



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

Meeting Minutes
February 9, 2025
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Physical Location:
925 L Street, Suite 1275
Sacramento, CA 95814

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Welcome and Roll Call (2:00 P.M.-2:10 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 (SACJJDP) RE/D members were in attendance
 - Christina Peoples, Founder and Executive Director of the Amelia Ann Adams Whole Life Center (AAWLC) **here**
 - Dr. B.J. Davis, SACJJDP member and Executive Director of the Sacramento Recovery House **here**
 - The Honorable Brian Back, Retired Judge for Ventura County and RE/D subcommittee chair **here**
 - Laura Ridolfi, Racial Justice Well-Being Strategist at the Burns Institute **-here**
 - Mikaela Galvis-Venegas, Youth Advisory Board member **here**
 - Sandra McBrayer, CEO of the Children's Initiative- **here**
 - Sergio Coronel, Founder of the Youngsters for Change and Gang Consultant- here
 - Victoria Birch, Youth Advisory Board member – **here**
 - William Feather, Ukiah Unified School District Social Worker and a member of the Round Valley Indian Tribes- here
 - Keven Flores, Youth Advisory Board members- **not here**

- III. The State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (SACJJDP)
RE/D members not in attendance
- 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

Approve minutes (2:10 P.M.-2:15 P.M.)

Facilitator: Judge Back

- I. [10-27-2025](#) Minutes
- II. Christina Peoples and Judge Brian Back motioned to approve minutes. All were in favor of approving the notes. Minutes approved.

RE/D Subcommittee member recommendations and updates (2:15 P.M.-2:30 P.M.)

Facilitator: Judge Back

- I. Committee currently has **10** members and **1** vacancy. Discussion in adding up to **3** more positions.
- II. Laura contacted Josue Pineda (Southern California) and Tom Zay Palaguni (Bay Area); Mikaela nominated Ronnie Vieda (formerly with Hoops for Justice and now an independent contractor); William Feather nominated Two Feathers representatives (Humboldt County).
- III. Ronnie Vieda and Sway are based in Southern California; Ronnie previously helped build a youth council inside juvenile hall and remains interested.
- IV. Judge Back proposed a law enforcement member to be part of the subcommittee, Scott Whitney. He was a former Oxnard chief and now heads a 60-unit DA investigative unit. He was with the Annie Casey Foundation for 5 years and the DA supports his participation.
- V. Members debated inclusion of law enforcement versus impacted community voices and emphasized diverse representation; group of to add a Los Angeles representative.
- VI. Will review bios and decided on new membership at the next meeting

WestED Contract Summary (2:30 P.M.-2:55 P.M.)

Facilitator: Christina Peoples

- I. WestEd awarded \$300,000 contract (created 2021, amended to 2024) to analyze statewide and county juvenile justice data, identify racial/ethnic disparities, produce dashboards and frameworks, and provide county technical assistance.
- II. Dashboard framework was completed but no data provided; WestEd invoiced \$78,000 and did not deliver full dashboards, county reviews, or expected technical-assistance visits; Alameda identified as a willing pilot county.
- III. Contract concluded by 2026; unspent funds remain in federal administrative adjustment limbo

- IV. OYCR received \$4 million for FY24 (mostly committed); subcommittee set-aside of \$125,000 reported as available for solicitation/administrative use (usable up to three years).
 - Next steps: Schedule phone conference with Tim to clarify delivered outputs, confirm contract termination/status, assess which WestEd materials are reusable, and decide whether to re-solicit or engage another provider; staff to invite subcommittee participation.
- V. The committee will continue conversation about possible finding someone to research RE/D data for California. Possible budget of \$125,000. Up to 3 years to use this money.

RE/D Memo created by Judge Back and Christina Peoples

Facilitator: Judge Back

- I. The memo was to provide directions for the subcommittee. Goals is to keep young people from entering the justice system and successfully exit those youth who have unfortunately found themselves in the system.
- II. Our subcommittee purposes, our charge is to address racial and ethnic disparities that improperly and unfairly contribute to a youth person entering in the system in the first place.
- III. The Policy and Legislative Advocacy Subcommittee is looking at similar topics at the RE/D subcommittee. Recommended The RE/D subcommittee join a March Policy and Legislative meeting to discuss a DEJ analysis.
- IV. Welfare Institutions Code §790 (DEJ) requires the district attorney to advise parties on eligibility; eligibility depends on alleged felonies, some non-qualifying.
- V. Subcommittee issued recommendations and a framing memo; charter remains separate and will be edited.
- VI. Focus on structural inequities and building a bench of community partners to ensure community voice in decision-making.
- VII. Data collection is essential for Racial Justice Act claims and for identifying county-level disparities.
- VIII. DEJ technicalities (e.g., county 18-month minimum) increased risk of violation and criminal record and disproportionately affect youth of color.

Public Comment (3:20 P.M.-3:25 P.M.)

Facilitator: Judge Back

- I. No public comment

Closing (3:25 P.M.-3:30 P.M.)

Facilitator: Judge Back

- I. Closed the meeting

Upcoming Subcommittee Meeting Dates:

4/6/2026 at 9:00am-10:30am

6/9/2026 at 10:30 am-12:00pm

The order in which agenda items are considered may be subject to change. Depending on the number of individuals wishing to address the Committee, the Chair may establish specific time limits on comments.

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