



Santa Cruz County Commission on Justice and Gender

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Notice of Public Meeting and Agenda Commission on Justice and Gender

Date: May 14, 2026
Time: 12 pm – 1:30 pm
Location: Simpkins Family Swim Center
Community Room
979 17th Ave
Santa Cruz CA 95066

Introductory Items

1. Call to Order/ Roll Call (Commissioners)
2. Check in: Name and one word for how you are coming to the space today (Informational only)
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.

Regular Agenda

4. Approve Minutes from the February 12, 2026, meeting (Action Item)

5. Announcements by Commissioners and Subcommittees (or Commissioner Announcements or Reports) – (Informational only)

5.1. Number of women in custody as of May 14, 2026

5.2 . Number of safe releases between February and May 2026

5.3. Mother's Day Cards and Photos Ad-hoc subcommittee

6. Nominate and appoint Co-Chairs for a one-year term from May 2026 to April 2027 (Action)

7. Direct the Families, Youth & Prevention subcommittee to identify and prepare a speaker for the Lived Experience Presentation in August (Action)

8. Appoint Meg Yarnell, Deputy Director of Mental Health Services in HSA, to the Housing & Healthcare Subcommittee, and Cassie Gazipura from Monarch Services to the Release & Reentry Subcommittee (Action)

9. Receive and discuss Lived Experience Presentation (Information & Discussion)

10. Review and discuss Commission mission with the Sheriff and take related actions (Discussion and Possible Action)

11. Consider phased implementation of the 2026-27 Workplan and proposed objectives and take related actions (Action)

12. Adjournment

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