



# City of Las Cruces<sup>®</sup>

## Doña Ana County Juvenile Justice Continuum Board Agenda

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THERE WILL BE A  
DOÑA ANA COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE CONTINUUM BOARD MEETING  
ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 09, 2022  
12:00 P.M.

LA VIDA PROJECT, 118 S. MAIN ST, LAS CRUCES, NM

1. Call To Order
2. Pledge Of Allegiance
3. Welcome And Introductions
4. Conflict Of Interest  
At the opening of each meeting, the Chairperson shall ask if any member on the Board or City staff has any known conflict of interest with any item on the agenda.
5. Acceptance Of Agenda
6. Approval Of Minutes
- 6.1. Doña Ana County Juvenile Justice Continuum Board Meeting Minutes For December 15, 2021  
  
Documents:  
  
[DACJJC BOARD DRAFT MINUTES 12.15.21.PDF](#)
7. Public Participation
8. New Business
- 8.1. Continuum Board Membership Recruitment (Action) - Manuel Arellano
- 8.2. Continuum Youth Board Membership Recruitment (Action) - Alyssa Fierro And Diego Vallejo
- 8.3. JARC (Update) - Aralis Chacon
- 8.4. JCP (Update) - Robert L. Nuñez
- 8.5. JJAC Statewide Continuum Meeting (Update) - Robert L. Nuñez
- 8.6. La Vida Project Tour - Mateo Ortega
9. Adjournment

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Date Posted: February 04, 2022

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**DOÑA ANA COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE CONTINUUM BOARD  
December 15, 2021**

1 Following are the summary minutes from the Doña Ana County Juvenile Justice  
2 Continuum Board meeting held on Wednesday, December 15, 2021, at 12:00 p.m.,  
3 Women’s Improvement Association (WIA) Building, 340 N. Reymond, Las Cruces, NM  
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5 **MEMBERS PRESENT:** Honorable Samantha Madrid, Chair (DAC Division I)  
6 Brian Kavanaugh (Families & Youth, Inc.)  
7 Matthew “Mateo” Ortega (Proxy, Families & Youth, Inc.)  
8 Dr. Robert Lozano (LCPS)  
9 Tessa Abeyta-Stuve (Proxy, CLC Mayor’s Office)  
10 Rachel Urdíalez (Proxy, Drug Court 3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District Court)  
11 Robert Nuñez, (City of Las Cruces)  
12 Rory Rank (Retiree)  
13 Tommi Fisher (Proxy, CYFD-PS)  
14 Steve Nance (Doña Ana Community College)  
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16 **ABSENT:** Chief Miguel Dominguez (LCPD)  
17 Shannon Reynolds (DAC Board of Commissioners)  
18 Lindsay McDonnel-Benatar (Public Defenders Depart)  
19 Jeanne Resendez (Mesilla Valley Hospital)  
20 Cynthia Ohrazda (CYFD-JJS)  
21 Bill Rothengass (Retiree)  
22 Chief Vanessa Ordoñez (Anthony NM Police)  
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24 **OTHERS PRESENT:** Manuel Arellano (L.C.S.C.A.)  
25 Diego Vallejo (FYI)  
26 Alyssa Fierro (FYI)  
27 Logan Howard (FYI)  
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29 **STAFF PRESENT:** Grace Telles (Coordinator)  
30 Sofia Hughes (Case Manager/Youth Services)  
31 Martha Moreno (Recording Secretary)  
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33 **1. CALL TO ORDER**

34 The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m. by Ms. Madrid and recognized the  
35 meeting as having a legal quorum.  
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37 **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**  
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39 **3. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

40 Board members, staff and guest introduced themselves.  
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42 **4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

43 No conflict of interest  
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45 **5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**  
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1 Mr. Rank moved to approve agenda as presented, seconded by Ms. Fisher.  
2 Motion carried unanimously.

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4 **6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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6 6.1. Doña Ana County Juvenile Justice Continuum Board Meeting Minutes for  
7 October 13, 2021

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9 Mr. Rank moved to approve minutes for 10/13/21 as presented, seconded by Dr.  
10 Lozano. Motion carried unanimously.

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12 **7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

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14 No Public Participation

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16 **8. NEW BUSINESS**

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18 8.1. 3<sup>rd</sup> District Judicial Review Meeting (Update) – Grace Telles

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20 Ms. Telles was invited and attended a JR Review meeting hosted by the Third  
21 Judicial District Court, hosted by Kim Lujan, Trial Court Administrative Assistant,  
22 & Judge G. Duran. This meeting was held via zoom on November 03, 2021.

