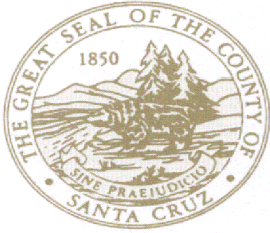


County of Santa Cruz



JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION APPROVED MINUTES

Thursday, February 12, 2026
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Probation Success Center
303 Water St, 1st Floor
Santa Cruz, CA 95060 /
Hybrid (see link below)

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Bernie Gomez, Beverly Brook, Cynthia Druley, David Brody, Deutron Kebebew, Elias Gonzales, Julia Feldman (arrived at 6:05 p.m.), Reyna Ruiz, Sierra Thompson (arrived at 6:11 p.m.), Stephanie Sonnenshine

Excused: Jeri Limon, Roman Frutos

Ex Officio: Judge Guy (excused), Jennifer Martinez, Sarah Fletcher, Sandra Mendez

Staff: Gerardo Leon

II. CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of the February 12, 2026, Agenda:

Motion: Approve amended February 12, 2026, Agenda by removing Action Item 1. Consider supporting/endorsing AB 1647 with Letter of Support from the JJDPDC and adding Informational Item 7. SYTF Subcommittee Update.

Moved: Ruiz **Second:** Brook

Yes: Gomez, Brook, Druley, Brody, Kebebew, Gonzales, Ruiz, Sonnenshine

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion Passed

*Commissioners Feldman and Thompson not present at time of vote

Approval of January 8, 2026, Minutes:

Moved: Ruiz **Second:** Brook

Yes: Gomez, Brook, Druley, Brody, Kebebew, Gonzales, Ruiz, Sonnenshine

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion Passed

*Commissioners Feldman and Thompson not present at time of vote

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Monthly Statistical Information from Probation and Juvenile Hall (Accept & File):

Moved: Ruiz **Second:** Brook

Yes: Gomez, Brook, Druley, Brody, Kebebew, Gonzales, Feldman, Ruiz, Thompson, Sonnenshine

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion Passed

Asst. Division Director Jennifer Martinez reported out on the Monthly Statistical Information and answered questions from the Commissioners.

III. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: None, None online.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS (Including items via email on file):
Commissioner Thompson shared that there will be a training for defense attorneys on February 20th.

Commissioner Gomez shared that the Board of Supervisors approved the application for a grant that would allow the County to use the Juvenile Hall, among other facilities owned by the County, as Community Resilience Centers during times of emergencies/natural disasters. The money allocated to the Juvenile Hall would be used to update the roof and future solar installation. More info to be shared.

Commissioner Ruiz gave an update about youth in dependency and CASA's work.

~~V. ACTION ITEMS:~~

~~1. Consider supporting/endorsing AB 1647 with Letter of Support from the JJDPC~~

ITEM REMOVED

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Welcome to Juvenile Hall Division Director Sarah Fletcher and Chief Probation Officer Sandra Mendez:
Chief Mendez and Juvenile Hall Division Director Fletcher introduced themselves to the Commission.
2. Juvenile Transfer Assembly Bill 1647: The Commissioners will explore what options they have to show their support for this bill.
3. Report on last year's JJDPC strategic goals: Please see attached PowerPoint.
4. Developmental Assets Discussion (20-30 min requested): Please see attached PowerPoint

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- ~~5. Discussion of what the JJDC can do to protect children from ICE. **TABLED BY UNANIMOUS CONSENT**~~
 6. United Way 2026 Children's Network Symposium on March 6, 2026 – Discuss opportunities for JJDC, including tabling: Commissioners had a quick discussion regarding the event.
 7. SYTF Subcommittee Update: The subcommittee will have a draft of the Jail Inspection Report ready by next month's meeting.
- VII. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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