# MINUTES BOARD OF STATE AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS MEETING Thursday, September 11, 2025 10:00 A.M. BOARD MEETING

Meeting Held In-Person, Zoom & Teleconference

2590 Venture Oaks Way BSCC Board Meeting Room Sacramento, California 95833

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# I. Call Meeting to Order

Vice Chair Kirk Haynes called the meeting to order at 10:04 A.M. and welcomed the Board members and the public to the meeting.

Vice Chair Haynes announced that Chair Penner was unavailable for the meeting, and thanked all the board members attending in person, those who traveled to be at the meeting, and the members who were joining remotely.

Vice Chair Haynes announced that along with Chair Penner being absent, Ms. Cumpian and Mr. Budnick were also absent. Ms. Zaragoza, Chief Scott, Dr. Castro Rodriguez and Sheriff Taylor were joining the meeting remotely with Ms. Zaragoza and Sheriff Taylor joined from public locations. The locations were listed on the BSCC website.

Vice Chair Haynes congratulated and welcomed new board member Mr. Bryan Bishop, the newly appointed Deputy Director of Adult Parole Operations at the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Vice Chair Haynes announced that he would swear in Mr. Bryan Bishop. Vice Chair Haynes ceremonially swore in Mr. Bishop.

Vice Chair Haynes asked Board Secretary Joanna Gonzales to provide instructions on public participation for the meeting. Board Secretary called roll and announced that there was a quorum.

The Following members were in attendance:

Chief Haynes Mr. Bishop Sheriff Taylor\* Chief Branning

Chief Scott\* Ms. Zaragoza\* Dr. Lai Dr. Castro- Rodriguez\*

Mr. Macomber Ms. Gaard

#### II. Information Items

## 1. Chair's Report

Vice Chair Haynes reported that there were no informational items regarding the BSCC. He asked everyone to take a moment in remembrance of the attacks and lives lost on September 11.

Vice Chair Haynes deferred to Executive Director Aaron Maguire for the Executive Director's Report.

# 2. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Aaron Maguire reported the following:

Update on the Los Angeles County Juvenile Detention facilities:

- Updates on the inspections and reinspection of the Los Angeles County Juvenile Detention facilities.
  - There is still ongoing litigation regarding the depopulation of Los Padrinos.
  - O Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall had a targeted inspection of the Secured Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF) and it was found there were three items of non-compliance. The items involve safety checks, room confinement, and use of force. The county submitted Corrective Action Plans (CAP) on Friday, August 1 and it was approved on August 5. Assessment for compliance with the CAP reinspection began and is currently ongoing. There are no updates on the reinspection yet.
  - On August 14, the county notified us that they would be moving forward with transferring youth into the Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall even though the facility remains unsuitable. As a reminder the Board deemed the Juvenile Hall unsuitable in May 2023. The plan is to continue monitoring

<sup>\*</sup>Board members attended remotely through Zoom

and provide a comprehensive inspection of the Juvenile Hall once enough data is available.

- As part of the depopulation plan, Camp Kilpatrick (CBK) Title 24 documents are still pending. Confirmation and approvals from CDCR and the State Public Works Board is also required before the inspection can be scheduled.
- With respect to Camp Paige, the county notified us that they no longer have any projects that require Title 24 review and therefore no further inspection of Camp Paige is required.
- For Camp Afflerbaugh, the inspection began September 10, 2025 to determine compliance with the outstanding items of non-compliance regarding the recreation and exercise programs.
- With respect to the other ongoing issues with the juvenile hall facilities, there are three separate court cases pending at different stages. The California Attorney General has petitioned to place the juvenile halls into a receivership and that hearing is scheduled for October 10, 2025. The Order to Show Cause hearing regarding Los Padrinos has been rescheduled to October 10, 2025. Lastly, the lawsuit initiated by the County against the BSCC has a trial setting conference scheduled for November 4, 2025. Any conversations regarding this will be deferred to closed session.
- An additional update involving Los Angeles County is that the California Attorney General has also filed a new lawsuit against the county with respect to their adult facilities. Those pleadings also include several references to prior inspection reports from the BSCC.
- Inspections at the adult facilities begin September 16<sup>th</sup> through the 19<sup>th</sup> and inspections of other facilities will take place through October.

Mr. Maguire moved on from Los Angeles County and provided the Board with an update on issues involving the grants division. He stated there was an unprecedented increase in the number of grant applications, particularly where community-based organizations are eligible applicants. In March of 2025, 275 proposals for the Adult Re-entry Grant Cohort 4 were received. Recently, 390 proposals for the CalVIP Grant Cohort 5 were received.

