



Office of Youth and
Community Restoration

State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

December 17, 2025



Agenda

- Welcome and Call to Order
- Action item: Approve September 2025 Minutes
- SACJJD Chair Updates
- Discussion and Action Items
- Presentations: Los Angeles County Probation Oversight Commission (POC) and Los Angeles County Department of Youth Development (DYD)
- *Break*
- Member Discussion
- Member Discussion: Subcommittee Updates
- Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act Orientation
- Public Comment
- Announcements and Adjourn



Action Item

- Approval of September 2025 Minutes



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SACJJDJP Committee Chair Updates

Discussion Item

- Chair and Vice Chair

Discussion and Action Item

- Proposed 2026 meeting dates
 - March 18, 2026
 - June 17, 2026
 - September 16, 2026
 - December 16, 2026



Presentation and Discussion

- Los Angeles County Probation Oversight Commission (POC)
- Los Angeles County Department of Youth Development (DYD)

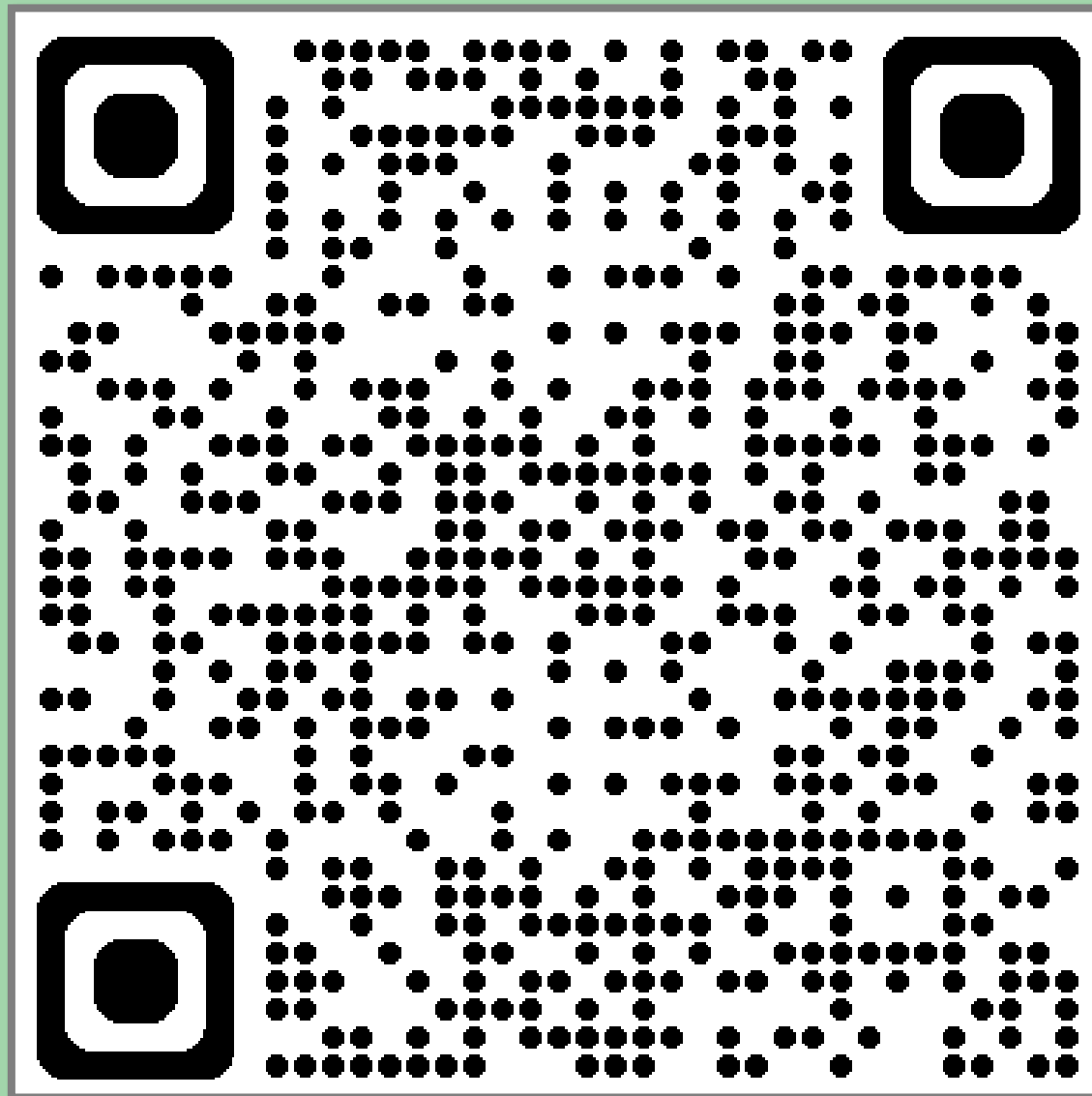
LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

