



COMMISSIONER Lark Thomas, Chair
COMMISSIONER Danny Smith
COMMISSIONER Michael Stewart
COMMISSIONER Carol Salvagione
COMMISSIONER Walter Turner
COMMISSIONER Cheryl Sena

San Francisco Juvenile Justice Commission
Approved minutes of General Meeting
May 18, 2021
Via Zoom

CALLED TO ORDER

Commissioner Thomas called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Comm. Smith - present
Comm. Stewart - present
Comm. Salvagione – present
Comm. Sena – present
Comm. Thomas - present
Comm. Turner – present

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The April 20, 2021 minutes were approved.

UNIFIED FAMILY COURT

- Judge Daniel Flores was present to report for the court. The court is still operating under the same hybrid model for court hearings (live and/or via Blue Jeans).
- Commissioner Thomas mentioned additional issues observed during the police department inspections. There were a significant number of younger youth (under 14) detained at Central station. Some were as young as 10 and 11 years old. Many went to Juvenile Hall some went to CARC. There were concerns about other stations as well. A meeting with Judge Wiley and Judge Flores will be arranged.

COURT SCHOOLS

- No representative present

SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH

- No representative present

JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT

- Director Uppal was off and not present. Chief Miller made the report.
- Census: 16; 15 male, 1 female. Yesterday there were 19. 3 releases in progress.
- 5 units are currently open: 1 quarantine unit; 1 girl's unit; and 3 boy's units (2 for under 18 years old, one for 18 and over).
- Director Uppal has been working with the community partners to get programming back in person. Omega (conflict resolution program) started last week. Community programming is back in person.
- In person family visitation is taking place on the weekends.
- The court school is supporting the youth who are taking city college classes.
- The closed Juvenile Hall work group meets tomorrow. They will turn their report in to the Board of Supervisors in June. They will make recommendations on reducing the use of detention. A subcommittee is assessing detention alternatives. Another subgroup is assessing non-institutional facilities and what those might look like. Vacant cottages at Edgewood are a possible option for detention. A preliminary site visit will take place. They are reaching out to the State Board of Corrections to have them determine if this is a viable alternative. The use of Edgewood would require making it a fully secure detention setting.
- The State will be closing DJJ. An interim plan is needed by July. There also needs to be a long term plan for youth with longer sentences (two plus years).
- There is no official news yet on what will happen when Juvenile Hall closes. The city will still finance Juvenile Hall until 2036. The probation department and the court house will remain there.
- Commissioner Turner raised the issue of stopping gun violence in the city. He suggested exploring a mandatory program for youth on probation. Chief Miller was on a call with the police department that morning regarding launching a program in the Bayview.

CHAIR REPORT

- Comm. Thomas invited guest Helen Tam of OTTP (working at Civic Center School) to introduce herself and discuss her program. It is an occupational therapy training program that assists youth with getting jobs, navigating transportation, getting their basic needs met, etc.
- Gabriella, the Juvenile Justice Coordinator from CASA also introduced herself.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- **None**

ADJOURNMENT

6:06 p.m.