



# CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

## AGENDA

### Racial Justice Oversight Body

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Thursday, May 14, 2026

1:00 PM

1026 Escobar St., #238/239, Martinez,  
CA 94553 |

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#### CEF subcommittee

Agenda Items: Items may be taken out of order based on the business of the day and preference of the Committee

Roll Call and Introductions

Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to two minutes).

1. RECEIVE and APPROVE the Record of Action for the December 11, 2025 and April 9, 2026 meetings of the Racial Justice Oversight Body CEF Subcommittee, with any necessary corrections. [26-2085](#)

**Attachments:** [RJOB CEF Record of Action DRAFT 12.11.25](#)  
[RJOB CEF Record of Action DRAFT 4.9.26](#)

2. DISCUSS Next Steps for Racial Justice Oversight Body Community Town Halls Data [26-2086](#)
3. DISCUSS any general updates from subcommittee members or ORESJ staff [26-2087](#)
4. REVIEW and ASSIGN actions items from today's meeting [26-2088](#)

The next meeting is currently scheduled for June 11, 2026.

Adjourn

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# CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

1025 ESCOBAR STREET  
MARTINEZ, CA 94553

## Staff Report

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**File #:** 26-2085

**Agenda Date:** 5/14/2026

**Agenda #:** 1.

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**Advisory Board:** Racial Justice Oversight Body, CEF Subcommittee  
**Date:** May 14, 2026  
**Subject:** Record of Action  
**Presenter:** Peter Kim  
**Contact:** Peter Kim, [peter.kim@oresj.cccounty.us](mailto:peter.kim@oresj.cccounty.us) <<mailto:peter.kim@oresj.cccounty.us>>

### Information:

County Ordinance requires that each County body keep a record of its meetings. Though the record need not be verbatim, it must accurately reflect the agenda and the decisions made in the meetings.

### Referral History and Update:

Attached for the Subcommittee's consideration is the draft Record of Action (Meeting Minutes) for the Committee's December 11, 2025, and April 9, 2026 meetings.

### Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):

Staff recommends approving the Record of Action for the December 11, 2025 and April 9, 2026 meetings of the Racial Justice Oversight Body CEF Subcommittee, with any necessary corrections.

**Community Engagement and Funding (CEF) Subcommittee  
Record of Action [DRAFT]  
December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Present:**

Shantell Owens  
Anthony Randolph  
Stephanie Medley  
Maileen Mamaradlo

**Absent:**

Ronell Ellis (subcommittee chair)  
Marcus Walton  
Talia Moore  
Ricky Godfrey  
Ayo Lewis

**Staff:**

Peter Kim (ORESJ)  
Emaan Ahmed (ORESJ)

**1. Roll Call and Introductions**

Meeting began at 1:14 PM.

3 members present. No quorum.

**2. Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to two minutes).**

No Comment.

**3. RECEIVE and APPROVE the Record of Action for the November 13, 2025 meeting of the Racial Justice Oversight Body CEF Subcommittee, with any necessary corrections.**

No quorum. Item moved to the next meeting.

**4. DISCUSS ad-hoc Committee's Progress**

Anthony Randolph: Thanked Stephanie Medley and Marcus Walton for leading the adhoc committee work.

All town halls from 6-8 PM.

- Jan 26: East County at Grace Bible Fellowship
- Feb 12: West County at RYSE
- Feb 19: Virtual

Shared and discussed World Café Prompt Development Guide. Will be shared with Table Hosts and there will be ad hoc planning meetings to prep.

Discussed requirements and restrictions regarding quorum for the town halls, as well as the ad hoc planning sessions.

- Can agendaize and make the planning mtg official
- May need to make the Town Halls as official, public meetings

Walked through World Café logistics and structure

Discussed and brainstormed specific prompts for World Café table discussions.

- General:
  - Reframe questions to solicit how community sees their participation, increase their accountability in solutions
  - How to build trust and rapport
- CEF:
  - How to increase community capacity to engage in RJOB?
  - How to build aspects of funding into CEF's work?
  - How to create more accessibility to info on grants/funding opportunities
- Data:
  - What kinds of info/data exactly is community interested in?
  - How to effectively share with accuracy what is already available and how to access?
  - What are ways to make available info more accessible and legible?
- Diversion:
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BOS Chair Anderson approved our use of the Wordly account for the meetings to provide real time interpretation via handheld devices

RYSE and Genesis is able to provide funds for the food.

- *Need concrete budget requests for Supervisors*

Sup Gioia has offered his support and would like his office to co-sponsor the West County event.

- *ORESJ will ask Sup Burgis if she would like to do the same; Can also ask Sup Scales-Preston and others.*
- *Subcommittee will request support in form of \_\_\_\_ and sending to networks.*

Eventbrites have been created. Once updated, will publish. Target date for release is Jan 2.

