

**Yolo County Juvenile Justice Realignment Subcommittee**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**July 17, 2025, 1:00 p.m.**

**625 Court Street  
Room B02, Atrium Training Room  
Woodland, CA 95695**



**Juvenile Justice Realignment Subcommittee**  
Chief Probation Officer, Chair, Rachelle Gayton  
Superintendent of Juvenile Detention Facility, Oscar Ruiz  
District 1 Community Member: Lando Matthews  
District 2 Community Member: Judith Arce  
District 3 Community Member: An Ta  
District 4 Community Member: Vacant  
District 5 Community Member: Cecilia Maldonado  
District Attorney Representative: David Wilson  
Public Defender Representative: Monica Brushia  
Department of Social Services Representative: Tony Kildare  
Department of Mental Health Representative: Tony Kildare  
Office of Education Representative: Maria Arvizu-Espinoza  
Non-Profit Serving Minors Representative: Celina Alveraz  
Court Representative: Rocio Richter

1. **Call to Order.**
2. **Action Item:** Consider approval of the agenda.
  - a. **Motion to approve:** David Wilson first; Tony Kildare seconded
  - b. **Vote: PASS[X] FAIL[ ]**

3. **Open for Public Comment**

This public comment item is limited to subjects relating to the collaborative and not on the agenda. The Chair reserves the right to impose reasonable time limits on individual speakers and topics.

**NOTES:**

4. **Member announcements**

**Member Discussion:**

Monica Brushia expressed concern regarding the duration of detention of a minor for being drunk in public and asked about Probation's release process. Rachelle Gayton explained Probation's intake and release process and highlighted the need to continue to improve processes. To that end, Rachelle Gayton suggested presenting planned improvements in the CalAIM proposal once it is approved and live. An Ta noted that it would be good to see greater transparency with the intake and release of youths, including visibility on the treatment of youths during the process. An Ta also noted that district 4's seat remains vacant and suggested a more active recruitment effort.

5. **Informational Items**

- a. Discuss Less Restrictive Programs (LRPs) options with a focus on Pine Grove

**Member Discussion:**

Rachelle Gayton opens the discussion noting the differences between regulated and unregulated LRPs, highlighting that Pine Grove is regulated, however most LRPs that California counties work with are unregulated. David Wilson notes that youths can stay for two or more years depending on conditions until they're ready to move to lower restrictions; however, youths are allowed to decline moving to other programs. Maria Arvizu-Espinoza inquired about the transition for youth entering Pine Grove and David Wilson informed the group that youths would have to meet strict criteria leading up to selection for the LRP including not being on medication for 6 months. Maria Arvizu-Espinoza followed up asking if Pine Grove provided a pathway to conditional employment with CalFire. David Wilson stated that it was dependent on the individual. An Ta asked if we were able to check on youths at Pine Grove. Rachelle Gayton answered an affirmative and David Wilson added that if interactions with family members or friends were not prosocial the individuals involved would have their access restricted or revoked. Rachelle Gayton suggested a vote be taken after public comment.

**Public Comment:**

Carlos Hernandez was glad to hear about Pine Grove but noted that in 2028 regulated LRPs will see revenue reductions and highlighted the need to conceptualize alternative youth incarceration.

Motion to enter into contract: David Wilson first, seconded by An Ta

- **Vote: PASS[X]      FAIL[ ]**

b. Provide an update on the County Self Assessment (CSA) and System Improvement Plan (SIP)

**Member Discussion:**

Rachelle Gayton announced that the CSA is currently drafted but the SIP is still being crafted. An Ta asked about the expansion of involvement for schools and communities, and Monica Brushia followed up asking about a potential list of services. Rachelle Gayton confirmed that the roadmap would provide a list of service.

**Public Comment:**

Michelle Vermette provided an update on the System Improvement Plan (SIP), a five-year plan developed in conjunction with HHSA. We have just started working on it as the County Self-Assessment (CSA) was only recently submitted to the state. Probation's focus will be on service array; we will be looking at the programs currently in place as well as evaluating the need for new ones. We will also be looking at program fidelity.

**6. Meeting Review**

a. Request for future meeting topics

- Voting on block grant report
- Update on CSA/SIP
- Update on Pine Grove Contract

**7. Adjournment**

**8. Next Meeting: January 8, 2026 @ 1:00 PM**

**9. Location:**

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