

**ALAMEDA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'
PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

Thursday, October 14, 2021
10:00 a.m.

Supervisor Richard Valle, Chair
Supervisor Nate Miley

**Location: Board of Supervisors Chambers
County Administration Building
1221 Oak Street, Suite 512
Oakland, CA 94612**

Webinar: <https://zoom.us/j/99247500951>

SUMMARY/ACTION MINUTES

I. Raising Leaders Workshop and Internship Program Update

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Ms. Davida Scott, Teacher on Special Assignment, Hayward Adult School, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Raising Leaders Workshop and Internship Program.

In 2010, Ms. Davida Scott, had the opportunity to teach workshops through the Highway to Work Program. The opportunity inspired her to create Raising Leaders.

Partnering with the City of Hayward and the Hayward Adult School Raising Leaders Workshops was created for justice involved youth, homeless youth, and youth in the foster care system.

The workshops focus on employability skills, financial awareness, career exploration and educational opportunities. Guest speakers include civic leaders, including judges, nurses, firefighters, California Highway Patrol officers (who teach their Start Smart young driver program), Comerica Bank executives, and others who share personal stories of overcoming challenges. Students receive five school credits, updated resumes, and 16 hours of community service upon completion, along with the opportunity to interview for a paid internship.

Brenda Gomez, former student and Ruby Espinoza, Raising Leaders intern, spoke about their experiences in the program.

Melissa Wilk, Auditor-Controller, Assistant Sheriff Tom Madigan, and Interim Chief Probation Officer Marcus Dawal spoke about their departments and agencies support of the program.

Purpose:

- Report progress**
- Advocacy or Education**
- Request Public Protection Committee Recommendation or Position
- Other:

This item is informational only and required no Committee action.

II. Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission (JJDBC) 2020 Inspection Report

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Vamsey Palagummi, Chair, and Elana Metz, Vice-Chair, Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Commission 2020 Inspection Report.

The Welfare & Institution Code mandates that there be annual inspections of all counties juvenile halls and placement facilities. Inspectors shall have access to all publicly administered institutions and shall report the results of such inspection in writing to the presiding judge of the juvenile court and to the Board of State and Community Corrections.

The Alameda County Juvenile Hall was inspected in person and virtual and the Commission made recommendations from the inspection in the areas of staffing, education, programming, and behavioral health.

Recommendations include:

- End shift bidding in upcoming collective bargaining agreement
- Must be able to mandate overtime
- More investments in SEEP and local college programming and partnerships
- Increased resource sharing and collaboration between ACOE and Probation
- Utilize culturally affirming curriculum to inspire youth after their release
- Long-term programming (partnering with community and ACBH to co-run programming)
- Offer more intensive programming, similar to Camp Sweeny
- Increase utilization of outdoor spaces and form partnerships with community experts (i.e., Planting Justice, gardening classes, etc.)

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Recommendation from the Public Protection Committee: The Committee directed Interim Chief Probation Officer Marcus Dawal to return to the Committee with a report regarding the use of pepper spray in juvenile hall.

III. Introduction to Reimagining Adult Justice Project and Proposed Direction on a Community Engagement Process for a County Board of Supervisors Sheriff's Oversight Board and Office of Inspector General

[Attachment](#)

Wendy Still, Special Advisor, Alameda County Board of Supervisors District 2, presented a PowerPoint presentation on Reimagining Adult Justice Project and Proposed Direction on a Community Engagement Process for a County Board of Supervisors Sheriff's Oversight Board and Office of Inspector General.

Ms. Still introduced the Twelve Elements to Reimagining Adult Justice, a series of questions regarding the project. Marcus Dawal, Chair of CCPEC & Interim Chief Probation Officer, will be presenting responses to questions from the Public Protection Committee, on the Reimagining Adult Justice project.

Assembly Bill 1185

AB 1185 was signed into law by Governor Newsom on September 30, 2020, and the bill became effective January 1, 2021. It adds section 25303.7 to the Government Code to authorize each of the fifty-eight California counties, either by board of supervisor action or vote of county residents, to create civilian oversight bodies over their elected sheriffs and to vest them with the power of subpoena. It can include a sheriff Oversight Board and/or Office of the Inspector General.

Ms. Still proposed a six-step approach to formation of a proposed Sheriff's Oversight Board and Office of Inspector General.

1. In person meeting (if possible) within each supervisorial district, with Zoom access General public, community leaders, community and faith-based organizations, and advocacy groups
2. Community feedback will be used to develop recommendations on the following:
 - Oversight Board composition & selection
 - Community survey
 - Role of the Public Protection Committee
 - Mission statement and goals
 - Scope of authority, and rules and procedures for the Oversight Board and Office of the Inspector General
3. A second presentation will be made to the community, within each district, to ensure their initial feedback and recommendations are accurately captured.
4. Presentation to the CCPEC to obtain their input and recommendations on a conceptual framework related to the Oversight Board and/or Office of Inspector General
5. Presentation to the Public Protection Committee will be made to obtain their approval to present to the Board of Supervisors, a recommended design and workplan that incorporates community and CCPEC input.
6. Presentation of recommendations and general workplan to be made to the Board of Supervisors in early 2022.

Speakers

Micky Duxbury, First Unitarian Church of Oakland, support oversight board due to the number of deaths and suicides at Santa Rita Jail, is more than any county jail in the state.

Norma Nelson spoke in support of the Sheriff's Oversight Board and believes that the Community Corrections Partnership Executive Committee should not make the decision on the composition of the board and the community should have major input in the process.

Jean Moses supports the implementation of a Sheriff's Oversight Board.

Bruce Schmiechen, Faith in Action East Bay, stated that the Sheriff's Oversight Board should be seen as independent as possible, that the community can depend on for accountability.

Brian Hofer, Executive Director, Secure Justice, supports the Sheriff's Oversight Board. He encouraged meaningful community input.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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