WENDELYN JULIEN

Executive Director

PRESENTATION OUTLINE

*Scan QR code to learn more
about the POC*



- **BACKGROUND OF THE PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION (“POC”)**
- **POC POWERS AND AUTHORITIES**
- **A COMMUNITY OVERSIGHT APPROACH**
- **MODEL OF CHANGE**
- **INSPECTING JUVENILE FACILITIES AND ANALYZING DATA**
- **MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

ABOUT THE PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

BACKGROUND

- Why does Probation need oversight?

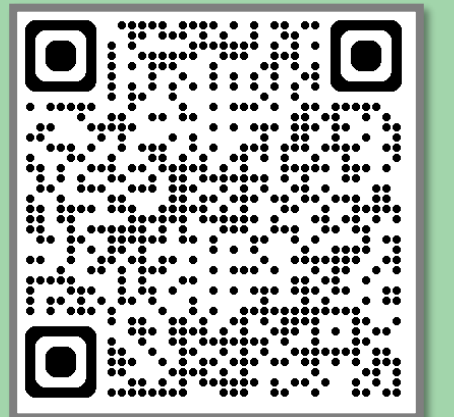
QUICK FACTS

- Probation Reform & Implementation Team (PRIT) [The PRIT's Proposed Systemic Reform Plan for the Probation Department](#)
- Established January 2020 by the Board of Supervisors – [POC Ordinance – Chapter 3.80](#)
- Team of 9 Commissioners & 9 Staff – [Meet the Commissioners & Staff](#)

SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow us on social media [@LACountyPOC](#)

-  – Instagram
-  – Facebook
-  – YouTube
-  – Blue Sky



Learn more about
the POC

POWERS AND AUTHORITIES

Review

Review departmental policies, procedures, and practices;

Inspect

Conduct inspections to ensure the physical safety and welfare of youth and adults in Probation custody;

Investigate

Investigate critical matters brought to the Commission's attention;

Receive & Review

Receive and review grievances;

Compel

Compel data, real evidence, and direct testimony including the power to subpoena necessary information from the Probation Department; and

Engage

Engage the public through robust and transparent reporting and regular meetings.

A COMMUNITY OVERSIGHT APPROACH



Makeup of the Commission

Leadership by people with lived experience, law enforcement experience, advocates, lawyers, and program providers.



Core Values

[Click here](#) to view a list of the POC's Core Values.



Key Performance Indicators

Inspections, fact sheets, reports, and community engagement numbers



Three Year Report

[Click here](#) to view the report.



The First Five Years

What have we learned?

MODEL OF CHANGE



Understandable consistent messaging at every stage in order to steer and reinforce change.

INSPECTING JUVENILE FACILITIES – STRATEGIES AND PROTECTIONS

LOS ANGELES COUNTY
PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION

2024 ANNUAL INSPECTION REPORT

DOROTHY KIRBY CENTER
CAMPUS VERNON KILPATRICK
LOS PADRINOS JUVENILE HALL
BARRY J. NIDORF-SECURE YOUTH
TREATMENT FACILITY
CAMP CLINTON B. AFFLERBAUGH
CAMP JOSEPH PAIGE
CAMP GLENN ROCKEY



Five years of inspection reports available on the [POC website](#).



Purpose and Guiding Strategies for Inspections



Training Civilian Oversight Commissioners to Conduct Inspections

Protecting youth and addressing serious concerns

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE POC

**CITATION
DIVERSION**



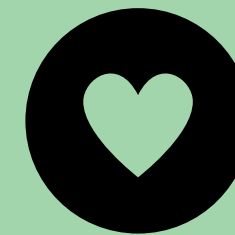
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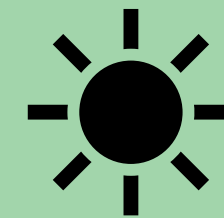
EDUCATION



VISITATION



TRANSPARENCY



CONCLUSION

QUESTIONS?



