

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO  
JUVENILE PROBATION COMMISSION



**FULL COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**  
**Wednesday, March 13, 2024, 5:30 pm**  
**Meeting held in-person with public**  
**comment at:**  
**City Hall, #1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place,**  
**Hearing Room 408 San Francisco, CA 94102**

**Full Commission:**

Margaret Brodkin, President  
Linda Martley-Jordan, Vice President  
Johanna Lacoë  
Allison Magee  
Toye Moses  
Manuel Rodriguez  
James Spingola

**Meeting Minutes**

In-person meeting only. Comments would have to be from the public sitting in the audience.

**The meeting was called to order at 5:33 pm.**

**1. Roll Call:**

1. Margaret Brodkin, President – Present
2. Linda Martley-Jordan, Vice-President – Present
3. Johanna Lacoë – Present
4. Allison Magee – Absent
5. Toye Moses – Absent
6. Manuel Rodriguez – Present
7. James Spingola – Present

**2. Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda:**

- a. No public comment.

**3. Juvenile Hall Replacement Concept Design Presentation by KMD Architects and Chinn Planning:**

1. ***Presentation from KMD Architects – see [PowerPoint](#).***

**Questions from the Commissioners:**

- a. How much freedom do young people have to move throughout the space?

- a. It depends on how long the youth are with us.
- b. Do the young people in detention have access to all the spaces?
  - a. Yes, spaces will be accessible to all young people except the overnight family space.
  - c. Can you share the justification of the proposal for 52 beds in the hall?
    - a. To make decisions for the safety of the kids. All the spaces are not used to house youth – they are used for other purposes.
    - d. What's the risk if we do not take action on this?
      - a. There is no immediacy. The City has not allocated funds for this.
      - e. Of the facilities that you have designed, how many of them needed more beds?

**Public Comment:**

**Tracy Gallardo:** We need to get rid of the concrete beds. They are inhumane. We wanted the facility closed, not to have eight beds. She thinks there are other options, such as halfway houses, etc.

**Ron Stueckle (Sunset Youth Services):** We are in a better collaborative place than we have ever been. He feels afraid because he thinks there is a monster that can crush all of this – the political climate in San Francisco is incarceration crazy. Please consider fewer beds. If you build the beds, they will fill them. Where you don't have authority, you have influence and can be used to object to the incarceration climate in San Francisco.

**Michelle Alvarez Campos:** It's nice to see a beautiful facility designed. Sadly, she does not see a space for interviews, private space, or behavioral health. There are only two interview rooms for secured track, but they are not defined. There aren't enough providers that speak Spanish. Don't forget the importance of behavioral health, as it is crucial.

**Zena Smallwood:** She is deeply concerned. She is appalled that we are trying to build a multimillion-dollar juvenile facility when the literacy rate and math rates for black and brown kids are so low. She would like to see this money reallocated to preventive services instead of this beautiful facility. There should be investment towards humane treatments for those who end up in juvenile facilities. She does not want to see more money spent on this.

**Angela Gallegos Castillo:** When we are trying to break it down, where did we decide to build and invest in juvenile hall? Consider thinking out of the box. We want a community-based solution. How can SB 4 work to our advantage and keep young people in the community?

**Juana Teo (Reimagined Youth Coalition):** Imagine what the city can do with the money if it is invested in prevention. The number of young people incarcerated has fluctuated because we have not addressed the root causes. It makes no sense to keep investing in the problem and think more creatively of solutions to the root cause. The City needs to lead the State in shifting the narrative to prevention. Young people should have access to quality education that is not in a cage. She is concerned with the lack of community transparency of how we got to this point when this was not imagined in 2019 and what we do not want.

**Violeta Vasquez:** We don't need this facility. We need to focus on prevention. We cannot afford this yet while there are hungry young San Franciscans. We need to fund our community capacity and alternatives, not incarceration. We need to focus on the root of criminalization. We need a holistic approach to health care, not more police or renamed facilities.

**Dan Macallair (CJCJ):** Do we need 52 beds? He proposes holding off on a new detention facility until we can determine alternatives and how they can be utilized.

**Hilary (Director of CARC):** We need to address the school-to-prison pipeline. Where did the shift

come from a homelike environment to an educational environment? Why aren't we investing in education and other preventive measures? She isn't sure why the conversation changed.

**Maria Isabel:** She is outraged at a new "rehabilitation center." These facilities tend to do more harm than good. Our youth need preventative methods and not incarceration.

**Dinky Enty:** We do not need 36 pre-adjudicated beds. We need no more than 15. We need to remove concrete slabs. They are not beds. We do not need that many commitment beds or spaces. We must end the incarceration of girls. They can be served and supported in the community. What will the new long-term cells offer that the current facility cannot?

**Diego:** He is outraged to learn the City will be making another YGC. It is not a good use of our tax money. Take a transformative rather than reformative approach to youth justice.

#### **4. Program Committee Report**

- a. [See Recommended JPD Performance Measures](#)

##### **Public Comment:**

**Dinky Enty:** She is hopeful that we can do the following by July 1: address the limitations of this fiscal year's measures while addressing why we want them to be different for next year. We must decide on them now, so we have the entire year to collect the data. The timing and in-person component make attending the Program Committee meeting challenging. She is requesting hybrid meetings.

- b. Commissioner Lacoë makes a motion to approve these measures.
- c. Commissioner Rodriguez seconds the motion.
- d. All present commissioners voted to approve the motion.
- e. Future meetings: community-based conversation and diversion.
- f. The next meeting is on April 22, 2024.

#### **5. Chief's Report – See [PowerPoint](#) and [written report](#).**

- a. Monthly data report highlights
- b. Workforce update
- c. Transformation update

##### **Public Comment:**

**Dinky Enty:** She would like to offer support.

##### **Questions from the Commissioners:**

#### **6. Finance & Governance Committee Report:**

##### **Future agenda items for full commission meetings:**

- a. April – Log Cabin discussion.
- b. May – CARC, diversion, and DCYF results.
- c. June – Juvenile Hall and survey
- d. July – TBD. Possibly best practices in probation services and supervision.
- e. August – No meeting.
- f. September – New juvenile justice model
- g. October – Mutual accountability between probation and CBOs.
- h. November – Pre-budget

- i. December – Have the DA attend the meeting.
- j. The next finance meeting is May 2, 2024.
- k. No public comment.

**7. President's Report:**

- a. Nicole Codling starts next Monday.
- b. No public comment.

**8. Future Agenda Items:**

- a. Discussed under item number 6.
- b. Discuss school closures in community meeting.
- c. No public comment.

**9. Review and Approval of the Commission Meeting Minutes for February 14, 2024:**

- a. Commissioner Rodriguez moved to approve minutes.
- b. Commissioner Lacoé seconds the motion.
- c. All present commissioners approved minutes.

**10. Adjournment:**

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm.