

Juvenile Justice Commission Members

Rejie Marie Baloyos

Term Expires June 2027

Rejie Marie Baloyos currently serves as the Executive Director of Asian Resources, Inc. (ARI). She has over a decade of experience in providing support to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. In 2015, Ms. Baloyos was honored with the Advocate of the Year award by the California Partnership to End Domestic Violence (CPEDV). Baloyos is a proud CORO Fellow through the Human Trafficking Leadership Academy and a Leadership Education & Advancement Professional (LEAP) Fellow through VALOR US. She holds an M.A. in International and Multicultural Education with an emphasis on Human Rights from the University of San Francisco and a Bachelor of Secondary Education from the Philippines.

Jane M. Claar, Chair

Term Expires November 2026

Ms. Claar was appointed to the Commission in November 2006. She retired from Twin Rivers District as a Child Welfare Attendance Coordinator. Ms. Claar has been awarded the Model SARB award on behalf of Rio Linda and Twin Rivers Districts. Ms. Claar sits on State SARB (School Attendance Review Board) appointed by the State Superintendent of Education. Ms. Claar has provided professional development for staff and agencies on Youth Mental Health First Aid, Chronic Absenteeism, Home Visit Support and Homeless Education. She is a member of the Sacramento County Oversight Committee. Her professional memberships include: ACSA (Association CA School Administrators) and CASCWA (CA Supervisors Child Welfare Attendance). Ms. Claar brought the Sacramento County District Attorney's "Partners Against Chronic Truancy" (PACT) Program to Twin Rivers District. Ms. Claar has written and co-coordinated implementation of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act grants from 2002 to 2015. In addition, she has written and co-coordinated the Twin Rivers' Elementary Secondary School Counseling grant and Early Mental Health Initiative grants providing support for at-risk students. Ms. Claar has also served as Principal for Pathways Community Day School (K-6) within the Rio Linda School District. Ms. Claar holds a Master's degree in Counseling, with Counseling and Administrative credentials, and over 36 years of experience in education. She was appointed as Chair to the Juvenile Justice Commission fiscal years 2023 – 2024.

Abel Diaz

Term Expires July 2027

I graduated from the California State University of Sacramento with a Bachelor's Degree in Child and Adolescent Development with a focus on social and community contexts. I apply much of my studies to my work in the juvenile justice field. I am a system-impacted youth, having spent approximately 6 years in the juvenile justice system from the ages of 16-23. I currently work for the Anti-recidivism coalition as a Program Manager. I have been working in the restorative justice field for 3 years now. In 2019, I was the first youth to graduate with an Associate's degree in Human Social and Behavioral Sciences at the Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Facility, setting both the pathway and example for other youth to graduate with their Associate's degree. I have participated, and continue to participate, in juvenile justice reform in Puerto Rico, Boston, Los Angeles, and Sacramento.

Dennis Dulay, 2nd Chair

Term Expires June 2026

Mr. Dulay was appointed to the Commission on February 3, 2003. He has 30 years of experience with the California Youth Authority, both in institutions and parole services. He has served as manager and Board of Directors 6th District American Legion Baseball, a member of the Steering Committee Safe Schools Task Force San Juan School District, and Board of Directors for CPPCA. He served as Chair to the Sacramento County Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Commission for the fiscal years 2005-2006, 2006-2007, 2020-2021, and 2021-2022.

Cynthia Ferguson

Term Expires May 2025

Ms. Ferguson was appointed to the Commission on May 19, 2021. She is a retired probation officer with Sacramento County. She worked in Juvenile Hall, at the Warren E. Thornton Youth Center, in the Neighborhood Alternative Center diversion unit, and in the Juvenile Court investigations unit. While at the Warren E. Thornton Youth Center, she worked closely with the juveniles on her caseload, helping them identify their needs and the reasons for their delinquency. She encouraged them to set new goals, and she helped them transition back home. She also supervised all the youth on the residential unit. She provided crisis intervention and short-term family counseling to runaways, truants, and beyond control youth at the Neighborhood Alternative Center, focusing on identifying the reasons for their acting out, working with their families to make changes, and referring the families to long term agencies when appropriate. She prepared reports to the Juvenile Court while in the Juvenile Court investigations unit, summarizing the offense reports, the financial and emotional impact on the victims, and the backgrounds of the juveniles and their parents. She provided the Court with dispositional recommendations. She participated in the Inter-agency Management and Authorization Unit (IMAC), a multi-agency group that staffed difficult cases and made recommendations to the referring agencies. She worked as a backup presenter in the courtrooms. She earned a Master's in Social Work at California State University, with an emphasis on providing family counseling to clients within the juvenile justice program. She worked as a licensed Marriage, Family, and Child Counselor in a private practice setting for a few years.

Gwendolyn Jackson Tucker

Term Expires August 2025

Ms. Jackson Tucker was appointed to the Commission on August 22, 2004. She retired as YA Administrator in April 2005, after 31 years of work experience with the California Youth Authority providing training and treatment for youthful offenders throughout the state. While at CYA she worked as a Youth Counselor, Senior Youth Counselor, Treatment Team Supervisor, Program Administrator, Institutions and Camps Manual Coordinator, ADA Coordinator, Regulations Coordinator, Victims Right's Coordinator, Impact on Crime Victims Coordinator, AIDS Education Instructor, Ward Rights' coordinator, Return-to-Work Coordinator, Public Information Officer, Volunteer Coordinator, Public Service Coordinator, Facilitator, Population Management Administrator, Intake/Court Services Administrator. Other work experiences included Undergraduate Advisor at the University of Riverside, Counselor at Patton State Hospital, and Counselor for San Bernardino County Substance Abuse Program at Agape House. She served as a member of the Sacramento County Grand Jury from 2002-2003 and remains a Board member of the Sacramento County Grand Jury Association. She also serves on the Board of Directors for the Sacramento Police Activities League (PAL), Volunteers for the Sacramento County Community Schools Academic Mentor Program, Volunteers at the Boys and Girls Club, Volunteers for Sacramento City Park & Recreations, and a Delegate for the California State Retirees Association. She has completed the University of Pacific Management Certificate Program; the University of Southern California Leadership Institute; holds a BA in Sociology and a Master's in Public Administration.

