

1 **DOÑA ANA COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE CONTINUUM BOARD**
2 **October 14, 2025**

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4 The following are summary minutes from the Doña Ana County Juvenile Justice
5 Continuum Board Special meeting held on Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.,
6 Teams, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

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8 **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Brian Kavanaugh (FYI)
9 Cassie McClure proxy (CLC/ Mayor's Office)
10 Robert Nunez, (City of Las Cruces, Parks & Recreation)
11 Chief Vanessa Ordoñez (Anthony NM Police)
12 Deborah Hall
13 Camica Ramirez (Youth Development and Diversion)
14 Ryan Steinmetz (CLC Parks & Recreation)
15 Jesus Gandara, (Public Defender's Office)

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17 **MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jeremy Story (LCPD)
18 Marianne Hernandez (CYFD-PS)
19 Lindsay McDonnel-Benatar (Public Defenders Dept)
20 Carmen Lucero (Drug Court 3rd Judicial District)
21 Rev. George Miller (El Calvario Church)
22 Jesse Gonzales (LCPD, resource officer)
23 Richard Johnson (JPO DAC)

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26 **OTHERS PRESENT:** Pat Acosta, Youth Development and Diversion

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28 **STAFF PRESENT:**
29 Eddie Pardon (Recording Secretary)

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31 **1. CALL TO ORDER**

32 **Eddie Padron** started transcription

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34 **Brian Kavanaugh** 0:21

35 Oops, didn't realize my camera was off.

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37 **Cassie McClure** 0:33

38 Typically a cameras off type of girl if I can help it, but I figure since I have to leave this
39 meeting.

40 Hi, Jesus. I'm not entirely sure where. Who you're affiliated with?

41 I'm just gonna say that.

42 And if you are talking, I can't hear you.

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2 **Gandara, Jesus** 1:07
3 Can you hear me now?
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5 **Cassie McClure** 1:08
6 Oh yes, I can.
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8 **Gandara, Jesus** 1:09
9 OK, I'm I'm with the public defender's office. I'm standing in for attorney Benatar.
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11 **Cassie McClure** 1:12
12 Oh, that's perfect. Yeah. Excellent. Welcome.
13 Hi, chief.
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15 **Vanessa Ordoñez** 1:20
16 Good morning everyone. Hi councillor.
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18 **Cassie McClure** 1:22
19 Is that your office?
20 Oh, that's I also have.
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22 **Vanessa Ordoñez** 1:26
23 Yeah. It's just my little office.
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25 **Cassie McClure** 1:27
26 A little stand.
27 Hi, Ryan. I think we're getting closer to quorum, which is really exciting.
28 Pat, are we at our five needed?
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30 **Pat Acosta** 4:05
31 I see a repetition.
32 So Brian is a voting member.

1 Robert is.
2 Chief is.
3 Oh, Carmen's here.
4 Hi, Carmen.
5 And we have the representative for public defenders. The proxy should count house
6 think that was discussed before so one.
7 234.
8 Five, I think we are and with U-6.

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10 **Cassie McClure** 4:33

11 Wonderful. OK, I'm gonna go ahead and get us started.
12 I've already kind of spoiler alerted some people I have to be out of here in 10 minutes,
13 so I'm just gonna call us to order real quick and.
14 Let's do a quick introductions. I'm going to go ahead and I'm not going to say that I'm
15 not patriotic, but we're gonna skip the pledge and the the salute just today.
16 But let me do introductions.
17 Cassie McClure, District one city Councilor.
18 I'm gonna look at Brian next and then I'll just poke everybody.

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20 **Brian Kavanaugh** 5:08

21 Brian Kavanaugh, CEOFYI Plus and board member.

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23 **Cassie McClure** 5:13

24 Chief.

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26 **Vanessa Ordoñez** 5:16

27 Good morning, chipanaso Ordonez with the Anthony Police Department.
28 I'm the vice chair for this committee.

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30 **Cassie McClure** 5:23

31 Eddie, just real quick.

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2 **Eddie Padron** 5:25
3 Eddie Padron, Administrative a assistant for Youth Services.
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5 **Cassie McClure** 5:29
6 Robert.
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8 **Robert Nunez** 5:31
9 Robert Nunez, deputy director of Parks and Recreation.
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11 **Cassie McClure** 5:35
12 Carmen.
13 You may be on mute.
14 Oh, I cannot get camera and mic working.
15 That's OK, I think.
16 Pat, tell me who she was with who?
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18 **Pat Acosta** 5:54
19 Carmen Lucero. I can't see the last name, but Carmen Lucero is with treatment courts.
20 She's a board member.
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22 **Cassie McClure** 5:55
23 Yes.
24 OK, she can't get her camera mic working.
25 That is fine.
26 We'll work with that.
27 We have Jesus gandara.
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29 **Gandara, Jesus** 6:07
30 Yes, attorney Jesus Gandara with the Law Office of Public Defender standing in for
31 attorney McDonald. Benatar.

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Cassie McClure 6:14

Perfect. Thank you. And Ryan?

Ryan Steinmetz 6:17

Ryan Steinmetz, Youth Services administrator with the city of Las Cruces.

Cassie McClure 6:21

All right, wonderful. Let's go ahead.

I'm trying to skip different areas here.

Does anyone have a conflict of interest when what's on the agenda today? I'm just gonna look for.

Nose or maybe yeses, but it's seeing none.

Let's go ahead to action item number six that I'll let Pat take this approval. The first bar budget request.

Pat Acosta 6:43

Yes, we're requesting Madam Chair a bar for the amount of 17,000.

