County of Santa Cruz

JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION
MINUTES

October 8, 2026
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Probation Success Center
303 Water Street First Floor
Santa Cruz, CA 950506
/ Hybrid (see link below)

The purpose of the Santa Cruz County Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission is to inquire into the administration of juvenile court law in the County, and to coordinate on a county-wide basis the work of those governmental and non-governmental organizations engaged in activities designed to prevent juvenile delinquency. In addition, the Commission is to assist the Juvenile Court with monitoring the safety and well-being of youth housed in local facilities and to prevent youth from becoming involved in the juvenile justice system. The Commission further delineates that in execution of its purpose, powers, and duties, it will endeavor to educate and inform the community and system leaders on the importance of positive youth development and advocate for coordinated and well-resourced systems that promote family and youth success and prevent system involvement.

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I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: Meeting called to order at 6:04 p.m.

Present: Beverly Brook, Cynthia Druley, David Brody, Deutron Kebebew, Elias Gonzales, Marina Archer, Reyna Ruiz, Stephanie Sonnenshine
Absent: Bernie Gomez (excused), Jeri Limon, Julia Feldman (excused), Roman Frutos, Sierra Thompson (excused)
Ex Officio: Judge Guy, Jennifer Martinez, Sarah Fletcher, Sandra Mendez
Staff: Gerardo Leon, Petra Rocha-Martinez

II. CONSENT AGENDA:
Approval of the October 8, 2026, Agenda
Approval of the August 13, 2026, Minutes

Motion: Approve with corrections to the August 13, 2026, Minutes
Moved: Kebebew **Second:** Druley
Yes: Druley, Brody, Kebebew, Gonzales, Sonnenshine

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No: None
Abstain: Brook, Archer, Ruiz

Motion Passed

III. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: None.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS (Including items via email on file): Commissioner Druley spoke about the attached report. See attached, available upon request.

Chief Mendez shared that Probation is holding the Mobile Success Center (MSC) ribbon cutting on November 4, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the South County Success Center. Chief Mendez also shared that Division Director Sarah Fletcher will oversee the Juvenile Hall and Juvenile Division.

Judge Guy shared that Cabrillo College is hosting their annual College and Career Family Night on October 19, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

V. MONTHLY STATISTICAL INFORMATION FROM PROBATION AND JUVENILE HALL (Accept & File):
Commissioners and Probation had a thorough discussion regarding questions the commissioners had about the report.

Moved: Brook **Second:** Kebebew
Yes: Brook, Druley, Brody, Kebebew, Gonzales, Ruiz, Sonnenshine
No: None
Abstain: Archer

Motion Passed

VI. ACTION ITEMS:
1. None

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS:
1. 2026 Juvenile Hall Inspection Report Discussion – Commissioner Druley: Commissioner Druley spoke about the inspection report process and will have a final draft ready for the Commissioners to approve at the November meeting.

   The Commission asked for and received feedback on how the process went, what worked, and how to improve or do things differently next year.

2. CASA Conference Report Out – Commissioner Feldman: Commissioner Ruiz shared that Vice-Chair Feldman, in her capacity as the Executive Director of Conflict Resolution Center, was invited by CASA to present with them on youth justice and

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restorative justice at the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Conference in Orange County.

3. Public Records Act Request Discussion – Commissioner Brody: Chair Brody shared an update of the Public Records Act Request and answered some of the Commissioners questions.

4. Future Commission Meeting Topics Discussion – All: Commissioners discussed which topics to agendize and guest speakers.

5. Delinquency Prevention
   a. Asset Builders Collaborative Report: Commissioner Kebebew shared that the two assets being highlighted are support and empowerment. Member agencies are working on how to better empower parents and kids.

      ABC is working on ways to increase their sample size of the survey to get more data; they will send the assessment to Probation to review.

   b. United for Youth Report: No report

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: Adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

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