



PROBATION DEPARTMENT



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Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission Meeting Minutes

July 26, 2023

2840 West Sandy Mush Road, Merced CA 95341

Attending

Joe Hoffar, Chairperson
Linda Levesque, Commissioner
Jermaine Paster, Commissioner
Ronald Evans, Commissioner
Anthony DiBella, Commissioner
Noemi Kollman, Commissioner
Mark Bacciarini, Judge
Chris Henn, Deputy Chief Probation Officer
Ben Rodriguez, Division Manager
Channan High, Program Specialist

Absent

Kelly Bentz, Vice-Chair
Sheri Campbell, Commissioner

Guests

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:42 p.m.

Approval/Additions to Agenda

Joe asked for a motion to approve the agenda. There was one correction. Noemi Ramirez is Noemi Kollman. Anthony motioned, and Linda seconded. There being no opposition, the agenda was approved.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Swearing-In of Noemi Kollman

Judge Bacciarini swore Noemi Kollman in as a JJDPCC commissioner.

Closed Session

Sharing Critical Incidents Update

- Tour of the Facility
- DC Henn reported on the critical incidents for the last month.
- Grievances were reviewed.
- Stars were reviewed.

Resume Open Session

Approval of Minutes – May 24, 2023

Joe asked for a motion to approve the May 24, 2023, meeting minutes. Anthony motioned and Ronald seconded. There being no opposition, the minutes were approved.

New Business

- Give Back Better Pledge Online Fundraiser – After further research Ronald indicated that this fundraiser was for much larger projects and that the JJDC's projects would not fit the profile at this time. The commission agreed to consider it for the future.
- Commissioner Applicant Interviews – Joe proposed some questions to be used for the interviews. He asked that the commission review them and be prepared to vote on them in September. Joe also recommended three commissioners sit as the interview committee headed by the Vice-Chair. The commission will also vote on the final process in September.

Legislative Updates

There were no updates reported.

SB823 Update

One student was referred to Fresno County.

Old Business

- Group Pictures – The group picture was taken agreeing to include the absent commissioners at a later date.
- Update on PowerPoint – Jermaine showed the commissioners the PowerPoint thus far. He welcomed feedback and suggestions. His plan is to have it ready for final approval in September. There was one suggestion to include what the commission's needs and goals are.
- Budget – Joe presented the commissioners with an example of his budget and requested that everyone make their own recommendations. The commission will discuss and vote on this matter in September.
- Update on Youth Directory – Ronald discussed his attendance at an event and the collection of his surveys. The Youth Directory will take further time and consideration as a future item.

Events

Joe reviewed the upcoming events and will email reminders. There is still one event that needs to be filled.

Open Discussion:

Jermaine made the recommendation for prayer before the commission meeting begins. There was discussion and the commissioners agreed.

Joe would like to discuss the facility inspections in September. He would like to narrow down the expectations for the areas inspected and create a streamlined process and subcommittee.

Adjourned

Minutes by Linda Levesque and scribed by Priscilla Martin, Secretary III