County of Santa Cruz

JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION
DRAFT MINUTES

November 12, 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 6:00 p.m.

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

II. CONSENT AGENDA:
Approval of the November 12, 2026, Agenda
Approval of the October 8, 2026, Minutes

Motion: Approve with correction to October 8, 2026, Minutes – Commissioner Ruiz listed as Yes and Abstain on the Consent Agenda vote
Moved: Kebebew **Second:** Brook

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Por favor haga arreglos anticipadamente por teléfono al número (831) 454-3800.

Yes: Brook, Druley, Brody, Kebebew, Archer, Sonnenshine
No: None
Abstain: Feldman, Frutos, Thompson

Motion Passed

III. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: None

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS (Including items via email on file)

Commissioner Kebebew shared that Empower Watsonville will be hosting an event at the Youth Center on December 3rd or 10th (to be confirmed). Commissioner Kebebew will share the information with those interested.

Commissioner Brook shared that the Peace and Unity Walk will take place on Saturday at Romo Park in Watsonville from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Commissioner Druley shared that the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) will be voting on the final revisions to Title 15 and Title 24 Minimum Standards for Juvenile Facilities. Chief Mendez noted that the vote is scheduled to take place on Thursday, November 19, 2026.

V. MONTHLY STATISTICAL INFORMATION FROM PROBATION AND JUVENILE HALL (Accept & File):

Motion: Approve with clarification of the Juvenile Division September 'At a Glance' data.
Moved: Duley **Second:** Feldman
Yes: Brook, Druley, Brody, Kebebew, Feldman, Archer, Frutos, Thompson, Sonnenshine
No: None
Abstain: None

Motion Passed

VI. ACTION ITEMS:
1. Approve the Santa Cruz County Juvenile Hall and Secure Youth Treatment Detention Facilities Inspection Report for 2026.

Motion: Approve Report with changes incorporated per full commission discussion, and Chair Brody and Commissioner Druley discussions.
Moved: Kebebew **Second:** Brook
Yes: Brook, Druley, Brody, Kebebew, Feldman, Archer, Frutos, Thompson, Sonnenshine
No: None
Abstain: None

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Motion Passed

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Data, Prevention, Strategies and Recommendation for Moving Forward. Discussion led by Commissioner Kebebew.

   Please see PowerPoint. Available upon request.

2. Review of Santa Cruz County Boards, Commissions, Committees and Department Advisory Groups (Code Chapter 2.38), and Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Commission Attendance Requirements.

   Chair Brody reminded Commissioners of the attendance requirements per the Bylaws.

3. Delinquency Prevention
   a. Asset Builders Collaborative Report

      None.

   b. United for Youth Report

      None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

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