

Orange County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

November 21, 2025, 9:30 a.m.

County Administration South, Conference Center

MEETING MINUTES

Attending Voting Council Members

Chair Doug Chaffee (Fourth District)

Todd Spitzer (District Attorney)

Sara Nakada (Public Defender)

Daniel Hernandez (Probation)

Don Barnes (Sheriff-Coroner)

Honorable Maria Hernandez (Superior Court)

Honorable Craig Arthur (Juvenile Court)

Michelle Aguirre (County Executive Office)

- I. **Call to Order/Introductions/Opening Remarks:** Meeting opened with a video on the transformation in the jails as part of the OC Cares Initiative and was called to order by Chair Doug Chaffee at 9:35am. Chair Chaffee reflected on the 2025 Vision and how what has been accomplished has been progressive, innovative, and impacting the lives in the community. This video shown, *Transforming Jails*, is available on the OC Cares website at <https://www.ocgov.com/oc-cares>.
- II. **Review and Approval of Minutes:** Meeting Minutes of October 17, 2025, were approved. The motion was made by District Attorney Todd Spitzer and seconded by Chair Doug Chaffee. Approved unanimously.
- III. **Presentation: 30 Years of Collaborative Courts:** Presentation was made by the Honorable Judge Scott Cooper on the history, achievements, and growth of the Collaborative Courts in Orange County including the approved plans for a new court complex adjacent to the Central Justice System. The presentation ended with a video of the Collaborative Courts 30-year anniversary. The video is available on the Collaborative Courts website at: <https://www.occourts.org/divisions/collaborative-courts>.
- IV. **2025 OC CARES Reports: The FY 2024-25 Annual Report** for the 2025 Vision was briefly discussed and will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors as a Receive and File item at the December 16th meeting. The draft OC Cares 2025 Vision Performance and Metrics Report was also presented in detail by section and by pillar and with stakeholders asked to provide all feedback by the end of December in order to incorporate and finalize the report. This presentation ended with a second video, *They Got a Second Chance*, which can be viewed on the OC Cares website at <https://www.ocgov.com/oc-cares>.
- V. **OCCJCC Comments:** There were no committee comments.
- VI. **Public Comments:** There were no public comments.

Date of next meeting: The meeting scheduled for December will be canceled making the next scheduled meeting for January 16, 2026, and at 9:30 am at the County Administration South, Conference Center.