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24 8.2. JJAC Statewide Continuum Meeting (Update) – Grace Telles

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26 Ms. Telles attended and presented, alongside Mr. Nuñez a presentation during  
27 the Statewide Continuum Meeting held on October 14, 2021.

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29 JJAC Board meeting is scheduled for December 16, 2021, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
30 will email link to board members for the meeting.

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32 8.3. Public Safety Meeting (Update) – Grace Telles

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34 Ms. Telles attended a community conversation in reference to public safety on  
35 November 16, 2021. Councilor Gandara and LCPD spoke on Crime with our  
36 community.

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38 8.4. CYFD Quarterly Review (Update) – Grace Telles

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40 CYFD sent out notice letters to continuums regarding fund reductions. We did not  
41 receive one. We did receive through email on October 28 an email about our FY22  
42 JJAC Quarterly Review Award Risk Assessment.

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44 Mr. Kavanaugh stated that when we meet in August 2021, the conversation  
45 centered on allegations of funds not necessary the existing but requesting  
46 additional funds to assist with programs/activities/technical assistance/etc. did we  
47 every formalize a request for this?

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49 Mr. Nuñez said we discussed several topics to submit to the state, as this time we  
50 have not sent anything forward, but have discussed additional funds that are  
51 within the reserves. They did have a process that took place last month and 3

1 continuums were awarded, this is something we can revisit with the state, with the  
2 possibly being awarded funding current FY and carrying over to FY23. We will get  
3 with Brian, LCPS and other board members to discuss further.

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5 8.5. Continuum Board Membership Recruitment (Update) – Grace Telles

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7 Ms. Telles is working with DASO, Captain Parra has retired. If anyone has a  
8 contact or names, please submit to coordinator.

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10 Mr. Manuel Arellano has shown interest in becoming a board member.

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12 Mr. Arellano is the CO and founder of Las Cruces Chess Association, for 7 years.  
13 Currently for spring we have 4 elementaries, 3 middle schools involved and the  
14 STEM program at NMSU. Our tournaments are geared towards education and  
15 have 2 tournaments a year. Its beginners against beginners.

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17 Mr. Rothengass is working with staff to have an orientation for new board  
18 members.

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20 Ms. Telles announced she will be moving to LCPD as Community Advocate.  
21 Thank you all for your support while being as the coordinator and Juvenile  
22 Diversion Program Supervisor.

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24 Ms. Madrid said thank you for all that you have done, excellent and a pleasure to  
25 work for, so diligent, hate to see you leave, but this is a promotion for you.

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27 Mr. Nuñez, said Sofia Hughes, Case Manager will be the Interim Juvenile  
28 Diversion Program Supervisor. In the process advertising the position. Working  
29 on providing a coordinator to work closely with the Doña Ana County Juvenile  
30 Justice Continuum Board. I will be the point of contact for this board at this time.  
31 Thank you, Grace, and the best of luck.

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33 Mr. Kavanagh said we appreciate all your help and persistence. Congratulations!

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35 Mr. Nance said Ms. Telles is one of my former students, and like to see students  
36 doing very well, and she certainly is. She is a loss to us but is going to do very  
37 well. Congratulations!

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39 8.6. Continuum Youth Board Membership Recruitment (Update) – Grace Telles

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41 Youth membership recruitment continues. Interest has been shown in one of two  
42 vacancies by Mr. Diego Vallejo

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44 Mr. Diego Vallejo, 23 years old, native to southern New Mexico region, born in  
45 Luna County, raised here in Las Cruces. I would benefit from being a board  
46 member. As a Juvenile I was part of the Juvenile Citation Program as an adult I'm  
47 able to contribute to the board.

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49 Mr. Nuñez said that the age group is up to the age of 24 years old.

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51 **9. OLD BUSINESS**

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9.1. Next Sub-Committee Meeting – Wednesday, December 15, 2021, 5:30 p.m., Via Zoom

Ms. Telles said the meeting was cancelled for today, and rescheduled for Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at 5:30 p.m., Via Zoom.

Mr. Kavanagh requested an update from previous meetings.

Ms. Telles said some of the followings have been discussed: DAC Broadband Surveys; referrals with probation, human trafficking, and fentanyl, etc. Sharing information.

Dr. Lozano asked if we could revisit on the time for the sub-committee meetings, possibly during the day.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Rank moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Nance. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 12:52 p.m.

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Recording Secretary Date