



Santa Cruz County Commission on Justice and Gender

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Minutes for Public Meeting and Agenda - Draft

Release and Reentry Subcommittee

Date: September 16, 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

Esmerelda Torres	P
Hannah Taylor	P
Jesse Silva	P
Kristie Clemens	P
Sarah Fletcher	P
Sarah Kocjan	P
Savannah Hayes Desai	Absent
Stacey Palau	Absent
Tara George	Absent

2. 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.

Regular Agenda

3. Adopt a rotating schedule for Subcommittee Chair (Action)

- 3.1. Additional direction: Adopt a rotating schedule for Subcommittee Chair going alphabetical by last name starting with Clemens, Kristie on 09/16/2025
- 3.2. Motion: Sarah Kocjan
- 3.3. Second: Hannah Taylor
- 3.4. Motion passed unanimously
4. Approve minutes from May 27, 2025 Release and Reentry Subcommittee Meeting (Action)
 - 4.1. Motion: Sarah Kocjan
 - 4.2. Second: Sarah Fletcher
 - 4.3. Motion passed unanimously
5. Review drafted proclamation to recognize Dr. Susan Greene and recommend revisions, additions, or corrections (Action Item)
 - 5.1. Recommendations:
 - 5.1.1. Update the second paragraph from the top from “documented lived experiences” to more meaningful language, such as “magnifying” or “elevating.”
 - 5.1.2. Correct grammar in final paragraph from “does hereby” to “do hereby.”
 - 5.2. Motion: Sarah Kocjan
 - 5.3. Second: Hannah Taylor
 - 5.4. Motion passed unanimously
6. Review drafted biennial report and recommend updates for the general commission and specifically for the Release & Reentry Subcommittee (Action Item)
 - 6.1. Recommendations:
 - 6.1.1. Acquire quotes from lived with experience to include in the report: Polly and Katie to reach out to women who spoke at the WRRP presentation and ask them “What is one thing you want people to remember or take away from your presentation?”
 - 6.2. Motion: Sarah Kocjan
 - 6.3. Second: Hannah Taylor
 - 6.4. Motion passed unanimously

7. Discuss the 2026-27 Workplan, specify outcomes for ongoing work, and/or develop new goals to recommend be included in the workplan (Action Item)

- 7.1. Proposed objectives:

- 7.1.1. Include lived experience: Develop a survey of questions for all women who are system-involved across different different points of contact or sectors of the system to gather input on workplan, including Safe Release, regardless of participation in programming at Blaine, women in custody at Rountree, involved in the courts, and on probation.

- 7.1.2. Reporting on visitation and trends: Monarch Services to gather data from women/parents in custody to identify trends in visitation such who can have visits; if they qualify, then who does or doesn't have the visits, and if not, why; if the women choose not to answer, then include "choose not to answer" in the response data. Data collection will occur separately from providing domestic violence support services.

- 7.1.3. Commission and subcommittee structure: restructure subcommittees according to sector vs. topic.

- 7.2. Motion: Sarah Kocjan

- 7.3. Second: Kristie Clemens

- 7.4. Motion passed unanimously

8. Appoint a subcommittee member to report the results to the commission during Announcements at the November meeting (Action)

- 8.1. Appoint Kristie Clemens to report to the commission at the November meeting

- 8.2. Motion: Sarah Kocjan

- 8.3. Second: Hannah Taylor

- 8.4. Motion passes unanimously

9. Adjournment

The Release & Reentry Subcommittee will meet on December 2, 2025, from 11:30 AM to 1 PM, at Monarch Services, 550 Water St, Ste J-3, Santa Cruz CA 95060.

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