



**ALAMEDA COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT  
 JJCC SB 823 SUBCOMMITTEE  
 QUARTERLY MEETING MINUTES  
 November 20, 2025, 12:00-2:00 p.m.  
 JJC, 2500 Fairmont Drive, San Leandro, CA 94578, Room C1002  
 Microsoft Teams Teleconference Option Provided**

**JJCC Subcommittee Members or Designees Present:**

Brian Ford, Chief Probation Officer	Keenan Wilkins, D1 Representative
Al Mance, PD	Nicole Berrow, D2 Representative
Ericson Amaya, FOK	Adrienne Hogg, D3 Representative
DaSean Spencer, OPD	Kelvin Potts, D4 Representative
Vamsey Palagummi, JJDCP Chair	Erin Palacios, D5 Representative
Eric Guthertz, ACOE	Jesus Cortez, Youth Representative

**Meeting Participants:**

Jason Allen, County Counsel	Celina Cuevas, ACPD
Esmeraldo Antonio, ACPD	Tatiana Hernandez, UPM
Naseem Badiey, ACPD	Jill Jacobs, Family Builders
Albert Banuelos, ACPD	William Maemori, ACPD
Nayeli Bernal, Papaloti Consulting	Jamilah Pierson, ACPD
Rodney Brooks, PD	Alvaro Pino, Family Builders
Dieudonné Brou, UPM	Fred Sahakian, ACPD
Dante Cercone, ACPD	Robert Walton, ACPD
Shauna Conner, ACPD	Laurie Lucky, ACPD (recorder)

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action Needed
1. Welcome and Roll Call		
2. Approval of 8/21/2025 Minutes	A motion was made by Sgt. Spencer to approve the August 21, 2025, minutes. The motion was seconded. No public comment. Motion passed.	
3. SB 823 Annual Plan 2026-2027	Nayeli Bernal from Papaloti Consulting was introduced by Shauna Conner. Nayeli Bernal presented to the group an outline of the key components of the work that will be incorporated in the Annual Plan. The plan will follow the structure of last year's plan with updated and amended information and will align to state requirements.	

<p>4. Q3 Data Reporting</p>	<p>The following data was presented to the subcommittee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Q3 Use of Force Data</li> <li>2. Q3 Use of Outdoor Space</li> <li>3. Facilities Update</li> </ol>	
<p>5. Family Builders Presentation</p>	<p>Family Builders presented an overview of their services.</p> <p><b>Question:</b>  <b>Would you explain how the funding works?</b>  <i>Staff coordinates with Social Services to determine how much a family member (not a biological parent) receives per month. The family member receives payment after the child has lived with them for about 2-3 months. The standard rate is \$1,200 per month. For intensive services the foster care rate can go up to \$3,000 per month.</i></p> <p><b>Question</b>  <b>Are we sending referrals to Family Builders?</b>  <i>Yes. Referrals are received from "Screening for Out of Home Services" (SOS).</i></p> <p><b>Question</b>  <b>Since the approval process and higher rates approval process takes so long - about a year, is there additional County funding or resources available for the families to help make the process less stressful?</b>  <i>While we are working on getting the family approved, the County is funding the family. They're getting the basic rate. Additionally, they are getting gift cards and other things for emergencies. Those kinds of things are provided by both our organizations.</i></p>	
<p>6. Firm Roots Academy Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A cohort of youth, including young ladies, will participate in the Blue Water Sailing program.</li> <li>• A young lady from the program participated in a career activity day on a college campus.</li> <li>• Youth in the Firm Roots Academy understand what their goals are.</li> <li>• New partners are being solidified in contracts with CTWI and work is being done to bring in the MC3 Program.</li> <li>• There are lots of successes working with ACOE.</li> <li>• A couple of youth stepped down to Camp Sweeney. Additionally, today youth in Camp Sweeney are giving food to the homeless through a program we call "Camps Giving".</li> </ul>	

	<p><b>Comment:</b>  There was a suggestion to have the Alameda County Behavioral Health Department provide an update on behavioral health services in Secure Track (Firm Roots), as well as an update on CalAIM implementation for facilities overall.</p>	<p><i>ACBHD to provide updates at an upcoming meeting.</i></p>
7. Public Comment	None	
8. Upcoming Meeting	<p>Next SB 823 Sub-Committee Meeting:  Quarterly Meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 19, 2026, 12:00pm – 2:00pm, 2500 Fairmont Drive, San Leandro, CA 94578, Room C1002</p>	
9. Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 1:27 PM	