- *Need the Eventbrite links and flyer completed ASAP*

## 5. REVIEW and ASSIGN actions items from today's meeting.

- Ad hoc committee sent email requesting RJOB members to sign up for roles and tasks. Need to re-send a second email on behalf of subcommittee.
  - *Staff will send to full body and also agendize on each subcommittee (data, diversion)*
  - CEF to nail down agenda, roles (speaking, facilitation, sign in, table facilitation, note taking, tech, set-up/break-down, etc).
- Finalize sign ups of all RJOB members and their designated roles
  - Include any additional non-RJOB volunteers roles
- Finalize plans for prep meeting with RJOB members in Jan
  - Aim to use 1/8/26 CEF meeting as that meeting
  - Must agendize as a special RJOB meeting
- Outreach
  - Create a flyer and an email template to share
    - Aim to send the flyer out by Jan 2 at the latest
    - Maileen and Stephanie (and Cheryl?) to finalize design
      - RJOB at the top as prominent as possible, along with “Community Town Hall” just as prominent
      - Reduce the words, just include “free food, interpretation, registration link” and an email for questions
      - Put County seal at bottom with a link; no need for logo of host org
      - In the registration page, add the disclaimers and info on RJOB
      - Add Supervisors’ Offices as Co-Sponsor, ORESJ too
  - Provide Supervisors with flyer/info to share in their newsletters and social media
    - Share with Unincorporated Municipal Advisory Councils (MACs)
  - Local media
    - CCTV, County Office of Ed radio, etc
- Budget
  - Refine and specify amounts:
    - Food (for Genesis and RYSE) *Committee will provide ORESJ w/ specific budget ask for food to request of Supes*
    - Interpretation
    - Materials and printing (*Subcommittee will provide needs for ORESJ to provide*)
  - Track and prepare a full budget to inform a larger RJOB budget ask during budget season that includes CEF activities for the year (and other asks from the subcommittees).
- Language Access
  - Will use BOS Wordly account
  - West County will likely need Spanish and possibly 1-2 Asian languages

**The next meeting is scheduled for 1/8/26 at 1:00 pm at 1026 Escobar Street, #238/239, Martinez, CA 94553.**

**6. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 2:49 PM.

**Community Engagement and Funding (CEF) Subcommittee  
Record of Action [DRAFT]  
4.9.26**

**Present:**

Ronell Ellis (subcommittee chair)  
Dr. Talia Moore  
Maileen Mamaradlo

**Absent:**

Stephanie Medley  
Anthony Randolph  
Marcus Walton  
Shantell Owens  
Ayo Lewis

**Staff:**

Peter Kim (ORESJ)  
Emaan Ahmed (ORESJ)

**Public (Online):**

Cheryl Sudduth (RJOB member)  
Jill Ray (District 2 Deputy Chief of Staff)  
Wendy Fabian (District 3 Field Representative)

**1. Roll Call and Introductions**

Due to technical difficulties meeting began at 1:24 PM.

3 members present. No quorum.

**2. Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to two minutes).**

No Comment.

**3. RECEIVE and APPROVE the Record of Action for the November 13, 2025 meeting of the Racial Justice Oversight Body CEF Subcommittee, with any necessary corrections.**

No quorum. Item moved to the next meeting.

**4. DISCUSS 2026 Racial Justice Oversight Body Community Town Halls**

Acknowledged the adhoc committee for its key role in coordinating the town halls. Thanked Stephanie Medley who led the adhoc committee and prepared the slide deck that presents a summary of the town halls. See slide deck attached to the agenda packet.

Staff presented the summary on behalf of Stephanie Medley since she was absent due to illness.

Discussion:

Observations, reflections, or lessons learned:

- Be more specific and intentional in targeting certain populations (i.e. youth, faith community, etc).
- Leverage other opportunities and partner with other organizations (i.e. attend PTA meetings, community meetings; D5 Youth Summit)
  - Ask Sup. Scales-Preston if/when the next one will be held; last one was Sept 2025
- Lift up the feedback that Black and Brown communities often do not receive or know of diversion opportunities
  - Maybe ask Data Subcommittee to collect actual data to illustrate the extent of disproportionate sentencing and offering of diversion options.
- Need to follow up with community, esp those who attended, with a report out of this summary as well as with any next steps that were informed and instigated by the information collected.
- Virtual event generated robust conversation and decent attendance
- Glad as a subcommittee we actually moved ahead and did something; almost 50 people total attended which is a solid turnout to be proud of. This is a spark.
- We are actually building on past RJOB efforts from previous years; we had robust discussions with east and west county communities, along with Supervisors, and took their feedback to heart and incorporated feedback in the development of the Diversion and Data subcommittee priorities and work, and even informed the creation and priorities of this CEF subcommittee. Cheryl, Jeff, Chala participated and have that historical perspective to offer. This effort isn't serendipitous; it is an outgrowth of past work.
  - Create a timeline and summary of lessons learned and how feedback
- Food was amazing (at Richmond especially), and reinforces the understanding that feeding people matters
- Identified need for childcare support
- Wordly was available at each event, but underutilized; speaks less to a lack of need and more of a need for stronger outreach
- Transportation barriers might be an issue to consider addressing; City of Richmond has a partnership with ride share companies that we can explore
- How does CEF continue to solicit and receive community feedback and suggestions?
- What role does CEF have in expanding awareness and sharing better information on resources, programs, and services? Is it to perform the actual outreach and information sharing, or is it more to assess and provide best practices and recommendations to CJ departments and CBO's who offer and deliver the services? Both?

