

Racial Justice Oversight Committee - Data Subcommittee
DRAFT Record of Action for May 27, 2026

Attendance:

Committee Members present: Chala Bonner (ACCE; Subcommittee Chair); Jeff Landau (Public Defender); Chief Melissa Klawuhn (Pinole PD); Shannon Ortland (Office of Ed); Dr. Sonia Sutherland (CCH); Melvin Willis (ACCE); Patrice Guillory (Probation) (online)

Non-subcommittee RJOB members: None

Absent: Matt Malone (Superior Court); Simon O’Connell (DA); Adalberto Garibay (Sheriff)

Staff Members present: Peter Kim, Kendra Carr (ORESJ)

Roll Call Attendance/Introductions: Subcommittee Chair Chala Bonner convened the meeting at 3:45 PM. 6 members present at start of meeting. Quorum was met. Additional member joined after start of meeting.

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

No Comment.

- 1. RECEIVE and APPROVE the Record of Action for the April 22, 2026 meetings of the Racial Justice Oversight Body Data Subcommittee, with any necessary corrections.**

Jeff: page 5, better to use spelling of “histogram”.

Public Comment:

No comment.

Jeff Landau moved to receive and approve record of action. Melissa Klawuhn seconded. 7 voted yes (all who were present voted). Motion passed.

- 2. DISCUSS the Sheriff Department’s Quarterly Report that took place on May 19, 2026**

Members discussed data collection methods, reporting limitations, and the need for additional context in Sheriff’s Office reports, including information on investigations, outcomes, and accountability measures. The group emphasized clearly documenting data sources and limitations, incorporating historical data where appropriate, and gathering feedback from new members and the Sheriff’s Office before revisiting recommendations at a future meeting. Members agreed that quarterly reports continue to provide valuable information beyond what is available in the dashboard.

Public Comment:

Licata: Maybe agencies can have pre-recorded tutorials helping folks to navigate their dashboards.

3. REVIEW Data Walk Activity and Summary Report Draft

Staff reviewed the attached memo and discussed findings, methodology, and opportunities to improve data presentation. Members recommended adding clearer summaries, contextual information, trend comparisons, and more accessible explanations of disparities. Discussion also focused on identifying priority areas for future analysis and recommendations to improve data collection, reporting, and transparency to support efforts to reduce racial disparities in the criminal legal system.

Public Comment:

No comment.

No action required.

4. DISCUSS 2027 County Budget Proposal Process

Members discussed reviewing any past BOS budget allocations for RJOB.

A lot of need for data analysis work, and potentially a role dedicated to staffing RJOB.

Public Comment:

No comment.

No action required.

5. DISCUSS any general updates from subcommittee members or ORESJ staff

Staff provided updates:

Discusses recent “Kowalczyk” Supreme Court decision. Made it very clear that you cannot hold in custody based on inability to pay; it is focusing on money bail and ensuring that people are not unnecessarily held. Reinforces the “Humphrey” decision from 2021.

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Data Project Grant Proposal did not make it to the second round.

6. REVIEW and ASSIGN actions items from today’s meeting.

Next steps:

Receive feedback from all members, especially new members, on the recommendations for the quarterly report. Will revisit with Sheriff Office.

Receive feedback from all members, particularly line edits/language, on the summary memo.

Public Comment:

No comment.

No action required.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for June 24, 2026.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.