Heyman Matlock

Term Expires 2025

Mr. Heyman Matlock was appointed to the Commission on May 19, 2021. He is the principal consultant of Matlock and Associates, providing consultant services for At Risk Students for local school districts. Mr. Matlock retired from the California Youth Authority where he began his career as an educator rising through the education and custody ranks to become the Acting Superintendent of Preston Youth Correctional Facility, then Superintendent of O.H. Close Youth Correctional Facility. After 25 years of service working for the Calif. Youth Authority Mr. Matlock retired and was hired on as the Student Service Coordinator for Natomas Unified School District where he was responsible for all non-academic student issues, mainly focusing on student suspensions, expulsions along with campus health and safety for the entire District. Mr. Matlock has continued to remain active in the Sacramento community with his involvement with youth sports, mentoring, and working with Single Mother's Rising Boy's to Men. His passion is to help as many youths to grow past their mistakes to success in life.

Nancy (Nadia) Niazi

Term Expires August 2028

Nadia Niazi is the Founder and Executive Director of Fitrah, a social enterprise dedicated to empowering system-involved youth in Sacramento County through paid job training and comprehensive advocacy programs. Her unwavering commitment to youth empowerment is exemplified by her active involvement with the Independent Living Program (ILP) Advisory Committee, where she supports foster youth in acquiring the essential knowledge, skills, and connections needed to successfully transition into independent living.

A graduate of the University of California, Davis, with a Bachelor of Science degree, Nadia is deeply committed to fostering equity and inclusion across educational and social systems. She frequently presents to school districts throughout the region, delivering professional development training sessions through CREATE-PD that promote cultural responsiveness and enhance educators' ability to effectively support diverse student populations. Recently, she was selected as a member of Class XV of the esteemed Nehemiah Emerging Leaders Program (NELP) where she looks forward to furthering her leadership skills and impact in the region.

Beyond education, Nadia is devoted to upholding an effective juvenile justice system and has made it her lifelong mission to develop and implement strategies that prevent delinquency among vulnerable youth populations. Her work continues to create inclusive environments where all young people have the opportunity to thrive and realize their full potential.

Harold Rowe, 1st Chair

Term Expires October 2028

Harold brings 30+ years of experience in the field of juvenile probation and probation services. His experience ranges from working in secure and non-secure institutions, adult field supervision, WIC 601 (status offenders), court investigations, pre-employment investigations, placement services, and participating in an MDT process to ensure the goals of safety, well-being, and permanency for juveniles placed in foster care were being addressed. Harold was selected as the Probation Subject Matter Expert (SME) for the California Department of Health and Human Services new CWS/CMS project through which he was the statewide liaison, for probation placement officers and managers throughout California, when addressing CPOC and other state and federal stakeholders. In addition to his experience as a Probation Officer, Harold has 25+ years of experience providing certified training through the California Standards and Training for Corrections (STC) Program in CORE classes for Correctional officers, Juvenile Institutions Counselors, Deputy Probation Officers, and Probation Supervisors, in areas related to casework skills/management, communication, officer liability, and mental health. Harold also serves as an adjunct faculty for Sierra College, in Rocklin CA. Harold holds a Master of Science Degree from California State University, Sacramento in Counseling with an emphasis on Marriage and Family Therapy.

Timothy Shironaka

Term Expires May 2025

Mr. Shironaka has over 30 years of educational public service including both teaching and administrative leadership positions in the Sacramento region, most recently retiring as a Principal at Discovery High School with Natomas Unified School District. Additionally, Mr. Shironaka is a part-time instructor with Sacramento State University, College of Continuing Education's Certificate Program on Developing Comprehensive Plans for Dropout Prevention. Mr. Shironaka received a Doctorate in Educational Leadership (Ed.D) from the University of the Pacific in 2008, examining critical factors of Social Context in a qualitative multiple case study of pupil truancy; the Professional Administrative Credential from the University of California Berkeley in 1991, Master of Science in Education and TESOL Certificate from the University of Southern California, 1975, and Bachelor of Arts in Art/Sociology from CSU, Sacramento in 1972

Rachel Stern

Term Expires January 2029

Rachel Stern was appointed to the Commission on January 17, 2025. She started her career with the State of California in 2007 as staff counsel in CDCR's Office of Legal Affairs. In OLA, she conducted hearings in prisons for involuntary medication of inmates, and staffed the litigation brought against the Division of Juvenile Justice regarding conditions of confinement, programming, medical care, educational offerings, and safety issues. In 2010 Ms. Stern began work as a hearing officer for the DJJ's Board of Juvenile Hearings. The Board of Juvenile Hearings conducted a variety of hearings for juveniles including discharge consideration hearings, probable cause hearings for parole violations, and parole revocation hearings for youth committed to DJJ. In September 2016 she was appointed Executive Officer of the Board of Juvenile Hearings, overseeing the work of DJJ's commissioners and hearing officers. Since October 2021 Ms. Stern has been a Deputy Commissioner with the Board of Parole Hearings.

Darrel Woo

Term Expires October 2028

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Term Expires October 2024

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