



Santa Cruz County Commission on Justice and Gender

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Notice of Public Meeting and Agenda Commission on Justice and Gender

Date: February 12, 2026
Time: 12 pm – 1:30 pm
Location: Community Room
500 Westridge
Watsonville, CA

Introductory Items

1. Call to Order/ Roll Call (Commissioners)
 - a. **Present:** Kristie Clemens, Sarah Fletcher, Tara George, Rebecca Garcia, Gloria Carroll, Lynn Boule, Sheryl Norteye, Lynne Petrovic, Hannah Taylor, Leeann Luna (Co-Chair), Clara Mandlhate, Jesse Silva (Co-Chair), Jen Herrera
 - b. **Absent:** Shelby Mason, Sasha Morgan, Sarah Kocjan, Celeste Gutierrez
 - c. **Staff:** Gina De Martini-Kuhns, Tatiana Brennan
 - d. Quorum was established
2. Check in: Name and affiliation/relationship with the commission (Informational only)
 - a. Commissioners and attendees introduced themselves to the room and stated relationship to Commission.
3. Public Comment

Any person may address the Commission for a period not to exceed 3 minutes on matters within the jurisdiction of the Commission. Commission 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 Commission after this allotted period, public comment may be continued to the last item on the agenda.

Speakers:

Katie Mayeda announced a system change free webinar on March 18, 2026: What is working and what isn't, with a focus on justice involved population

Sarah Marschall announced that the Family Justice Center update, open doors for CAL OES funding

Esmerelda Torres announced Monarch Services' Gala

Regular Agenda

4. Approve Minutes from the November 20, 2025, meeting (Action Item)
 - a. Additional direction: Rebecca Garcia added "recommended by Lynne Petrovic" to item 8.2, Kristie Clemens to provide corrected numbers of women in custody, and Esmerelda Torres corrected number to 9 women housed through Safe Release.
 - b. Motion: Rebecca Garcia
 - c. Second: Hannah Taylor
 - d. Motion passed unanimously
5. Announcements by Commissioners and Subcommittees (or Commissioner Announcements or Reports) – (Informational only)
 - 5.1. Recognize Eryn Robles for her contributions to the Task Force, Commission, and Subcommittee (Co-chairs)
 - a. Co-Chairs thanked Eryn Robles for her contributions to the Task Force, Commission, and Subcommittee
 - 5.2. Subcommittee representatives report on subcommittee activities.
 - a. Release & Reentry (Sarah Fletcher, rotating Chair) - Sarah Fletcher shared actions taken during the December 2, 2025 subcommittee meeting including adopting a calendar for 2026, discussed objectives for the workplan, and the agreement to use data to align with commission without duplication, as well as identifying the speaker for the February 12, 2026 meeting
 - b. Families, Youth & Prevention (Celeste Gutierrez, Chair) - In Celeste Gutierrez's absence, Rebecca Garcia shared actions taken during the December 4, 2025 minutes including adopting a 2026 meeting calendar and the establishment of the ad-hoc work group to draft objectives for the work plan and shared the discussion from the January 15, 2026 special meeting in which subcommittee members supported each other personally and professionally, and read drafted objectives.

c. Housing & Healthcare (Brenda Campbell, rotating Chair) - *item tabled due to absence*

d. Ad-hoc Fundraising Subcommittee for Holiday Cards & Photos for incarcerated women

5.3. Co-Chairs: announcement

a. Elections of new co-chairs in May (Informational Only)

i. Co-chairs announced that new co-chairs will be elected in May

6. Appoint an ad-hoc subcommittee to fundraise for Mother's Day cards for incarcerated women (Action)

a. Subcommittee members: Kristie Clemens, Katie Mayeda, Lynn Boule, Maria Luna, Sarah Marschall, Katie Anaya

b. Motion: Tara George

c. Second: Sarah Fletcher

d. Motion passed unanimously

7. Appoint Clara Mandlhate to the Housing & Healthcare Subcommittee, replacing Evyn Robles as the Commissioner representing the Target Population as determined by the Commission (Action)

a. Motion: Lynn Boule

b. Second: Hannah Taylor

c. Motion passed unanimously

8. Direct the Release & Reentry; Families, Youth & Prevention; and Housing & Healthcare subcommittees as well as authorize any interested commissioners not on a subcommittee to develop recommendations and workplan objectives to discuss and potentially adopt at the May 2026 Commission Meeting (Action)

a. Motion: Rebecca Garcia

b. Second: Kristie Clemens

c. Motion passed unanimously

9. Direct the Housing & Healthcare Subcommittee to identify and prepare a speaker for the May Lived Experience Presentation (Action)

a. Commissioners discussed keeping the lived experience in May as opposed to skipping May to leave time for discussing and adopting the workplan. Commission responsibility when finding and prepping a speaker and inviting members of the public with lived experience. Gloria Carroll mentioned including incarcerated women and their children since their experiences are not a monolith. Sarah Fletcher suggested instead of having a speaker take up a set time, invite more members of the public to ask questions or express thoughts on the plan.

- b. Motion to keep presentation in May: Sheryl Norteye
 - c. Second: Jen Herrera
 - d. Motion passed unanimously
10. Consider the updated Biennial Report and recommend additional changes or approve the updated report and direct the staff liaison to submit to the Board to accept and file (Action Item)
- a. Additional direction to add language to goals and recommendations asking the Board of Supervisors to work with the Commission to support the Commission's work and recommendations and to address issues presented by funding impacts and to note classes provided in Spanish to demonstrate where County is failing.
 - b. Motion to approve with edits: Hannah Taylor
 - c. Second: Sarah Fletcher
 - d. Motion passed unanimously.
11. Receive and discuss Lived Experience Presentation (Information & Discussion)
- a. Kylie Keller provided Lived Experience presentation with recommendations for system improvement emphasizing the importance of support and advocacy when system-involved women are in crisis. Commissioners and public were able to ask questions.
12. Adjournment: adjourned at 1:26 PM

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