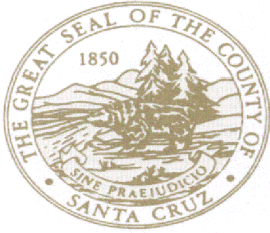


County of Santa Cruz



JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION COMMISSION MINUTES

May 14, 2026
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting

MILPA - 315 Main St. Ste 206
Watsonville, CA 95076
/ 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.

I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL: Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m.

Present: Bernie Gomez, Beverly Brook, Cynthia Druley, David Brody, Deutron Kebebew, Julia Feldman, Roman Frutos, Stephanie Sonnenshine

Excused: Elias Gonzales, Jeri Limo, Sierra Thompson

Ex Officio: Judge Guy (excused), Sandra Mendez, Sarah Fletcher, Jennifer Martinez

Staff: Gerardo Leon

II. CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of the May 14, 2026, Agenda

Approval of the April 9, 2026, Minutes

Moved: Druley **Second:** Feldman

Yes: Gomez, Brook, Druley, Brody, Feldman, Frutos, Sonnenshine

No: None

Abstain: Kebebew

Motion Passed

III. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: None

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS (Including items via email on file):

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Commissioner Druley shared that the Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) is hosting a one-hour webinar entitled, *Credible Messengers*, on May 20, 2026. Information/flyer available upon request.

Commissioner Brook shared that the OYCR will be hosting a webinar on Least Restrictive Placements on May 21, 2026. Information/flyer available upon request.

Commissioner Sonnenshine shared that she is meeting with counties, in her capacity as a consultant, regarding Enhance Care Management.

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

Moved: Kebebew **Second:** Druley

Request: Probation to include correct March 2026 Data Blast in Monthly Statistical Data.

Yes: Gomez, Brook, Druley, Brody, Kebebew, Feldman, Frutos, Sonnenshine

No: None

Abstain: None

Motion Passed

VI. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Officially dissolve the Jail SYTF Inspection Subcommittee

Moved: Druley **Second:** Feldman

Yes: Gomez, Brook, Druley, Brody, Feldman, Frutos, Sonnenshine

No: None

Abstain: Kebebew

Motion Passed

2. Establish the 2026 Juvenile Hall SYTF Inspection Subcommittee beginning in June 2026 through the JJDPC approval of the final Inspection Report

ITEM TABLED by unanimous consent.

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. 2026 Juvenile Hall and SYTF Inspection Report and Discussion.
Commissioner Druley will lead the Commission in a discussion on the status and planning for the 2026 Juvenile Hall and SYTF Inspection process.

Commissioner Druley shared how the inspection process has been in the past and the changes that the Commission will implement for this inspection. The Commission

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created an outline for how the inspection will occur this year. The Juvenile Hall inspection will occur August 17 and 18, 2026.

2. Delinquency Prevention

a. Asset Builders Collaborative (ABC) Monthly Report

Chair Brody will provide a summary of the ABC Monthly Report for May 2026.

Chair Brody provided a summary of the ABC Monthly Report. The Commission will include the Asset of the Month in future agendas.

b. United for Youth Report and Discussion

Guest Speaker, Pamela Velasquez, Director of Community Impact, United Way of Santa Cruz County will provide a verbal report on United Way's United for Youth initiatives, related activities and events and opportunities to collaborate and partner with the JJDP.

Please see PowerPoint presentation. Available upon request.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

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