We're moving 10,000 from our life skills groups into our life skills follow-up.

We've already exhausted that amount.

We've had more referrals at what we anticipated for that program and we're also requesting to move 7000 from the tip class, which is our new program.

For the follow up and.

And 5000 for the assessment intake and this is for the production of the remaining of the grant.

So we are here together to get your approval so that we can go ahead and submit this to CYFD.

I've already spoken to Mr. Christopher Baca and as soon as we get it approved, I can then go ahead and Bill some of the follow-ups that we weren't able to bill last month, which were 80 because we had exhausted and the ones for this.

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Cassie McClure 7:41

OK.
Just a quick question.
What? How are you getting more referrals?
Where? Where are they coming from?
Just out of curiosity.

Pat Acosta 7:47

We for some strange reason we are getting more formal referrals this year.
Last year we did a lot of advocacy and and meet and greets to start getting more referrals from the schools. We've done really good as well with other service providers, but this year the JP OS are sending a lot more formals and the life skills is the way. That we did our programming is a specific life skills that we give them. Everybody does the core, which is a positive action. But the life skills are introduced in different levels and different topics to those that come in referred by JPO, informal.

Cassie McClure 8:27

Wonderful. Anyone else on the board have a question for Pat?
Give me a second to unmute if we didn't.
No, it looks good.
Do I have a motion to approve?
Do I mean I see two things on the agenda, though. Are they the same thing or are they two separate?
This is the bar, right?

Pat Acosta 8:48

Yes, there's only one item, Madam Chair. And then I'm gonna talk a little bit about the.

Cassie McClure 8:51

OK.

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Pat Acosta 8:55

The meetings that the emails that I'm gonna be forwarding. So right now, the main action point is the bar approval for the bar.

Cassie McClure 9:00

OK, wonderful. Is there a motion to approve this?

Brian Kavanaugh 9:05

I'll make a motion.

Cassie McClure 9:07

OK, motion by Brian. Do I have a second?

Vanessa Ordoñez 9:09

I'll 2nd.

Cassie McClure 9:11

Alright, I'll well, let's do a let's do a roll call on this one.

Pat, can you do?

Pat Acosta 9:18

Umm.

Mr. Brian, your vote.

Brian Kavanaugh 9:21

Yes.

Pat Acosta 9:23

Mr. Robert Nunez.

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2 **Robert Nunez** 9:26

3 Yes.

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5 **Pat Acosta** 9:28

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8 **Vanessa Ordoñez** 9:31

9 Yes.

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11 **Pat Acosta** 9:32

12 Mr. Gandhara, representing Lindsay Bennettar.

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14 **Gandara, Jesus** 9:39

15 Yes.

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17 **Pat Acosta** 9:41

18 Miss Cassie.

19 And I don't know if Carter is going to get back to us, Carmen.

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21 **Cassie McClure** 9:48

22 She can put her vote in there. Yes, in the chat. And then Ryan too.

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24 **Pat Acosta** 9:49

25 Your wedding.

26 OK, Ryan.

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28 **Ryan Steinmetz** 9:55

29 I don't believe I'm a voting member.

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31 **Cassie McClure** 9:57

32 You're not a voting member.

1 I'm sorry. I was gonna elevate your position here. Sorry.
2 OK.
3 I believe it passes.
4 Anything else, any any, abstaining.
5 No. OK.
6 I don't think so, unless the AI wants to say something, I think we're good to go.
7 So if that passes, go ahead 27.
8 You wanna do the updates on the income upcoming emails?

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10 **Pat Acosta** 10:19

11 Yes, just a reminder that we will not be having a meeting in November.
12 So the first week of November, I'm going to be sending you an e-mail.
13 The date that was discussed potentially to me was December. The third I will be sending
14 you an e-mail reminding you no meeting in November and then the names of some of
15 the individuals that already selected to be in some of the committees for the bylaws that
16 needs ***.
17 The strategic plan, but I'll be sending all of that to you.
18 And also in that e-mail, we're gonna talk about.
19 Are we going to go and have the meeting on December the third?
20 Because that was the date that was decided early on in December so that it doesn't
21 interfere with the holidays.
22 But be expecting those emails soon.
23 The first week of November. Thank you.

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25 **Cassie McClure** 11:03

26 Thank you for that sort of heads up for us too. Jeevardhani is you're gonna be out for
27 that December meeting, right?
28 Is that if I understand correctly?

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30 **Vanessa Ordoñez** 11:12

31 Yes, I believe I'm gonna be on active training orders in Spain. So I'll be out of the
32 country.

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2 **Cassie McClure** 11:17
3 OK, wonderful. We we got it here.
4 Don't worry, I I can.
5 Alright, thank you guys for coming real quick and approving this. If there's any more
6 questions, anything else? If not, I'll make a motion to adjourn.
7 Acclamation.
8 Yeah, I'll take thumbs up too.
9 Thank you very much.
10 I appreciate it and we'll see you guys in December then.
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12 **Pat Acosta** 11:37
13 Thank you.
14 Thank you very much.
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16 **Vanessa Ordoñez** 11:41
17 Thank you, councillor.
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19 **Pat Acosta** 11:41
20 Have a great one.
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22 **Cassie McClure** 11:42
23 Bye bye.
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25 **Vanessa Ordoñez** 11:44
26 Thank you, miss Pat.
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28 **Cassie McClure** 11:46
29 Yeah. Thank you, pat.
30 I think she's already gone.
31 Bye.
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1 **Eddie Padron** stopped transcription

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Chair

Date

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