

**Stanislaus County
Juvenile Justice Commission
December 9, 2021 – Probation Department**

Members Present: Marian Martino, Chair, Michael Baldwin, Vice-Chair, Sharma Uma, Cpt. Scott Houston, Wanda Bonnell, Chief Fidel Landeros, Dawn Cullum

Members Excused: Steven Ashman,

Probation Department Present: Chief Probation Officer Mark Ferriera,

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

Call to Order: Chairperson Marian Martino called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m.

Public Comment: No public individuals were present.

Adoption of Resolution Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361:

CPO Mark Ferriera presented the resolution to the Juvenile Justice Commission, noting a copy had been included in the meeting invite.

A motion was made by Dawn Cullum to adopt and number the resolution as "Resolution No. Juvenile Justice Commission #1." Second: Scott Houston. Ayes: Marian Martino, Dawn Cullum, Scott Houston, Sharma Uma, Wanda Bonnell, and Fidel Landeros. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Michael Baldwin. The resolution was passed, adopted, and attached to the minutes.

Approval of Minutes: MOTION: Wanda Bonnell. SECOND: Fidel Landeros. The minutes from September 29, 2021, and October 19, 2021, meetings were approved.

Probation Department Report:

Chief Probation Officer Mark Ferriera advised that the Juvenile Institutions' current population is 38 youth, with 2 females and 36 males, noting the current population is the lowest he's seen in the past 22 years. Additionally, he provided the following updates:

- The operational units within the Juvenile Institutions include units 1, 3, 5, 6, and C.
- 13 youth are in custody for murder or attempted murder, and 3 are pending placement.
- The Juvenile Institutions will fully resume in-person visitation on Sunday.
- The Secure Track count in Juvenile Hall is zero.
- The current count at DJJ is 15 and is gradually decreasing.
- Programming both in/out-of-custody youth continues; Aggression Replacement Training (ART) for both in/out-of-custody youth; Lets Work and Cognitive Behavior Treatment (CBT) for out-of-custody youth.
 - Incentives are provided to youth who complete their programming.
- One hundred ninety-six wards are currently on probation.

CPO Ferriera stated that a few post-adjudicated youth who demonstrated good behavior in the Juvenile Institutions had been approved to attend an event at the Gallo Center. Marian Martino stated that eighty gifts were provided for the Juvenile Justice youth and that community funding is available if needed.

Chairperson Marian Martino presented the JJC meetings scheduled for 2022. The next Juvenile Justice Commission meeting will be on February 17, 2022, at Noon, in the Probation Department Training Room.

The meeting adjourned at 3:27 p.m.

STANISLAUS COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION

December 9, 2021

JJC Member

Marian Martino, Chair

Present

Michael Baldwin, Vice Chair

Present - Late

Dawn Cullum

Present

Stephen Ashman

Sharma Uma

Present

Chief Fidel Landeros

Present

Wanda Bonnell

Present

Lt. Scott Houston

Present

CPO Mark Ferriera

Present

ACPO Leticia Ruano

The Honorable Ruben Villalobos

The Honorable Ann Ameal

Guest

Guest

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RESOLUTION NO. JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMISSION #1

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS
PURSUANT TO ASSEMBLY BILL 361**

WHEREAS, all meetings of the Juvenile Justice Commission are held pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act, ensuring that any member of the public may participate in local government meetings; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19 and ordered all residents to obey orders and guidance issued by state and local health officials, including but not limited to, the imposition of social distancing measures to control the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the County of Stanislaus adopted a resolution ratifying the declaration of local health emergency and issued a proclamation of a local emergency related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 suspending certain provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act in order to allow local legislative bodies to conduct meetings telephonically or by other means; and

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2021, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-08-21, which, effective September 30, 2021, ends the provisions of Executive Order N-29-20 that allows local legislative bodies to conduct meetings telephonically or by other means; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2021, the Governor signed AB 361 (2021) into law, which allows for local legislative bodies to continue to conduct meetings via teleconferencing under specified conditions and includes a requirement that the legislative bodies make specific findings; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has declared a State of Emergency pursuant to Government Code section 8625 as has the County of Stanislaus; and

WHEREAS, since issuing Executive Order N-08-21, the highly contagious Delta variant of COVID-19 has emerged, causing an increase in COVID-19 cases throughout the State and Stanislaus County; and

WHEREAS, the California Department of Public Health currently recommends that all individuals, regardless of vaccination status, wear a mask while indoors in public spaces; and

WHEREAS, on September 22, 2021, the Stanislaus County Health Officer issued an amended order requiring all individuals, regardless of vaccination status, to wear a mask while indoors in public spaces and to continue to follow the Centers for Disease Control's ("CDC") guidance for vaccinated and unvaccinated people; and

WHEREAS, the Stanislaus County Health Officer has issued a letter dated September 22, 2021, in which she, "recommend[s] that physical/social distancing measures be practiced throughout our Stanislaus County communities to minimize the spread of COVID-19, including implementation of the newly enacted AB 361 to maintain social distancing by legislative bodies of our local agencies"; and

WHEREAS, the CDC continues to recommend physical distancing of at least 6 feet from others outside of the household; and

WHEREAS, California Code of Regulations Title 8, section 3205 "COVID-19 Prevention," subparagraph (c)(5) states: "Training and instruction. The employer shall provide effective training and instruction to employees that includes the following: . . . (D) The fact that particles containing the virus can travel more than six feet, especially indoors, so physical distancing, face coverings, increased ventilation indoors, and respiratory protection decrease the spread of COVID-19, but are most effective when used in combination"; and

WHEREAS, because state or local health officials have imposed or are recommending measures to promote social distancing, the Juvenile Justice Commission meetings via desires to continue holding teleconferencing; and

WHEREAS, the Juvenile Justice Commission shall ensure that its meetings comply with the provisions required by AB 361 (2021) for holding teleconferenced meetings.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Juvenile Justice Commission does resolve as follows:

1. The above recitals are true and correct, and incorporated into this Resolution.

2. In compliance with AB 361 (2021), and in order to continue to conduct teleconference meetings without complying with the requirements of Government Code section 54953(b)(3) of the Brown Act, the Juvenile Justice Commission makes the following findings:

- a) The Community Corrections Partnership has considered the circumstances of the state of emergency; and
- b) The state of emergency, as declared by the Governor and County of Stanislaus, continues to exist; and
- c) The state of emergency due to the presence of COVID-19 in the community continues to directly impact the ability of the members of Juvenile Justice Commission to meet safely in person; and

- d) State and local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.
3. The Juvenile Justice Commission may continue to meet remotely in compliance with AB 361, in order to better ensure the health and safety of the public.
4. The Juvenile Justice Commission will revisit the need to conduct meetings remotely no later than 30 days after teleconferencing for the first time, and every 30 days thereafter.
5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by Juvenile Justice Commission of the County of Stanislaus, State of California, this 9th day of December 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: Marian Martino, Dawn Cullum, Sharma Uma, Fidel Landeros, Wanda Bonnell, Scott Houston.

NOES:

ABSENT: Michael Baldwin

ABSTAIN:


Marian Martino, Chair

ATTEST:

BY: 
Eva Carrasco, Executive Assistant