

Juvenile Justice Commission Members

Rejie Marie Baloyos

Term Expires June 2027

Rejie Marie Baloyos currently serves as the Interim 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

Dennis Dulay

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.

Josef Gray

Term Expires October 2024

Kara Hunter, 2nd Chair

Term Expires September 2026

Kara Hunter is the Executive Director of the Yolo Conflict Resolution Center, a non-profit that works to help individuals and communities resolve conflicts, address interpersonal harms, and restore relationships through restorative justice, mediation, and conflict resolution training services. Kara has nearly 20 years in the non-profit administration and leadership and has overseen several leading-edge projects. She is an experienced mediator, problem-solver, and restorative justice conference facilitator. She has also volunteered thousands of hours with various organizations, served on Board of Directors and was Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention in Commissioner in San Bernardino County where she lived prior to relocating to Sacramento in 2014.

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 May 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.

Michelle Morrow

Term Expires October 2024

Ms. Morrow was appointed to the Commission on October 20, 2020. She was a foster parent for over 15 years and worked in youth advocacy as a volunteer and attorney for 30 years. Her experience includes volunteering as a CASA in Sacramento and Alameda counties. She volunteered in Calaveras County on the SARB, on the Juvenile Justice Commission, and assisted various non-profits in the areas of special education, disability rights, and social justice. Ms. Morrow currently volunteers in providing services to the homeless population in Sacramento and Yolo counties

Harold Rowe, 1st Chair

Term Expires October 2024

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.

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