- Eligibility reqt's for diversion opportunities (and other alternative sentencing) must be made clear, and that is responsibility of everyone but esp the CJ agencies that determine eligibility and offer opportunities via CJ processes (i.e. judges, DA, PD).
- We should be more of an advisory body to our CJ and CBO partners, and ultimately to the BOS if appropriate.
  - We first assess what options are out there, and how that info is being shared
  - What are the processes in place that afford people alternative opportunities?
  - How do we partner with and support the work of Diversion and Data subcommittees?
- Create a landing page on ORESJ site (RJOB tab) that contains links to resources (and ensure that those links lead to updated and comprehensive sites administered by the relevant CJ agencies)
- How do we prepare a budget request for the BOS to support future efforts?
  - Would need a detailed budget and rationale/narrative, present to full RJOB, and then if voted to move forward, to Equity Committee/BOS in December

***Public Comment:***

No comment.

**5. DISCUSS Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Grant Proposal**

Staff presented the summary on behalf of Data Subcommittee.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation funding opportunity around data projects that focus on expanding equity and eliminating disparities. A possible \$50K grant award, one-time funds, 9 month service period (July 2026-Mar 2027). Applicant must be a 501c3 non-profit organization. RYSE Center submitted the proposal on behalf of RJOB Data Subcommittee. Notification of award expected in May.

Discussion:

- Subcommittee is in support of this effort and agrees to conducting 2 virtual listening sessions if the grant is awarded. Also willing to support RYSE youth with the 2 in-person listening sessions that they will conduct per the proposal.
- Will want to apply lessons learned and data collected from previous town halls in any research conducted as part of this project.

***Public Comment:***

No comment.

**6. DISCUSS any general updates from subcommittee members or ORESJ staff**

Updates from subcommittee:

- None

Updates from staff:

- New RJOB members: Dr. Sonia Sutherland (CCH Detention Health), Garry Malachi Scott (Community Representative Seat), Chief Melissa Klawuhn (Pinole PD)
- Contra Costa Together Summit next Thur 4/16 at Centre Concord.
- Federal Glover Community Wellness Network RFQ will be discussed at 4/20 Equity Committee.
- ORESJ Civic Engagement Workshop Series was completed in March.

#### **7. REVIEW and ASSIGN actions items from today's meeting.**

Prepare to present summary of Town Halls at full RJOB meeting.

Consider continuing discussion on future activities for CEF:

- Consider holding a youth specific listening session(s)
- Prepare a budget ask to support future CEF activities
- Research alternative sentencing and other informal diversion opportunities
  - Connect with Diversion and Data subcommittees to align efforts
- Research how other CJ and CBO orgs are sharing information and ensuring info is comprehensive, accurate, and up-to-date, while also protecting confidentiality
  - Possibly prepare best practices and recommendations

**The next meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2026 at 1:00 pm at 1026 Escobar Street, #238/239, Martinez, CA 94553.**

**Next full RJOB quarterly meeting is May 7, 2026 at 1:00 pm also at 1026 Escobar Street, #238/239, Martinez, CA 94553.**

#### **8. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 PM.



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**File #:** 26-2086

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**Agenda #:** 2.

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**Advisory Board:** Racial Justice Oversight Body, CEF Subcommittee  
**Date:** May 14, 2026  
**Subject:** REVIEW and ASSIGN actions items from today's meeting.  
**Presenter:** Ronell Ellis (Chair)  
**Contact:** Peter Kim, peter.kim@oresj.cccounty.us

**Information:**

Review all actions items that were assigned and discussed during today's meeting.

**Referral History and Update:**

This discussion item was added as a result of the new meeting logistics determine by subcommittee chairs during the RJOB Committee Chair Planning Meeting on July 1, 2025.

**Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):**

n/a



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**Presenter:** Ronell Ellis (Chair)  
**Contact:** Peter Kim, peter.kim@oresj.cccounty.us

**Information:**

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**Referral History and Update:**

This is a standing discussion item.

**Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):**

n/a



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**Recommendation(s)/Next Step(s):**

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