

Children's Council Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2025

| Council Member | Appointed Council Member or Alternate | Affiliation | Title | Present |
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| Alejandre, Melissa | Alternate | Family and Children Services | Program Manager | |
| Arreola, Jose | Member | Community Alliance for Safety and Peace | Director | X |
| Askew, Wendy | Member | District #4 | Supervisor | |
| Astengo, Berenice | Alternate | Monterey County Free Libraries | Managing Librarian | |
| Baldwin, Dan | Member | Community Foundation for Monterey County | President/CEO | |
| Bangs, Randy | Member | Soledad Unified School District | Superintendent | |
| Bhardwaj, Jaskiart "Jessica" | Alternate | City of Salinas | | |
| Blitch, Susan | Member | County Counsel | County Counsel | |
| Boykin, Zulieka | Member | Housing Authority | Executive Director | |
| Butler, Ashley | Alternate | Public Defender Office | Public Defender | |
| Castagna, Katy | Member | United Way Monterey County | President and CEO | X |
| Castro, Michael | Alternate | Community Foundation of Monterey County | Director of Community Investments | X |
| Chapman, Susan | Member | Public Defender Office | Public Defender | |
| Cota, Caroline | Member | So Mo Co Joint Unified School District | Superintendent | |
| Cutino, Annette | Alternate | County Counsel | Deputy County Counsel | |
| DaSilva, Charles | Alternate | Monterey County Sheriff's Office | Program Manager-Monterey County Jail | X |
| Diffenbaugh, PK | Alternate | Monterey Peninsula Unified School District | Superintendent | |
| Dunn, Laura | Member | Child Care Planning Council | Chair | X |
| Franks, Roderick | Alternate | Department of Social Services | | X |

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| Guss, Deneen | Member | Monterey County Office of Education | Superintendent | X |
| Gomez, Claudia | Alternate | Door to Hope | Director of Family Services | |
| Hollingsworth, Nicole | Alternate | CSUMB | Director of Governmental and External Relations | X |
| Jeronimo, Eva | Member | Department of Social Services | Deputy Director | X |
| Jimenez, Elsa | Member | Monterey County Health Department | Director of Health | |
| Lal, Monica | Member | Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce | President/CEO | X |
| Lavorato, Sam Jr. | Alternate | Superior Court, Juvenile Justice Division | Judge | |
| Luzader, Lori | Member | Special Kids Connect | Executive Director | |
| Madfis, Josh | Alternate | United Way Monterey County | Vice President Community Investments | |
| McCabe, Ramona | Alternate | First 5 Monterey County | Director of Programs | |
| McCrae, Robin | Member | Community Human Services | Executive Director | |
| Mora, Eric | Alternate | District #4 | Policy Analyst | X |
| Moreno, Dr. Edward | Alternate | Monterey County Health Department | Health Officer & Director of Public Health | |
| Nassoura, Lana | Alternate | Monterey County District Attorney Office | Assistant District Attorney | X |
| Nieto, Tina | Member | Monterey County Sheriff's Office | Sheriff | |
| Netniss, Jennifer | Alternate | Special Kids Connect | Education Director | |
| Quinones, Vanya | Member | CSU Monterey Bay | President | |
| Pacioni, Jeannine | Member | Monterey County District Attorney Office | District Attorney | |
| Pierce, Virginia R. | Member | CAPC | Director | |

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| Porras, Ralph | Alternate | Monterey County Office of Education | Assistant Superintendent | |
| Pulido, Ruben | Alternate | Chualar Union School District | Superintendent | |
| Ramirez, Laurie | Alternate | Monterey County Child Care Planning Council | Early Learning Coordinator I | |
| Ramirez, Jose | Alternate | Probation Department | Interim Chief | X |
| Rhodes, Melodie | Member | Behavioral Health | Interim Director | X |
| Rodd, Francine | Member | First 5 of Monterey County | Executive Director | |
| Reuther, Krista | Alternate | Ohana Montage Health | | |
| Sandoval, Marni | Alternate | Behavioral Health | Director | |
| Swick, Susan | Member | Ohana Montage Health | VP/Chief Mental Health Officer | |
| Theyer, Hillary | Member | Monterey County Free Libraries | Director | |
| Wouden, Michelle | Alternate | Public Defenders Office | Public Defender | |
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| Koehler, Sonja | Non-Member | Bright Beginnings | Director | X |
| Perez Diaz, Mayra | Non-Member | United Way | Coordinator of MCCC and Community Impact Director, Early Childhood Investments | X |
| Diaz, Relindiz | Non-Member | County of Monterey Children's Behavioral Health | RLP Facilitator | X |

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| Item | Summary of discussion/review | Action/deliverable |
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| 1. Welcome and Introductions | Meeting called to order at 12:04 p.m. by Chair, Jose Ramirez | |
| 2. Public Comment | | None |
| 3. Action Items a. Approve the minutes of the March 10, 2025, meeting Monterey County Children's Council meeting | | a. The minutes of the March 10, 2025, meeting were approved. Motion by Deneen Guss and seconded by Eva Jeronimo. |
| 4. Presentations/Discussions a. Restorative Justice Presentation b. California SB 823: A Transformative Approach to Youth Justice | Kathy Baur, Monica Pulido, Joselyn, and Laura presented to the COUNCIL an overview of restorative justice programs in Monterey County. Michael Palmer from Monterey County Probation Department presented to the COUNCIL an overview of SB 823 | Restorative Justice presentation SB 823 Presentation |
| 6. Meeting Adjourned | | 1:15pm |