The current rating process involves people fully reading and scoring all the proposals in full and this is not sustainable given the unprecedented number of applications, so we are exploring different options for how to score the large volume of proposals. If we proceed with the same review process, we would need over 80 volunteer subject matter

experts to score just the CalVIP proposals. Therefore, on a pilot basis, we are going to move to a modified rating process. It will be a two-phase approach:

- Phase one will identify proposals with the highest rating on two heaviest weighted factors, project description and organizational capacity.
- Phase two will take the highest scored proposal and have those go through the full comprehensive review that is given to all proposals.

This is how the CalVIP proposals will be handled this round because of the volume of proposals and since the rating process is changing, rater training has been delayed. The plan was to award the CalVIP grants at the November meeting, but it is now anticipated they will be awarded at the February meeting. The pilot program will ensure the process is manageable for the scoring panel. Currently there are 30 volunteers, and this process will maintain the integrity and fairness of the scoring process. Subsequent updates about the modified rating process and progress will be provided at future Board meetings.

Mr. Maguire announced that Governor Newsom recently appointed Le-Mai Lyons as the new Chief Deputy Director and General Counsel for the Board of State and Community Corrections, and she will be formally introduced at the next board meeting. Mr. Maguire thanked and acknowledged Eloisa Tuitama who had been filling in with him as cocounsel.

There were no public comments for this item.

# 3. Legislative Update

Mr. Maguire provided the legislative update on bills that impact the board.

- AB 1229, this bill would move the Adult Re-entry Grant to the California
  Department of Housing and Community Development, and it was recently placed
  on the inactive file. We will continue monitoring this bill.
- SB 157, this is a new bill related to the budget and with language added related to our new In Custody Death Review division. It would allow the director to have additional access to records related to local detention facilities, including healthrelated information for our oversight activities with respect to ICDR.
- SB 857, this is the public safety omnibus bill, which is moving through the
  legislative process. When our two most recent board members were added to the
  board, the quorum number was not adjusted. Beginning January 1, 2026, we will
  need eight board members to reach a quorum, instead of seven. Hence, we look
  forward to everyone participating and being in attendance.

Mr. Maguire concluded the legislative update and asked Vice Chair Haynes if there were any questions.

Vice Chair Haynes asked if there were any questions from the board. Judge Gaard, shared she has chaired the CalVIP grant, and she wanted to reiterate that the way to move forward with the CalVIP rating is innovative and she thinks it will be fair for everyone.

Vice Chair Haynes asked for any other comments from board members and there were none.

Vice Chair Haynes asked for public comment. Public comment was heard; the full recording of the public comment and its transcription may be viewed by turning closed captions on here: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UzM-yTMINu4">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UzM-yTMINu4</a>. Public comments Start: 22.04; End: 25:08

Chief Haynes moved on to the consent items and asked if there were any recusals for the consent items. There were no recusals, but Judge Gaard said she would be abstain from voting.

#### III. Action: Consent Items

# A. Minutes from the July 17, 2025 Board Meeting: Requesting Approval

Vice Chair Haynes asked for a motion. Mr. Macomber moved to approve Agenda Item A and Chief Branning seconded. The motion for Consent items A approved by all members present.

There were no public comments for Consent Item A.

#### IV. Action: Discussion Items

- B. <u>Proposition 47 Grant, Cohort 5 Funding Recommendations</u>: **Requesting Approval** *Updated* 9/3/2025
  - Attachment B-1: <u>Prop 47 Cohort 5 Proposals Recommended for</u> Funding
  - 2. Attachment B-2: Prop 47 Cohort 5 Proposal Summaries
  - 3. Attachment B-3: Prop 47 Cohort 5 Request for Proposals
  - 4. Attachment B-4: Prop 47 Cohort 5 Scoring Panel Membership

Vice Chair Haynes asked for recusals and Chief Scott recused.

Field Representative America Velasco with the Corrections Planning and Grant Programs division presented this agenda item which requested Board approval to fully fund eleven (11) Large Scope and eleven (11) Small Scope proposals totaling approximately \$119 million for programs and initiatives that provide mental health services, substance-use disorder treatment, and/or diversion programs for people in the criminal justice system. In addition, staff recommended to partially fund one (1) proposal in the Large Scope category for \$6.9 million. Finally, it was recommend the Board authorize staff to continue awarding funds from the rank-ordered list if any applicant is unable to accept the award, relinquishes an award, or is deemed ineligible first by offering to any partial awardee and then to the next highest-ranked application(s); and dissolve the Proposition 47 Cohort 5 Scoring Panel upon approval of the funding recommendations.

