

**Stanislaus County
Juvenile Justice Commission
June 24, 2021 – Probation Department - Microsoft Teams**

Members Present: Darin Gharat, Chair, Marian Martino, Stephen Ashman, Cpt. Scott Houston, Sharma Uma, Dawn Cullum, Michael Baldwin

Members Excused:

Probation Department Present: Chief Probation Officer Mark Ferriera, Assistant Chief Probation Officer Leticia Ruano

Superior Court Present: The Honorable Ruben Villalobos, Juvenile Court Judge

Call to Order: Chairman Darin Gharat called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

Public Comment: No public individuals were present. The public comment period was dispensed with.

Consideration of Member Applications/Swear-in

The Juvenile Justice Commission received applications for membership consideration from Ms. Dawn Cullum, Mr. Michael Baldwin, and Ms. Wanda Bonnell. Ms. Cullum and Mr. Baldwin were present and introduced themselves to the JJC, providing a brief history of their background and their involvement within the community and the Justice System. Marian Martino briefly shared Ms. Bonnell's history as she could not be present at today's meeting.

MOTION: Stephen Ashman. **SECOND:** Marian Martino: This Board's recommendation to recommend Dawn Cullum, Michael Baldwin, and Wanda Bonnell to The Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court for admission into the Juvenile Justice Commission of Stanislaus County was approved unanimously.

The Honorable Judge Ruben Villalobos completed the swearing-in of Dawn Cullum and Michael Baldwin. Ms. Wanda Bonnell will be sworn in at the next meeting.

Approval of Minutes: **MOTION:** Stephen Ashman, **SECOND:** Cpt. Scott Houston. The minutes of February 18, 2021, and May 27, 2021, meetings were approved unanimously.

Probation Department Report

Chief Mark Ferriera reported the following:

- The Juvenile Facilities population as of today is 57.
- The SB 823 Plan will be presented to the Board of Supervisors on June 29, 2021.
- SB 92, which clarifies the DJJ Realignment language, will be effective July 1, 2021.
 - CPO Ferriera advised the members of two adult bookings set for disposition this month on a murder conviction that occurred as youths. Provisions within SB 92 allow the courts to commit youth to a Secure Track Facility for up to twenty-five or two years following the individual's disposition. He expressed his concerns noting that as of July

1, 2021, dispositions of this sort would qualify to be housed in Juvenile Hall as part of the Secure Track (DJJ like commitments).

- BSCC guidance is that per W&I Section 208.5, individuals up to twenty-five can be housed in Juvenile Hall.
- Chief Ferriera reported that juvenile warrants remain outstanding on individuals that would now be over the age of 25.
- AB 503 requires that wardship terminates within six months and is pending Senate approval.
 - Secure Track Youth are excluded from the requirement.

Juvenile Court Report

Honorable Judge Villalobos advised that he had nothing to report at the time.

Election of Officers

CPO Ferriera voiced concern about the present membership and the upkeep of JJC documents such as the Oath of Office. He proposed that JJC members who had served four years renew their Oath of Office and that Probation assume management of all JJC recordkeeping. Chairman Darin Gharat agreed that it would be appropriate for Probation to be in charge of the JJC recordkeeping for a more structured approach.

The Commission discussed the length of time they have served individually and decided that any member exceeding the term of four years, if interested, would resubmit a membership application. Steve Ashman and Sharma Uma stated they have been JJC members for approximately ten years and expressed interest in serving another term. A final attempt will confirm membership resignation from Marc Nuno, Jeffrey Graham, and Teresa Guerrero.

Chairman Darin Gharat announced this would be his final JJC meeting and recommended moving forward with the election of new officers. Furthermore, he advised that the current JJC members who have served a four-year term be sworn in at the following meeting, in addition to discussing yearly timelines the JJC must adhere to per the JJC By-Laws.

MOTION: Stephen Ashman. SECOND: Michael Baldwin. The Chairperson for the Juvenile Justice Commission will be Marian Martino.

MOTION: Stephen Ashman. SECOND: Cpt. Scott Houston. The Vice-Chairperson for the Juvenile Justice Commission will be Michael Baldwin.

The Honorable Judge Ruben Villalobos noted that he would be obtaining the appointment delegation from the Presiding Judge Westbrook for Dawn Cullum and Michael Baldwin to be formally appointed.

Discuss/Approve Updates to the Juvenile Justice Commission By-Laws

The JJC agreed to defer the discussion and approval of the updated Juvenile Justice Commission By-Laws to the next meeting. Chair Marian Martino suggested that non-residence of Stanislaus County be noted in the By-Laws as ineligible. CPO Ferriera advised that the proposed new By-Laws will be forwarded to the Commission for review.

Announcements

Chairman Marian Martino welcomed Dawn Cullum and Michael Baldwin as members of the Juvenile Justice Commission.

The group agreed to have the next Juvenile Justice Commission meeting on July 29, 2021, at noon to discuss and approve the JJC By-Laws and swear-in Ms. Wanda Bonnell and the current members wishing to renew their membership.

The meeting adjourned at 1:09 p.m.

STANISLAUS COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION

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JJC Member

Darin Gharat, Chair	<i>Present</i>
Stephen Ashman	<i>Present</i>
Jeffrey Graham	—
Sharma Uma	<i>Present</i>
Lt. Scott Houston	<i>Present</i>
Marian Martino	<i>Present</i>
CPO Mark Ferriera	<i>Present</i>
ACPO Leticia Ruano	<i>Present</i>
The Honorable Ruben Villalobos	<i>Present</i>
The Honorable Ann Ameral	
Member Applicant – Michael Baldwin Sr	<i>Present</i>
Member Applicant – Dawn Cullum	<i>Present</i>