



Santa Cruz County Commission on Justice and Gender

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Minutes: Notice of Public Meeting and Agenda - Amended

Date: Thursday, February 20, 2025
Time: 12:00pm – 1:30pm
Location: Watsonville Community Room
275 Main St Floor 6, Watsonville, CA 95076
Parking Garage: 260 Rodriguez St.
First 2 hours free; more time can be purchased on 2nd floor of garage

Meeting called to order at 12:00 pm.

1. Roll Call
 - 1.1. Present: Tara George, Sasha Morgan, Sarah Fletcher, Hannah Taylor, Rebecca Garcia, Jen Herrera, Leeann Luna, Lynne Petrovic, Evyn Robles, Jesse Silva, Sheryl Norteye, Sarah Kocjan
 - 1.2. Excused: Gloria Carroll, Shelby Mason, Celeste Gutierrez, M'Randa Bounds
2. Agenda Review
3. Announcements
 - 3.1. Katie Anaya brought "Know Your Rights Cards"
 - 3.2. Jail population: 35 women in custody: 15 in Blaine, 15 in G Unit, 5 in H Unit.
 - 3.3. Visitation: One successful contact visit at Blaine Street. In person contact visits at Rountree have still not started yet.
 - 3.4. Esme provided safe release update
 - 3.5. Amber Williams (Janus): One year Anniversary of Sobering Center – February 27th
 - About 2,000 people diverted
 - 3.5a. Perinatal facility has space
4. Public Comment

Any person may address the Commission for a period not to exceed 3 minutes on matters within the jurisdiction of the Commission.
5. Approval of Minutes (Action)
 - 5.1. Approve August 15, 2024, minutes, which were amended on November 21, 2024, to correct that visitation at the Reentry & Rehabilitation Facility had not started but that the body scanner had been received.

Motion: Tara George
Second: Sarah Kocjan
Passed unanimously

5.2. Approve November 21, 2024, minutes.

Motion: Sarah Kocjan

Second: Hannah Taylor

Passed unanimously

6. Formalize Subcommittees

6.1. What does it mean to be on a subcommittee? (County Staff)

Gina De Martini-Kuhns provided brief presentation on County Code and Brown Act requirements for subcommittees.

6.2. Nominate and appoint Hannah Taylor, Jesse Silva, Kristie Clemens, Tara George, Sarah Fletcher, Esmerelda Torres, Stacey Palau, Sarah Kocjan, and Savannah Hayes Desai to the Release & Reentry Subcommittee and consider any other additional nominations from Commission members (Action)

6.3. Nominate and appoint Lynne Petrovic, Rebecca Garcia, Celeste Gutierrez, Sarah Kocjan, Gloria Carroll, Sarah Marschall, Susan Nilsson, Emma Ledvina, and Savannah Hayes Desai to the Family, Youth, and Prevention Subcommittee and consider any other additional nominations from Commission members (Action)

6.3.a. Amended 6.3 to remove M'Randa Bounds

6.4. Nominate and appoint Sheryl Norteye, Jen Herrera, Brenda Campbell, Sarah Kocjan, Leann Luna, Janna Rivas, Evyn Robles, and Amber Williams to the Housing and Healthcare Committee and consider any other nominations from Commission members (Action)

6.4.a. Amended to add Amber Williams

Items 6.2-6.4

Motion to approve with amendments: Sheryl Norteye

Second: Sarah Fletcher

Passed unanimously

7. Presentation on Women's Recovery and Reentry Program (WRRP)

Katie Anaya, Friends Outside provides overview of program. Panel shares lived experience.

7.1. Katie Anaya gave a brief presentation from WRRP representatives.

7.2. Gloria, Shannon, and Katelyn shared their lived experiences.

8. Adjourned at 1:33 PM

The next scheduled regular meeting is on Thursday, May 8th, 2025, from 12:00pm – 1:30pm.

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