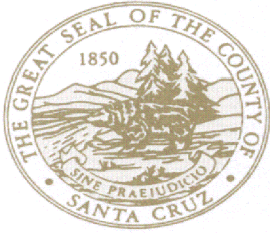


County of Santa Cruz



JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION MINUTES

Thursday, October 10, 2024
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting

PVPSA
411 East Lake Avenue
Watsonville, CA 95076

The purpose of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission is to advocate for and protect the safety and well-being of dependency and juvenile justice-involved youth and to prevent youth from becoming involved in the juvenile justice system. As a Commission, we will educate and inform our community and system leaders on the importance of positive youth development and advocate for coordinated and well-resourced systems that promote family and youth success and prevent system involvement.

In furtherance of that purpose the Commission has adopted three goal areas to guide its work over the next 2 years (2024 – 2026):

1) Juvenile Hall Inspection; 2) Positive Youth Development through the 41 Developmental Assets; and 3) Convening Stakeholders.

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: Meeting called to order at 6:01 p.m.

Present: Beverly Brook, Cynthia Druley, Deutron Kebebew, Elias Gonzales, Jasmine Najera (arrived at 6:31 p.m.), Forrest Revere, Sierra Thompson, Bernard Gomez

Excused: David Brody, Elaine Johnson, Reyna Ruiz, Maria Rodriguez

Ex Officio: Judge Jerry Vinluan

Staff: Gerardo Leon Garcia

Probation Staff: Jennifer Martinez

II. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: Beatriz from Rising Scholars announced that they have 19 students in their program and that 5 students, in the system, have applied to Cabrillo College. Beatriz also mentioned that Rising Scholar is hoping to hold more than one Clear Record Program every year.

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- III. CONSENT AGENDA: Commissioner Druley moved to approve the Consent Agenda [Approval of Agenda, Approval of Minutes from September 12, 2024, and Approval of Monthly Statistical Information from Probation & Juvenile Hall Attachments (Accept & File)] with one correction* to the September 12, 2024, Minutes; Commissioner Kebebew seconded it.

*Commissioner Gomez noted that the following sentence in Section VI – Information Items, Juvenile Hall Inspection of the September 12, 2024, Minutes, *The Subcommittee briefly discussed how the inspection will be conducted next year **with** SYTF and Ranch Camp **being added** to the Juvenile Hall*, should be re-written to, *The Subcommittee briefly discussed how the inspection will be conducted next year **if** SYTF and Ranch Camp **is added** to the Juvenile Hall*.

Motion Passed

Yes: Brook, Druley, Kebebew, Gonzales, Revere, Thompson, Gomez

No: None

Abstain: None

*Commissioner Najera not present at time of vote

IV. SUB-COMMITTEES:

1. Steering Committee / Outreach: Commissioner Druley shared that the Subcommittee had their first official meeting in person under Brown Act rules. The Subcommittee discussed the make-up of the Subcommittee and set the agenda for the next JJDPC Regular Meeting. She encouraged other Commissioners to consider joining the Subcommittee or attend some meetings. Commissioner Kebebew expressed interest in joining the Steering Subcommittee.
2. Juvenile Hall Inspection (ad hoc): Please Section V, Action Item 3.
3. SB823 (ad hoc): Chair Brook shared that the Subcommittee met online and had two guest speakers. One was a representative from the Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) that spoke about their work with Ranch Camps. The other guest speaker was Omar from Barrios Unidos who spoke about working on alternatives to Secure Youth Treatment Facilities (SYTF). At their next meeting, they will have a guest speaker from the Welcoming Network. Chair Brook will send out the meeting link.

The Commissioners discussed the October 9, 2024, Board of Supervisors Meeting where the SYTF was approved by the Board. The Board required Probation to hold a Townhall before moving forward with the Ranch Camp. The Commissioners shared their feedback, concerns, and what they would like to see the Ranch Camp be.

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Asst. Division Director Jennifer Martinez gave input/insight into how Probation came to the decision to request approval for Ranch Camp with the approval for SYTF and clarification of how SYTF and Ranch Camps work, length of stay, programming, etc.

4. Delinquency Prevention (ad hoc): No committee – to be removed.
5. By-Laws (ad hoc): No update.
6. Data (ad hoc): The subcommittee will schedule meetings soon.

V. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Elect JJDPC Vice-Chair: Commissioner Druley moved to open nominations and elect a new Vice-Chair; Commissioner Kebebew seconded.

Commissioner Gomez nominated Commissioner Gonzales to be Vice-Chair; Commissioner Gonzales accepted.

Motion Passed

Yes: Brook, Druley, Kebebew, Revere, Thompson, Gomez, Najera

No: None

Abstain: Gonzales

Commissioner Gonzales elected as the new JJDPC Vice-Chair.

2. Rename the SB 823 Subcommittee to the Reentry Subcommittee: Commissioner Kebebew moved to rename the SB 823 Subcommittee to the Reentry Subcommittee; Commissioner Revere seconded.

Motion Passed

Yes: Brook, Druley, Kebebew, Gonzales, Revere, Thompson, Gomez, Najera

No: None

Abstain: None

3. Review and approve the 2024 Juvenile Hall Inspection Report: Commissioner Revere moved to approve the 2024 Juvenile Hall Inspection Report with the revisions and edits made by the Commission; Commissioner Najera seconded.

Motion Passed

Yes: Brook, Druley, Kebebew, Revere, Thompson, Najera

No: None

Abstain: Gomez, Gonzales

Commissioner Druley will send the final Report to Probation to submit the Report and their response as an agenda item at the Board of Supervisors December meeting.

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VI. INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Positive Youth Development and Prevention Focus. Commissioner Kebebew shared that a presentation of 41 Developmental Assets will be held at next meeting by the ABC Group of Pajaro Valley. More information to come.

VII. ANNOUNCEMENTS (Including items via email on file): Commissioner Thompson shared her interest in having the Watsonville Police Department give a presentation of their Caminos Program to the JJDPC.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

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