

# County of Santa Cruz



## JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION MINUTES

Thursday, January 8, 2025  
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
Regular Meeting

MILPA  
315 Main St, STE 206  
Watsonville, CA 95076 /  
Hybrid (see link below)

### I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

**Present:** Bernie Gomez, Beverly Brook (arrived at 6:06 p.m.), David Brody, Deutron Kebebew, Elias Gonzales, Jeri Limon (arrived at 6:06 p.m.), Julia Feldman, Reyna Ruiz, Roman Frutos (arrived at 6:06 p.m.), Sierra Thompson, Stephanie Sonnenshine (arrived at 6:03 p.m.)

**Excused:** Cynthia Druley

**Ex Officio:** Judge Guy (excused), Jennifer Martinez

**Staff:** Gerardo Leon

### II. CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of the January 8, 2025, Agenda

Approval of the December 11, 2025, Minutes

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

**Motion:** Brody      **Second:** Kebebew

**Yes:** Gomez, Brody, Kebebew, Gonzales, Feldman, Ruiz, Thompson

**No:** None

**Abstain:** None

\*Commissioners Brook, Limon, Frutos, and Sonnenshine not present during vote

### III. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: None; none online.

### IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS (Including items via email on file):

Commissioner Kebebew shared that he participated in the Coaching Model Change Reentry Simulation Experience event held by Probation's Adult Division and Justice System Partners in December, and that it was an important experience.

Asst. Division Director Jennifer Martinez shared that Probation has a new chief. Chief Sandra Mendez will be sworn in on February 2, 2026. She also mentioned that Sara

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Berman is transitioning to Probation's Adult Division as their new Division Director, and Sarah Fletcher will be the Juvenile Hall's new Division Director.

- V. Presentation: Sarah Emmert, Santa Cruz County's 2026-2032 Strategic Plan, Engaging Partners on Safety and Justice

Please see attached PowerPoint.

- VI INFORMATION ITEMS:  
1. Delinquency Prevention

There was discussion to create a Delinquency Prevention Ad Hoc Subcommittee. The Commission discussed how to work on the prevention piece of the Commission without staff or funding.

- VII. SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES:  
1. Jail SYTF Subcommittee

Subcommittee met with Undersheriff Aisworth, Chief Deputy Cleveland, and Probation Juvenile Division Director Flores regarding the JJDC SYTF inspection. The Commissioners will look into who is responsible for providing programming services, etc., to the youth serving the SYTF commitment in the jail – is it the Sheriff's Office, Probation's, or a joint responsibility.

- VIII ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

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