits
    - b. Plans to develop subcommittees focused on training, bylaws, and outreach to ensure the commission's continued effectiveness and sustainability.
    - c. Schedule and conduct more frequent (e.g., quarterly) targeted inspections and walk-throughs of juvenile facilities, including review of grievances with staff support for a better understanding of the process.
    - d. Probation staff: coordinate with commissioners to provide staff support during future grievance reviews to help explain forms and processes.
    - e. A designee: continue sending invitations to all commissioners and Judges for facility graduations and youth celebrations at JDF.
  2. Youth commissioners
    - a. Jennie shared existing Juvenile Justice Commission youth recruitment flyers with commissioners and the judge to post in courtrooms and relevant locations to recruit new youth commissioners; flyers can be shared with board members, Rising Scholars Program, and other relevant groups to recruit youth candidates. Commissioners identify and encourage potential candidates to apply for open commission seats and direct them to the online application. Commissioners interested in being part of the interview/nomination committee are directed to contact Manny to express interest in joining the interview and nomination committee for new commissioners.
  3. Bylaws subcommittee
    - a. Bud, Jeff, Jennie, Carla, Martha, and County Counsel collaborate with Andrew and the Office of Youth and Community Restoration/OYCR to review and update bylaws, and attend the State meeting on the 20th for relevant information.



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**VI. Correspondence Received by the Commission:**

- a) N/A

**VII. Agenda Development for the Next Meeting:**

- a) Add committee/subcommittee development and priorities as an agenda item to clarify and organize subcommittees (e.g., bylaws, interview/nomination, training, outreach).
- b) Add follow-up on previous inspection report concerns (e.g., grievances, programming, services) for a deeper review and disposition tracking.
- c) Coordinate with the Juvenile Courts Judge to schedule and conduct walkthroughs of other county youth facilities (e.g., Courage to Change, Exeter) and report findings.
- d) Reach out to Kim Weeks (CWS social worker) or appropriate agency attorneys to share information about commission opportunities with non-minor dependents and other eligible youth.
- e) Review and update the list of training topics and consider inviting Nate/DOJ or others to present on CSEC (commercially sexually exploited children) and related topics

**VIII. Adjournment:**

- a) Meeting adjourned by Martha Schein at 7:24 p.m.
- b) The next scheduled meeting is April 7, 2026.
- c) Minutes prepared by Naomi Campos, Secretary JJDC