



# Santa Cruz County Commission on Justice and Gender

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## Minutes for Public Meeting and Agenda

### Release and Reentry Subcommittee

**Date:** December 2, 2025  
**Time:** 11:30 AM to 1 PM  
**Location:** Monarch Services, 550 Water Street, Suite J3  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

#### Introductory Items

#### 1. Call to Order / Roll Call

1.1. The meeting was called to order at **11:32 AM**. A quorum was declared.

#### **Members Present:**

Hannah Taylor – P  
Jesse Silva – P  
Kristie Clemens – P  
Sarah Fletcher – P  
Sarah Kocjan – P  
Tara George – P

#### **Members Absent:**

Esmerelda Torres – Absent  
Stacey Palau – Absent

#### **Alternates Present:**

Cassie Gazipura (alternate for Esmerelda Torres)

#### **Other Attendees:**

Gina De Martini-Kuhns (staff)  
Tatiana Brennan (staff)  
Emma Ledvina (member of the public)

#### 2. Check-in (Informational)

- 2.1. Subcommittee members participated in a brief check-in.  
No discussion of agenda items occurred.  
No action taken.

### 3. Public Comment

*Any person may address the Subcommittee for a period not to exceed three (3) minutes on matters within the jurisdiction of the Subcommittee. Subcommittee members will not take action on or discuss any topic not on today's agenda, but are permitted to ask staff to follow up and/or place the topic at a future meeting. Public comment will not exceed thirty (30) minutes. If there are additional persons still wishing to address the Subcommittee after this allotted period, public comment may be continued to the last item on the agenda.*

- 3.1. Public comment was opened and closed at **11:39 AM**.

No public speakers.

### **Regular Agenda**

#### 4. Approve minutes from September 16, 2025 Release and Reentry Subcommittee Meeting *Action Item*

4.1. Motion: Hannah Taylor

4.2. Second: Sarah Kocjan

4.3. Vote:

Ayes – Hannah Taylor, Jesse Silva, Kristie Clemens, Sarah Fletcher, Sarah Kocjan

Abstention – Tara George

Absent – Esmerelda Torres, Stacey Palau

4.4. Motion passed.

#### 5. Adopt Meeting Calendar for 2025-2026 - *Action Item*

Proposed meeting dates and time:

- March 3, 2026
- May 19, 2026
- September 1, 2026
- December 1, 2026
- Time: 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

5.1. Motion: Tara George

5.2. Second: Kristie Clemens

5.3. Vote:

Ayes – Hannah Taylor, Jesse Silva, Kristie Clemens, Sarah Fletcher, Sarah Kocjan, Tara George, Esmerelda Torres (via alternate)  
Absent – Stacey Palau

5.4. Motion passed.

6. Staff Update on Subcommittee Activities - *Informational Item*

Staff provided updates on recent and upcoming Subcommittee-related activities.  
No action taken.

7. Discuss recommendations for the Workplan – *Discussion Item*

The Subcommittee discussed recommendations to inform development of the Workplan. Key themes included gathering input from justice-involved women across multiple points of system involvement, exploring visitation barriers and trends, and recognizing reentry considerations beginning at incarceration.

7.1. Additional direction:

Direct staff to ask the Families, Youth, and Prevention Subcommittee to take the lead on the visitation survey, with coordination as appropriate.

7.2. Motion: Sarah Fletcher

7.3. Second: Hannah Taylor

7.4. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Confirm Subcommittee Chair for the Next Meeting Based on Alphabetical Rotation - *Informational Item*

The Subcommittee confirmed that **Tara George** will serve as Chair at the next meeting based on the previously adopted alphabetical rotation.

9. Identify a Lived Experience Speaker for the Next Justice and Gender Commission Meeting - *Action Item*

The Subcommittee discussed identifying lived experience speaker(s), including the possibility of a panel representing different points of system involvement.

9.1. Motion 1:

9.1.1. Motion: Tara George

9.1.2. Second: Sarah Kocjan

9.1.3. Motion passed.

9.2. Motion 2 (Clarifying Direction):

9.2.1. Motion: Cassie Gazipura

9.2.2. Second: Hannah Taylor

9.2.3. Motion passed.

9.3. Final direction:

The Subcommittee directed staff to identify one or more lived experience speakers, potentially including a panel, and to follow up accordingly.

## 10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at **1:06 PM**.

The Release and Reentry Subcommittee will meet on **March 3, 2026**, from **12:00 PM to 1:30 PM**, location to be determined.

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