

**MINUTES - AMENDED  
Juvenile Justice Standing Committee  
February 13, 2014**

**Board of State and Community Corrections  
660 Bercut Drive  
Sacramento, CA 95811**

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Chair Steinhart called to order the Juvenile Justice Standing Committee (JJSC) meeting at 10:08 a.m.

The following Committee members were in attendance:

Mr. David Steinhart, Chair	Mr. James Bell	Mr. Alex Briscoe
Ms. Sue Burrell	Ms. Charity Chandler	Ms. Laura Faer
Mr. Gerry Lopez	Ms. Sandra McBrayer	

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### **Agenda Item A**

### **Welcome and Introductions**

Chair Steinhart welcomed the JJSC, and introduced new Committee member, Mr. Alex Briscoe, and Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) staff: Executive Director Kathleen Howard, Deputy Director William Crout, and Field Representative Shalinee Hunter. Chair Steinhart then addressed the empty position vacated by Chief Ron Davis, emphasizing the importance of filling the Committee's vacancy. Chair Steinhart then gave the floor to new Committee member Mr. Briscoe, who introduced himself.

### **Agenda Item B**

### **Approval of Minutes**

***Chair Steinhart entertained a motion to approve the Committee's October 30, 2013 meeting minutes; before seconding the motion, Mr. Bell cited a grammatical error. Pending correction, the motion carried without opposition. (10:20 a.m.)***

### **Agenda Item C**

### **Chair and Staff Updates**

BSCC Executive Director Kathleen Howard addressed the Committee, who then thanked her staff for all their great work. She also was excited about the Committee's presentation at the next Board meeting in March 2014. After which, she told the Committee about the up-and-coming Data and Research Committee, which is to be chaired by Board member Susan Mauriello.

William Crout, Deputy Director of the BSCC's Corrections Planning and Programs (CPP) Division, then addressed the Committee on the change in staff assigned to the Committee. BSCC Field Representative Allison Ganter will be the new lead staff member assigned to support the JJSC. Ms. Ganter and Ms. Hunter will continue to work collaboratively to support the JJSC, giving Ms. Hunter the ability to focus on the State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (SACJJDP).

### **Agenda Item D**

### **Member Updates**

Ms. Faer then presented to the JJSC on education and mental health as it pertains to juvenile justice. The presentation focused on the principal issues of education within the justice system, Title 15 Sections 1370 and 1390 and why institutions are not always in compliance with them. Ms. Faer also commented that the communication between probation and county office of education is critical and must be collaborative to reduce recidivism within the juvenile population.

Chair Steinhart asked, "How do you even organize a curriculum within the context of a juvenile hall? If you have 20 kids all of different levels and ages and literacy capacity and so on, who organizes the course of study and how is it relevant?"

Ms. Faer suggested bringing in David DiDomenici, a consultant and subject matter expert, to share his successes in juvenile hall. This process starts with an assessment, credit transfer system having curriculum and instruction levels that are tailored to the different levels of inmate education, and includes

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data points and outcome measures. She then stated that a system of positive, not punitive, reinforcement has incredible results in our juvenile halls.

Chair Steinhart then asked if the BSCC inspection process includes a review of the curriculum within juvenile halls. Ms. Ganter replied that BSCC field representatives are not educational experts; and as such, in accordance with Title 15 Section 1370, an outside consultant is to provide the facility administrator a technical review of the curriculum annually.

Ms. Faer also referenced [www.fixschooldiscipline.org](http://www.fixschooldiscipline.org) as a resource.

Chair Steinhart asked Ms. Faer to work on a list of educational resources to be used by county office staff and probation in an effort to share best practices. After which, he began his presentation on juvenile mental health issues pertaining to BSCC mission mandates. Mr. Briscoe then spoke to the Committee about the lack of federal funding for juveniles with mental health issues and how to make the most of what is and will be available. Mr. Briscoe encouraged the practice of all youth in juvenile halls to be enrolled into mental health programs and schools after release in an effort to prevent recidivism.

**Agenda Item E**

**JJSC Principles Statement**

Chair Steinhart then briefed the Committee on the status quo of the development of the JJSC Preamble and Principles Statement. He asked the Committee members to read, review, discuss, and then vote on the approval. The Committee then discussed proposed changes in the language of the principles statement and preamble.

***Ms. McBrayer then moved to adopt the proposed changes to the JJSC Principles Statement and Preamble, while giving Chair Steinhart the power of editor to make minor changes on behalf of the Committee before submitting the finalized version to the BSCC and the SACJJDP. Mr. Bell seconded the motion. The motion then passed without opposition. (11:45 a.m.)***

**Working Lunch Break**

Chair Steinhart reconvened the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

**Agenda Item F**

**Juvenile Justice Board Presentation Development**

After much discussion about forming an educational subcommittee, Chair Steinhart opened the floor to any motions to create the subcommittee. Seeing none at that time, he then asked the Committee to direct their attention to Agenda Item F. The Committee then deliberated on the joint juvenile committees' presentation to the Board at the next Board meeting.

**Agenda Item G**

**Future Agenda Items**

Ms. McBrayer then introduced a future agenda item and an arising issue in regard to Title IV-E funding. She informed the Committee that Title IV-E funding for California, which provides services and funding to children, is being withheld by the Federal Government.

Mr. Lopez then addressed the Committee in regard to the Committee meeting schedule and asked for more travel time in the morning. Chair Steinhart agreed with Mr. Lopez and suggested to staff that we give greater consideration to our long distance travelers.

**Agenda Item H**

**Public Comment**

No members of the public had public comment for the Committee.

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**Agenda Item I**

**Adjournment**

Chair Steinhart adjourned the meeting at 1:41 p.m.

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**BSCC Staff Attendance Roster**

Kathleen Howard, Executive Director  
William Crout, Deputy Director, CPP  
Allison Ganter, Field Representative, Facilities Standards and Operations (FSO)  
Toni Gardner, Field Representative, FSO  
Shalinee Hunter, Field Representative, CPP  
Nathan Cusick, Division Secretary, FSO  
Juanita Flores, Division Secretary, CPP