

CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO  
JUVENILE PROBATION COMMISSION



**PROGRAMS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Programs Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, February 25, 2021**  
**3 p.m.**

**Meeting held by teleconference pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 and the Twelfth Supplement to Mayoral Proclamation Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency.**

**Commissioners**

Margaret Brodtkin, Chair  
Toye Moses  
James Spingola

Meeting Minutes

**Proceedings:**

1. Roll Call  
Commissioner Brodtkin called the meeting to order at 3:09 p.m.  
Present: Margaret Brodtkin; Toye Moses; and James Spingola.  
Others Present: Katherine Miller, Chief Probation Officer; Juvenile Probation Department Staff; and Community-Based Organizations.
2. No Public Comments.
3. Review and Approval of the Programs Committee Meeting Minutes of January 28, 2021 (ACTION ITEM)  
Motion to approve by Commissioner Moses; second by Commissioner Brodtkin.  
AYES: 2 (Brodtkin; and Moses)  
Motion approved.
4. The Potential for Expanding Family Foster Care for Youth in Juvenile Justice System (DISCUSSION ONLY)  
Commissioner Brodtkin expressed that this item was put on the agenda to look at the different options for kids to be sure they are in the best possible setting and to do the best they can to reduce the size of Juvenile Hall; have options for alternatives to Juvenile Hall; and how probation as a system can make better use of home-based care.  
Meredith Desautels and Erin Palacios, with Youth Law Center, which specializes in foster care, discussed home-based care for probation youth. Jay Berlin, Alternative Family Services, which specializes in foster care family resource center in Bay Area, discussed thoughts of potentially expanding its use in probation services. Community-Based Organizations and Department staff discussed challenges and barriers.

No public comments.

5. Item to be discussed further at a future meeting.  
No public comments.

6. Adjournment (ACTION ITEM)

- Commissioner Brodtkin adjourned the meeting at 5 p.m.

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