Learn more about the POC

ABOUT THE PRESENTER

Wendelyn (Wende) Julien, Executive Director



- Appointed in 2021 as the inaugural Executive Director of the Probation Oversight Commission
- Launched and oversees the nation's first commission dedicated to probation oversight, leading a citizen commission and staff guiding reform of the largest probation department in the country.
- Attorney; community organizer; certified mediator and restorative justice practitioner; mom, abuela, foster mom, and CASA volunteer; fluent in Spanish.
- **Full bio at:** <https://poc.lacounty.gov/wendelyn-julien>
- **Email:** wjulien@poc.lacounty.gov



Learn more about the POC

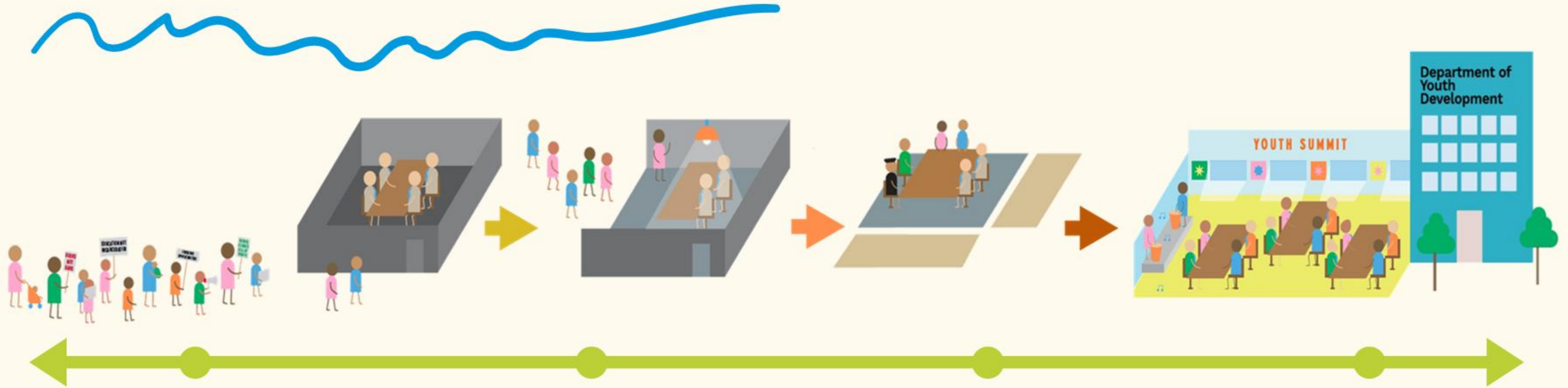
DYD OVERVIEW

LA County Department of Youth Development

David J. Carroll, DYD Director

December 17, 2025

HISTORY OF DYD & YJR



Historically,
Los Angeles County has been the largest incarcerator of young people in the United States.

2017-2018
After decades of youth and community organizing, call for a collaboratively-developed roadmap to reduce youth arrests.

2020
"Youth Justice Reimagined" created in response to need for deeper youth justice system transformation.

2022
The Department of Youth Development officially launches!

MISSION

DYD's mission is to be a catalyst for transformation by **providing innovative pathways to youth development** through intersectional, anti-racist, youth-centered strategies **so that all young people can access resources that nurture their growth, well-being, and connection to community.**

VISION

We envision **a flourishing youth development ecosystem that builds safer communities and eliminates youth incarceration** by ensuring young people have the tools they need to thrive.



THROUGH-LINE OF DEVELOPMENT

Developmentally & Culturally Responsive Care Authentic Youth Engagement Convening Partners for Alignment



PRIMARY

support for everyone, regardless of risk

Education & Skill Building

Teach communication strategies like active listening, "I" statements, and conflict de-escalation.

Healthy Relationships

Integrate relationship education into classes; allow students to learn about power & control, consent, boundaries.

Seeking Support

Make it visible and acceptable for students to seek help from counselors, teachers, or peers when they experience conflict.

SECONDARY

support for those with elevated risk of negative outcomes

Screenings & Check Ins

School counselors or teachers check in with students who show early warning signs of conflict, bullying, or unhealthy relationship dynamics.

Conflict Resolution Training

Mediation and restorative practices for peer conflicts before they escalate.

