



STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON JUVENILE JUSTICE & DELINQUENCY PREVENTION: RACIAL ETHNIC DISPARITIES SUBCOMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

October 27, 2025

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Physical Location:

925 L Street, Suite 1275
Sacramento, CA 95814

Virtual Public Participant Link:

[Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 161 673 8308 | Password: 231532

Welcome and Roll call (1:00 P.M. – 1:10 P.M.)

Facilitators: Chair Judge Back

- I. Chair Back called the meeting to order and welcomed participants.
- II. **The State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (SACJJD) RE/D members were in attendance**
 - Christina Peoples, Founder and Executive Director of the Amelia Ann Adams Whole Life Center (AAWLC)
 - Dr. B.J. Davis, SACJJD member and Executive Director of the Sacramento Recovery House
 - The Honorable Brian Back, Retired Judge for Ventura County and RE/D subcommittee chair
 - Laura Ridolfi, Racial Justice Well-Being Strategist at the Burns Institute
 - Mikaela Galvis-Venegas, Youth Advisory Board member
 - Sandra McBrayer, CEO of the Children’s Initiative •
 - Sergio Coronel, Founder of the Youngsters for Change and Gang Consultant
 - Victoria Birch, Youth Advisory Board member

- William Feather, Ukiah Unified School District Social Worker and a member of the Round Valley Indian Tribes
- III. The State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (SACJJD) RE/D members not in attendance**
- Keven Flores, Youth Advisory Board members
- IV. The Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR)**
- Cecilia Arredondo Simmons, Central County Liaison
 - Krystal Lewis, Federal Grants Manager, Title II
 - Marcia Rincon-Gallardo, Chief of System Change and Equity
 - Protima Pandey, Chief Counsel
- V. Recap & Approve September 2025 Minutes**
- **Motion by:** Sandra McBrayer and Laura Ridolfi to approve the minutes.
 - **Ayes:**
 - i. Christina Peoples
 - ii. Dr. B.J. Davis
 - iii. Judge Brian Back
 - iv. Laura Ridolfi
 - v. Mikaela Galvis-Venegas
 - vi. Sandra McBrayer
 - vii. Sergio Coronel
 - viii. Victoria Birch
 - ix. William Feather
 - **Nays:**
 - i. None
 - **Absent:**
 - i. Keven Flores
 - **Motion carries**

Co-Chair nominations and recommendations (1:10 P.M. - 1:25 P.M.)

Facilitators: All

I. Nominations and recommendations

- Dr. BJ Davis does not accept the nomination by William Feather
- Sandra McBrayer was nominated by Judge Back and withdrew her nomination
- Laura Ridolfi nominated Christina Peoples, and she accepts being nominated.
- **Motion by:** William Feather and Sandra McBrayer to nominate Christina Peoples as a Co-Chair
 - **Ayes:**
 - Christina Peoples

- Dr. B.J. Davis
- Judge Brian Back
- Laura Ridolfi
- Mikaela Galvis-Venegas
- Sandra McBrayer
- Sergio Coronel
- Victoria Birch
- William Feather
- **Nays:**
 - None
- **Absent:**
 - Keven Flores
- **Motion carries**

RE/D Subcommittee member recommendations and updates (1:25 P.M.-1:40 P.M.)

Facilitators: All

I. Recommendations

- Recommendations at the last meeting for future recruitment for a RE/D subcommittee member with any of the following criteria:
 - A transitioned youth, someone from Southern California- Los Angeles, medical/mental health background or someone with law enforcement background.
- Laura Ridolfi conducted outreach and nominated 3 individuals.
 - [Josue](#) (Sway) Pineda- Southern California
 - [Vamsey](#) Palagummi- Bay Area
 - [Dafna](#) Gozani- Bay Area
- Keven Flores RE/D Subcommittee member is from Santa Cruz but currently incarcerated. Pending schedule approval to participate but is still interested in being part of the subcommittee.
- Mikaela Venegas nominated Ronnie Villeda from Hoops from Justice and Laura Ridolfi will follow up with Ronnie to see if he is interested.
- William Feathers nominated Two Feathers from Humboldt County. Marcia will follow up with Dr. Moorehead from Two Feathers.
- Judge Back recommended a subcommittee member with Law Enforcement background.
- William Feather, Sandra McBrayer and Dr. B.J. Davis agreed to have someone from law enforcement nominated. Sandra agrees to have better buy in to have law enforcement. Judge Back will follow up with law enforcement nominations.

- No immediate deadline for adding members; aims to maintain an odd number for voting purposes (target: 11 seats)

RE/D Subcommittee Charter discussion and next steps (1:40 P.M.-2:15 P.M.)

Facilitators: Chair Judge Brian Back

I. Overview

- It has been 6 years since the last meeting. The subcommittee operates under OYCR, previously under BSCC, as a subcommittee of SACJ (State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention).
- Current total budget is just under \$4.1 million; \$125,000 set aside for racial and ethnic disparity (RED) work; most funds support 12 grantees funded since 2022.
- Committee can recommend fund allocations and advise the governor on youth programs; has not yet exercised this advisory role directly.
- Past RED committee efforts included a data transparency project (West End) but faced data access issues and stalled; funds remain set aside for data projects.
- Meetings are public; anyone can attend virtually or in person.

II. Purpose

- The Committees purpose is to reduce racial and ethnic disparities in the system.

III. Responsibilities

- We need to think about this further
- Data collection and assessment are essential for identifying and addressing disparities.
- Examples: Providing transportation in Santa Cruz reduced probation violations among Latino youth; policy changes in Ventura County reduced youth incarcerations.
- Suggestion to create subcommittees and spreadsheets to identify areas of expertise and interest for targeted action.

IV. Meeting cadence

- Next SACJ meeting scheduled for December 17, 2025.
- Proposed meeting cadence: every two months; aligns with SACJ's three-month schedule.
- Doodle poll to be used for scheduling; aim to set meetings for the whole year in advance.
- Charter development: members to draft responsibilities and purposes, share input, and consolidate language.

- Public notification: meetings posted 10 days in advance; listserv and email updates to increase participation; staff to investigate and report on prior data contracts and paper trails.

Public Comment (2:15 pm-2:25 pm)

Facilitator: All

I. Public comment

- None

Closing (2:25pm-2:30pm)

Facilitator: Judge Brian Back

I. Closing

- Meeting ended at 2:31 PM; no motion required to close.