



STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON YOUTH JUSTICE: RACIAL & ETHNIC DISPARITIES SUBCOMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2025

9:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.

Physical Location:

925 L Street, Suite 1275
Sacramento, CA 95814

Virtual Public Participant Link:

[Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 160 303 8259

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Welcome and Roll Call (9:00 A.M. - 9:05 A.M.)

Facilitator: Chair Judge Brian 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 roll call.
 - 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 **not 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 Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR)
 - Cecilia Arredondo Simmons, Central County Liaison
 - Krystal Lewis, Federal Grants Manager, Title II

- LaRon Dennis, Special Consultant

Approve minutes (9:05 A.M. - 9:10 A.M.)

Facilitator: Chair Judge Back

- I. February Minutes
- II. Christina Peoples and Sandy McBrayer motioned to approve minutes. All were in favor of approving the minutes. Minutes approved.

Vote to increase subcommittee membership (9:10 A.M. - 9:20 A.M.)

Facilitator: Christina Peoples and Judge Back

- I. The subcommittee mentioned at the March State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice the name changed to State Advisory Group on Youth Justice (SAGYJ), removing delinquency and juvenile from the title. No legislative change need for the name change. The planning team is working to update the website, email address and other materials to reflect the new name, along with a social media announcement to alert the public.
- II. Subcommittee made a motion to have the RE/D subcommittee maximum size to 15 members. Judge Back and Dr. BJ Davis filed a motion to increase the size of the subcommittee. All in favor. Motion passed, no opposition.

RE/D Subcommittee member Discussion (9:20 A.M. - 9:40 A.M.)

Facilitator: Chair Judge Brian Back

- I. Current membership is at 10 with one vacancy.
- II. A motion from Judge Back and Christina Peoples to add Ronaldo Villeda (Southern CA) and Vamsey Palagummi (Bay Area) to the RE/D subcommittee. Motion passed. None opposed.
- III. OYCR will reach out to new subcommittee members about next steps.

West ED Contract Meeting Update (9:40 A.M. - 9:50 A.M.)

Facilitator: OYCR

- I. OYCR has not secured a meeting with Tim Pulaski from Board of Community Corrections (BSCC) to date. The Research and Data Division(R&D) will be reaching out to secure any information gathered from previous contract.
- II. DOJ disposition data (DSD / JDPSS) is pending and awaiting delivery. R&D will analyze received data. However, RE/D subcommittee needs to decide whether to keep originally specified West contract counties or adjust selection with top 5 to 10 disparity counties.
- III. R&D will present to the RE/D subcommittee in June and present current OYCR data and how we can use the DOJ disposition data to find high disparity needs.
- IV. Contract required creation of a county-level dashboard, staff training, interviews, documentation, and a framework recommending interventions, policy, and practice

changes. It also required identification of red metrics across nine decision points from arrest through adult court transfer.

- V. Contract deadline was March 2023 but extended to March 2024; \$78,000 expended of \$300,000, with remaining funds likely unrecoverable.
- VI. Work stalled due to difficulty obtaining DOJ data and unclear WestEd deliverables; an empty dashboard exists.
- VII. Policy and Legislative subcommittee prioritized assessing deferred entry of judgment (DEJ): measure DEJ success/failure rates by county

**Recap on Joint meeting with Policy & Legislative Subcommittee on DEJ analysis
(9:50 A.M. - 10:00 A.M)**

Facilitator: Chair Judge Back

- I. Data showed disproportionate incarceration of African-American and Latinx youth and gender disparities.
- II. Decision points occur early (school referrals, officer gang designation, probation violations) and drive youth into the system.
- III. Santa Cruz example: lack of transportation caused repeated probation violations; providing transport eliminated violations.
- IV. County-specific data is needed to locate worst disparities and target interventions; DEJ was reviewed because of legislative attention.
- V. Recommendation to adopt established frameworks (Annie Casey Foundation, Burns Institute) in the committee charter and to identify 3–4 decision points for targeted system change and accountability.

Deliverable Discussion (10:00 A.M. - 10:20 A.M.)

Facilitator: Chair Judge Back

- I. To look at the Juvenile Justice demographic data per each Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission (JJDP).

Public Comment (10:20 A.M. - 10:25 A.M.)

Facilitator: Chair Judge Back

- I. None

Closing (10:25 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.)

- I. Great to be on the subcommittee and thank you for everyone attending the meeting.

Upcoming Subcommittee Meeting Dates:

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

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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ADDENDUM - Notice of Expected Remote Attendance

Member	Expected Attendance
Judge Brian Back	Virtual
Willaim Feather	Virtual
Christina Peoples	Virtual
Dr. B.J. Davis	Virtual
Victoria Birch	Virtual
Sandra McBrayer	Virtual
Laura Ridolfi	