Peer-based Mentorship

Pairing students with positive role models who reinforce healthy behaviors.

TERTIARY

support for those with high or imminent risk of negative outcomes

Counseling & Support Services

Individual or group therapy for students experiencing abusive or unhealthy relationships.

Safety Planning

For students in unsafe dating or peer relationships, developing plans to keep them safe in and outside school.

Partner Referrals

Referrals to youth-focused domestic violence or mental health organizations.

REMEDY

support for those who are or have been experiencing negative outcomes

Parental Involvement

Empower parents to play a proactive role in supporting student well-being

Restorative Justice Circles

Opportunities for dialogue, healing, and repairing harm.

Reengagement & Support

Help students re-engage with school/community after conflict or unhealthy behaviors.

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT & DIVERSION



YOUTH DEVELOPMENT NETWORKS (YDN)

community-based prevention



YOUTH DIVERSION

as alternatives to arrest or court



PARTNERSHIPS WITH SCHOOLS AND OTHER SYSTEMS

Support for restorative practices and other services to address the school-to-prison and foster-care-to-prison pipelines

INNOVATION & LEARNING



RESEARCH & POLICY

Building evidence about what works to shape policy



STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENT

Building relationships with youth, community, and partners



COMMUNICATIONS

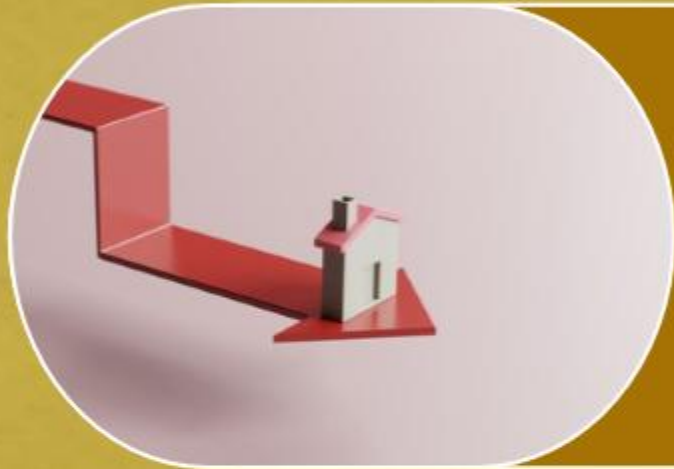
Narrative storytelling to increase awareness



LEARNING COLLABORATIVE

Increasing collective knowledge about best practices to improve youth well-being

YOUTH JUSTICE SUPPORTS & SERVICES



COMMUNITY REENTRY

Individualized care coordination to support successful reentry



IN-FACILITY PROGRAMMING

Coordinating youth development services for incarcerated youth



DECARCERATION

Building alternatives to youth incarceration

TERTIARY

Intercept 2

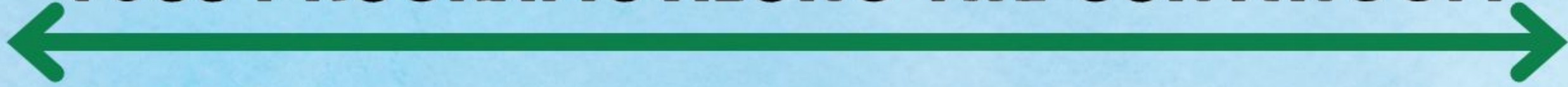
support for those with high or imminent risk of negative outcomes

YJSS PROGRAMS ALONG THE CONTINUUM

REMEDY

Intercepts 3-5

support for those who are or have been experiencing negative outcomes



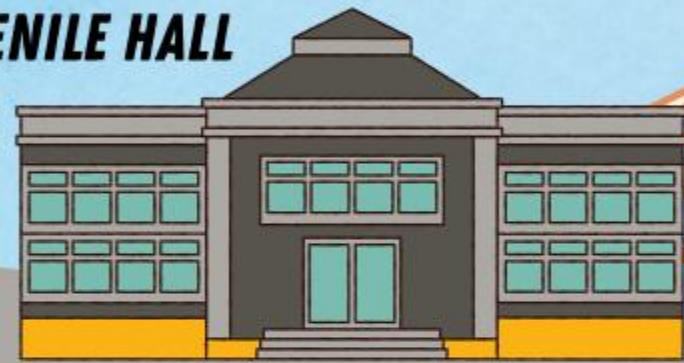
JUVENILE HALL



COURT HOUSE



JUVENILE HALL



CAMP



REENTRY & ALTERNATIVE PLACEMENTS



RAY

Intake Pilot

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Inglewood Court Pilot

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Post filing referrals in lieu of detention

