



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Committee Meeting Minutes - Draft

Public Protection Committee

Supervisor Ken Carlson, Chair
Supervisor Candace Andersen, Vice Chair

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Monday, March 16, 2026

**1:30 PM 309 Diablo Road, Danville, CA 94526 | 2255
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The public may attend this meeting in person at either above location. The public may also attend this meeting remotely via Zoom or call-in.

Present: District II Supervisor Candace Andersen and District IV
Supervisor Ken Carlson

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

1. Introductions

Chair Carlson called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. 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 one requested to speak during public comment.

3. CONSIDER accepting the Record of Action for the February 12, 2026 meeting of the Public Protection Committee (PPC). (Enid Mendoza, Staff to PPC) [26-1099](#)

Attachments: [1 - DRAFT ROA of Feb 12 Meeting](#)

Approved as presented.

Aye: Vice Chair Candace Andersen and Chair Ken Carlson

Result: Passed

4. CONSIDER applicants for the one pending At-large seat vacancy and one pending Community Based Organization seat vacancy on the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council, to determine recommendations for the Board of Supervisors' consideration and provide further direction to staff as [26-1100](#)

necessary. (Esa Ehmen-Krause, County Probation Officer)

Attachments: [Attachment A - JJCC Press Release 01-26-2026.pdf](#)
[Attachment B - JJCC Applications 01-26-2026.pdf](#)
[Attachment C-JJCC Applicants Summary 1-26-2026 docx G.pdf](#)
[Attachment D - JJCC Membership 01-26-2026 \(002\).pdf](#)

Chief Probation Officer, Esa Ehmen-Krause provided an introduction and allowed candidates in attendance to present and speak on their background and interests related to the roles within the JJCC. The Committee deliberated on the qualifications and interests of each candidate, acknowledging the impressive pool of candidates and also encouraging all applicants to continue seeking available seats in the future. Ultimately the Committee unanimously approved recommending to the Board of Supervisors the appointment of Denise Coleman to the At-Large Seat and Julius Van Hook to the Community-Based Organization seat on the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council.

Aye: Vice Chair Candace Andersen and Chair Ken Carlson

Result: Passed

5. CONSIDER receiving a report from the Animal Services Department on Animal Services operations and medical services, and provide direction to staff, as needed. (Ben Winkleblack, Animal Services Director) [26-1101](#)

Attachments: [Animal Services Operations Update](#)

Animal Services Director, Ben Winkleblack presented the report to provide an update on activities and initiatives in the Animal Services Department, including challenges and approaches on how the Department is tackling challenges under their Field Services, Shelter Services, and Community Services Units. Field Services is undergoing personnel changes as well as updating protocols on responses to animal welfare, which includes changes in deployment of field officers and additional training to staff. Shelter Operations provided service statistics and is increasing the frequency of staff meetings to decrease length of stay to improve animal care, refocusing Animal Center Coordinator roles, expanding access to volunteers, and changing shelter hours to be open 7 days a week starting in the spring. The Community and Outreach Services were also highlighted with an overview on the number of events provided and the access with county cities and animal welfare agencies to bring more services to county residents.

Aye: Vice Chair Candace Andersen and Chair Ken Carlson

Result: Passed

6. CONSIDER approving the proposed 2026 Committee meeting schedule and format and providing direction to staff regarding any changes thereto. (Enid Mendoza, Sr. Deputy County Administrator) [26-1102](#)

Attachments: [DRAFT PPC 2026 Calendar and Workplan](#)

Approved as presented.

Aye: Vice Chair Candace Andersen and Chair Ken Carlson
Result: Passed

The next meeting is currently scheduled for April 20, 2026.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:32 p.m.

General Information

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HOW TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT:

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Public comments generally will be limited to two (2) minutes per speaker. In the interest of facilitating the business of the Board Committee, the total amount of time that a member of the public may use in addressing the Board Committee on all agenda items is 10 minutes. Your patience is appreciated.

Public comments may also be submitted to Committee staff before the meeting by email or by voicemail. Comments submitted by email or voicemail will be included in the record of the meeting but will not be read or played aloud during the meeting.

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