

# Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council Meeting Minutes

**June 4, 2025**

Note: Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council has not yet approved these minutes. There may be additions/deletions or corrections before the minutes are accepted in final form.

**Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council Members Present:**

Agency	Member/Designee	Agency	Member/Designee
Behavioral Health	Dr. Loretta Denering	Office of Education	Stefanie Rodriguez
BOS	Vianey Lopez	Probation	Gina Johnson
CEO	Dr. Sevet Johnson	Public Defender	Paul Drevenstedt
City Impact	Cynthia Torres	Public Health	Seleta Dobrosky
District Attorney	Maureen Byrne	Sheriff	Ken Truitt
Human Services	Leticia Morales	VCLECC	Mike Federico
JJDPC	Jennifer Lopardo		

**Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council Members Absent:**

Agency	Member/Designee
Superior Court	Hon. Judge Romero

Discussion/Conclusions	Recommendations /Actions
<b>1) Welcome/Announcements/Roll Call</b> Gina Johnson called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm. Announcements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CEO Sevet Johnson announced the retirement of Chief Gina Johnson and appointment of Candice Modica as Interim Chief Probation Officer</li> </ul>	
<b>2) Approval of the JJCC Meeting Minutes Dated April 9, 2025.</b> <b>Motion to approve minutes as submitted. Moved by Loretta Denering; seconded by Stefanie Rodriguez. All in favor. Motion approved.</b>	
<b>3) Public Comments</b> None.	
<b>4) Standing Item: Budget Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The FY 2025–26 Budget has been submitted to the Board of Supervisors and is pending approval in the coming weeks.</li> <li>Appropriations and related revenue for Probation were reduced by \$1.5 million to align with historical spending patterns.</li> </ul>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The trust fund balance is estimated at \$12.8 million as of the end of the fiscal year.</li> <li>• Budgeted expenditures exceed projected revenue by approximately \$1 million.</li> </ul>	
<b>5) JJCC Program Review and Development Subcommittee Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The council received a presentation from Interface Children &amp; Family Services regarding their evaluation of current JJCPA-funded programs and services.</li> </ul>	
<b>6) Update about CBO representative(s) recruitment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Ad Hoc Subcommittee recommended the Ventura County Community Providers Network (VCCP) as the Community-Based Organization (CBO) representative.</li> <li>• VCCP intends to choose a representative to sit on the council annually.</li> </ul> <p><b>Motion to approve CBO representative. Moved by Paul Drevenstedt; seconded by Seleta Dobrosky. All in favor. Motion approved.</b></p>	
<b>7) Juvenile Justice Realignment Block Grant Plan Update and Planning Subcommittee for Realigned Youth</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Annual Plan has been submitted to the Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) and will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for approval via the consent agenda.</li> <li>• The Pawsitive Steps program is in the process of being rolled out; most, if not all, proposed program components were approved.</li> </ul>	
<b>8) Meeting Adjourned at 4:26 pm.</b> Next meeting: August 13, 2025, at 4:00pm.	