CREDIBLE MESSENGERS

In-facility mentorship programming

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

In-facility youth dev. programming & services

SAFE HEALING CENTERS

Alternative Placement Pilot

RAY

Reentry services & mentorship



EVIDENCE



- DYD's youth development, diversion, and reentry programs are designed based on evidence of **best and promising practices** for improving youth well-being and reducing youth justice system involvement.
- **Youth and families** who access DYD's programs **improve key strengths** like emotional regulation, conflict resolution, social support, and school engagement.
- DYD **regularly analyzes and shares data** with program partners to learn about what is working and what needs improvement in real time.

95% of youth referred to DYD's community-based diversion programs stay out of trouble with the law for at least a year.

STAY CONNECTED WITH DYD!



***WEBSITE
DYD.LA***



***INSTAGRAM
@LACOUNTYYOUTH***



***NEWSLETTER
BIT.LY/DYDNEWSLETTER***





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Questions and Discussion



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Break

Subcommittee Updates and Discussion

- **Policy and Legislative Advocacy Subcommittee**
- **Restorative Justice Subcommittee**
- **Racial and Ethnic Disparities Subcommittee**
- **Community Investment and System Accountability (CISA) Subcommittee**
- **Youth and Emerging Leaders Subcommittee**

RESTORATIVE JUSTICE SUBCOMMITTEE

Co-Chair Jessica Ellis and Subcommittee member Javier Stauring

SUBCOMMITTEE PURPOSE

The purpose of the restorative justice subcommittee is to advance healing-centered, community-rooted approaches to accountability by promoting restorative justice practices, understanding historical and systemic trauma, prioritizing relationship building, repairing harm, and centering impacted voices.

The subcommittee will work collaboratively to:

- Challenge punitive and exclusionary systems by promoting restorative alternatives;
- Support policy transformation that uplifts community-led restorative justice practices;
- Build capacity across institutions and communities to implement restorative justice frameworks that uphold safe, trauma-informed collective care with dignity;
- Move beyond oversimplified “victim/offender” binaries, recognizing the complex experiences of trauma, harm, and healing.

SUBCOMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

Gather insights from stakeholders including youth with lived experience, harmed parties and survivors, justice system workers, and restorative justice practitioners through listening sessions, Youth Advisory Board (YAB), and interviews.

Contribute to discussions and the development of policy recommendations for the SACJJD on youth restorative justice issues.

Connect with restorative justice leaders and experts to identify topics salient to the three-year plan or other SACJJD priorities.

Engage in restorative justice policy initiatives that align with the committee's purpose.



MEMBERSHIP AND RECRUITMENT

The subcommittee will consist of up to 15 members, including 1 Chair, 1 Co-Chair and a diverse group of practitioners, community members, and experts. The RJ Subcommittee currently consists of 15 individuals.

The Chair and subcommittee will select and conduct outreach for members of the subcommittee. OYCR will also assist with the outreach. The subcommittee will make the final decision via a vote.

Members should have varied restorative justice experiences from across the state including survivors, lived experience individuals, youth, mental health practitioners, education experts, regional and national experts.

MEETING INFORMATION

- The RJ subcommittee will meet no less than once per month, with additional meetings scheduled as needed.
- Meetings are typically virtual with one in-person meeting held once a year





RESTORATIVE JUSTICE
STORY



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Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act Orientation

Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act (BK Act)

Cal. Govt. Code §§11120-11132

- State Agencies should take actions openly and deliberations should be conducted openly.
- It is the Public policy of the state that public agencies exist to aid in the conduct of the people's business and the proceedings of public agencies be conducted openly so that the public may remain informed.
- The public's right to open meetings is not only guaranteed by the Act but is enshrined in the California Constitution. (Cal. Const., art. I, § 3(b).)

Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act (BK Act)

Cal. Govt. Code §§11120-11132

- To give timely and sufficient public notice of meetings to be held – 10 days(Cal. Govt. Code §11125)
- To provide an opportunity for public comment (Cal. Govt. Code §11125.7)
- To conduct such meetings in open session, except where a closed session is specifically authorized (Cal. Govt. Code §11123)

State Body Governed by BK Act

A State Body exists for purposes of Bagley-Keene if it is:

- (1) a multimember body such as a state board or state commission,
- Must have 2 or more members
- (2) created by one of five specified methods, and
- *Created by Statute (Federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPA))*
- Created by Executive Order
- Created as a Delegated Body
- *Created as an Advisory Body (Federal Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDPA))*
- Supported and Represented by a State Body
- (3) not statutorily excluded. (Cal. Govt. Code §11121.1)

When Does BK Act Apply?

- Any Action (Cal. Govt. Code §11122)
- A collective decision, commitment, promise, vote by the members when sitting as a body. (*Ibid*)
- Upon a motion, proposal, resolution, order or similar action(*Ibid*)
- Includes 'deliberation' – more than just voting, includes discussions, information gathering, analysis, debate, etc. (*Sacramento Newspaper Guild v. Sacramento County Bd. of Supervisors (1968) 263 Cal.App.2d 41*)

What is 'Majority' of Members?

- At a Meeting... but what is a meeting? (Cal. Govt. Code §11122.5)
 - Any congregation of a **majority** of the members at the same time, place to hear, discuss, deliberate upon any item that is within **the subject matter of the body.**
- Bagley-Keene applies when a majority of a State Body congregate.
- This can happen either at a notice public meeting or not.
- Includes subcommittees (Cal. Govt. Code §§ 11121, 11127)

Serial Meetings – Critical Considerations

- Under Bagley-Keene, multiple separate private contacts among members that together amount to majority consideration of the body's business, is considered a meeting.
- Must be a topic under the subject matter jurisdiction of the State Body.
- Covers all types of communications – i.e. email, phone, text, etc.
- Rule of Two for State Bodies with more than 3 members.

Serial Meetings – Case Law

- ***Roberts v. City of Palmdale (1993) 5 Cal.4th 363*** : Collective deliberation through letters or telephone calls from one local body member to the next would violate open-meeting rules.
- ***Stockton Newspapers, Inc. v. Redevelopment Agency (1985) 171 Cal.App.3d 95***: Attorney representing local body polled individual members before meeting (Local bodies have similar rules governing Open Meetings)
- ***Page v. MiraCosta Community College Dist. (2009) 180 Cal.App.4th 471***: When the trustees of a community college met individually with a mediator during settlement negotiations, a court determined that the trustees had engaged in serial meetings with an intermediary (the mediator), in violation of open-meeting rules

Allowable Communications

- Individual communication – not deliberation by a majority
- 103 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 42, 53-54 (2020) – Email from public to all the members of a public body, one member replied to the public, not a BK Act violation.
- Discussions relating to meeting times, dates, locations, etc. are also permitted - See generally 84 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen., 30: Open meeting requirements apply only to “substantive discussions” among a majority of a body.

Allowable Communications: RULE OF TWO

- (Cal. Govt. Code §11122.5 (c)(1) – Deliberate with one other member only
- Caution: Subcommittees – If only 3 members form a sub committee then even the rule of two may be a violation
- Communicate one on one with members of the public
- Cease deliberation if there are more than two members if the numbers change during deliberation (another member joins the deliberation)

Public Engagements

- Speaking at a public meeting or gathering – as long as members do not deliberate on the subject matter of the public body among themselves
- Attending a conference and/or public event – as long as members do not deliberate on the subject matter of the public body among themselves
- Purely social or ceremonial gatherings – as long as members do not deliberate on the subject matter of the public body among themselves

Teleconference – Advisory Bodies

- The state body must provide notice to the public at least 24 hours before the meeting that identifies any members who are participating remotely (although there is no requirement to disclose these members' locations).
- The notice must include information on how the public can observe the meeting remotely, and must also identify a primary physical meeting location for the public to attend in person if they wish.
- The primary physical meeting location must also be disclosed in the agenda, which is to be posted at least 10 days before the meeting.
(Cal. Govt. Code §11123 and Cal. Govt. Code §11123.5)

Teleconference – Advisory Bodies

- At least one staff member of the state body must be present at the primary physical meeting location, and the agenda must be posted at the location.
- Members who are participating remotely must be visible on camera during the open portion of the meeting, unless it is technologically impracticable to do so. The members who participate remotely must be listed in the minutes of the meeting.

(Cal. Govt. Code §11123 and Cal. Govt. Code §11123.5)



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Public Comment



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Announcements and Adjourn