



Santa Cruz County Women's Commission

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, November 20, 2025
TIME: 6:00 PM
LOCATION: County Government Building, 701 Ocean Street, 5th Floor Redwood Conference Room
PRESENT: Amanda Crowder (1st District), Brenda Rogers (2nd District), Suzanne Doty (3rd District), Allison Albert (3rd District), Ariel Young (5th District), Kate McGrath (5th District)
EXCUSED: Paige Gordon (1st District), Karina Moreno (4th District)
ABSENT: Rita Sanchez (4th District)
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (Commissions Manager)
GUESTS: Sarah Marschall (Family Justice Center Consultant), Gina De Martini-Kuhns (CEO Senior Administrative Analyst) and no members of the public were present.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review

Meeting convened at 6:07 PM.

Commission welcomed new Commissioners Ariel Young and Kate McGrath, both representing District 5.

2. Approve September 18, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve September 18, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Motion/Second: Crowner/Albert

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment: None

4. New/Continuing Business/Action Items:

4.1. Family Justice Center Overview

Marschall provided an overview of the Family Justice Center model, which originated in San Diego and co-locates multidisciplinary services for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and related crimes in a single, trauma-informed location. The organization is exploring the establishment of a Family Justice Center in Santa Cruz County and is currently seeking potential sites of approximately 5,000 square feet. Planning and resource development are anticipated to take approximately one year, with a possible phased implementation and a tentative start timeframe around March 2026. Marschall would like to be added to the Commission's mailing list and future Commission meetings. Commissioners are encouraged to help share information about the Family Justice Center and its services with their communities and encourage community members to join the center's mailing list for more information.

4.2. County Strategic Planning

De Martini-Kuhns summarized the County's outreach efforts to help identify priorities for the County's Strategic Plan. The Commission reviewed the County Strategic Plan focus areas including Housing & Infrastructure; Access to Services & Support; Health, Wellbeing

& Connection; Safety & Justice; Environment, Climate & Resilience; and Economy & Job Growth and discussed priorities within them that specifically impacted women. Commissioners identified access to health care, childcare, domestic violence protections, food security, protections for immigrants, housing, and economic equity as priorities for women. Staff will send CEDAW recommendations to De Martini Kuhns.

4.3. 2026 Trailblazers Awards Planning

Commission discussed scheduling an ad hoc subcommittee meeting. Doty removed Crowder from the subcommittee and appointed McGrath in her place to ensure representation from each District on the subcommittee. The next

Ad hoc Trailblazers Awards Ceremony Planning Subcommittee members are now Albert, Gordon, Doty, Sanchez, and McGrath.

5. Staff Report:

Staff reported that Commissioner Moreno has resigned her seat and thanks the Commission for all their great work. Commissioners are encouraged to promote applicants for District 4. Rogers met with Supervisor De Serpa and was very pleased with her interest in the Commission's work. Supervisor De Serpa is working on outreach and recruitment for the District 2 vacancy. Staff encouraged Commissioners to keep an eye out for stipend claims forms in their email.

6. Correspondence: None

7. Emerging Matters:

Crowder announced that she will be resigning her seat in March. The Commission expressed their appreciation for all her hard work.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Manager*