Vice Chair Haynes asked for public comments. Public comment was heard; the full recording of the public comment and its transcription may be viewed by turning closed captions on here: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UzM-yTMINu4">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UzM-yTMINu4</a>. Public comments Start: 35:15; End: 37:47

Vice Chair Haynes asked for a motion to approve. Sheriff Taylor motioned to approve and Judge Gaard seconded. The roll call vote was taken and the motion carried. Chief Scott was asked to return.

- C. Welfare and Institutions Code § 209(d) Corrective Action Plan Process Regulations: Requesting Approval
- D. Local Detention Facilities Inspection Update: Requesting Approval
  - 1. Ratification of Corrective Action Plans:
    - a. Monterey County
      - Youth Center, approved 6/27/2025
    - b. Los Angeles County
      - Barry J. Nidorf SYTF, approved 8/5/2025
      - Camp Afflerbaugh, approved 8/5/2025
  - 2. <u>Outstanding Items of Non-Compliance</u>

Vice Chair Haynes asked for recusals for this item. Judge Gaard recused from item 1,b. Los Angeles County.

Facility Standards and Operations Acting Deputy Director, Steven Wicklander presented this agenda item and provided an update on the local detention facilities inspections completed.

It was noted that Assembly Bill (AB) 134 (Ch . 10, Stats. 2025) codified the delegation of authority for the Executive Director of the BSCC or the Deputy Director of the Facilities Standards and Operations Division to approve or deny CAPs submitted pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code section 209(d)(1). With this delegation, Welfare and Institutions Code section 209(d)(2)(B) requires the BSCC Board to ratify or overrule the delegee's approval or disapproval of the CAP at its next regularly scheduled meeting. The Board's decision to ratify or overrule does not affect the effective date of the CAP timeline.

Acting Deputy Director Wicklander recommended that the BSCC Board ratify the following CAPs: Monterey County Youth Center, Los Angeles County Barry J Nidorf Secure Youth Treatment Facility and Los Angeles County Camp Afflerbaugh.

Vice Chair Haynes asked if there was public comment. There was no public comment.

The Board voted for the Monterey County item. Sheriff Taylor motioned, Mr. Macomber seconded, the roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

Vice Chair Haynes asked Judge Gaard to step out, and the board voted for the Los Angeles County item. Mr. Macomber motioned, Mr. Bishop seconded, the roll call vote was taken and the motion carried. Judge Gaard was asked to return.

#### V. Public Comments

Vice Chair Haynes called for public comment and advised that after the Public Comments are heard the Board would go into closed session and no other comments would be heard with the Board returning only for the meeting to be adjourned.

Public comment was heard; the full recording of the public comment and its transcription may be viewed by turning closed captions on here: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UzM-yTMINu4">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UzM-yTMINu4</a>. Public comments Start: 48:04; End: 54:13.

# VI. Closed Session – Consultation with Legal Counsel Regarding Pending Litigation (Gov. Code § 11126, subd. (e)(1) & (2)(A).)

- County of Los Angeles and Los Angeles County Probation Department v. Board of State and Community Corrections, Case No. 25STCP01415 – (Gov. Code, § 11126, subd. (e)(2)(A).)
- One additional matter Gov. Code, § 11126, subd. (e)(2)(C).)

#### VII. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at: 11:29 A.M.

#### ATTENDANCE ROSTER

#### **BSCC BOARD MEMBERS:**

- 1. Vice Chair Haynes, Chief Probation Officer, Fresno County
- 2. Mr. Macomber, Secretary, California Depart of Corrections and Rehabilitation
- 3. Mr. Bishop, Director, Division of Adult Parole Operations, CDCR
- 4. Ms. Branning, Chief Probation Officer, Lassen County
- 5. Ms. Gaard, Retired Judge, Yolo County
- 6. Dr. Lai, M.D. Berkeley, Alameda County

#### Participated Remotely:

- 7. Mr. Taylor, Sheriff, San Benito County
- 8. Ms. Zaragoza, Attorney, Less Restrictive Program Subject Matter Expert with the Office of Youth and Community Restoration
- 9. Chief Scott, Lassen County
- 10. Dr. Castro-Rodriguez, PsyD, LMFT, San Francisco, California

#### Absent:

- 11. Chair Penner, Chair, Board of State and Community Corrections
- 12. Mr. Budnick, Founder of Anti-Recidivism Coalition
- 13. Ms. Norma Cumpian, Assistant Deputy Director, Women's Department, Anti-Recidivism Coalition

#### **BSCC STAFF:**

Aaron R. Maguire, Executive Director Eloisa Tuitama, Staff Counsel America Velasco, Field Representative, Corrections Planning & Grant Programs Steve Wicklander, Acting Deputy Director, Facility Standards and Operations Joanna Gonzales, Board Secretary