



Alameda County Commission on the Status of Women Meeting Minutes



Wednesday, January 8, 2020, 6:30 PM
Alameda County Eden Area Multiservice Center Social Services Agency
24100 Amador Street, 3rd Floor-Lupine Room A, Hayward, CA 94544

COMMISSION MEMBERS	
Lucy Hernández, Chair	District 2 - Present
María Domínguez, Vice Chair	District 3 - Present
Olga Borjón, Treasurer	District 2 – Present
Erin Scott, Secretary	District 5 - Present
Dr. Yasi Safinya-Davies, Member at Large	District 1 - Present
RocQuel Johnson, Member at Large	Human Relations Commission - Present
Martha Kreeger	District 1 - Absent
Marie Gilmore	District 3 - Present
Susan Gonzales	District 3 - Absent
Jaclyn Coleman	District 4 - Present
Dr. Amy Levine	District 4 - Present
Courtney Welch	District 5 – Non-Voting Participant By phone
Ge’Nell Gary	District 5 - Present
Vacant	District 1
Vacant	District 2
Vacant	District 4
Vacant	Conference of Mayors

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1.	<p>Welcome and Introductions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting called to order by Chair Hernández at 6:34 PM. - Erin Scott agreed to be Secretary. - Commissioner attendance is noted above. - SSA staff present: Kim Fogel, Sylvia Soublet, and Lorena Briseño. Also in attendance, Victoria Wu, County Counsel's Office. - Chair Hernández welcomed visitor Orly Greenwood. Everyone invited to introduce themselves.
2.	<p>Approval of Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Item moved to next month's meeting.
3.	<p>County Counsel Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Question: can COSW fundraise? No, but the CAO can ask the COSW to fundraise (for example, asking COSW to do a wine pull for the Women's Hall of Fame). - Question: can COSW take a position without first obtaining SSA or County Board of Supervisors permission / okay? We cannot take an official position on any issue because we do not exist independent of SSA. For legislation, need to go through SSA's policy process. Lorena provides a calendar to the COSW policy committee. Our role is to advise SSA / Board of Supervisors. We can make recommendations to them at our annual reporting time. Or we can ask staff to ask SSA to put us on the Board's agenda if we want to make recommendations at another time. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Soublet commented that commissioners should know the positions of the supervisor who appointed them (but not just duplicate that position). o Wu stated that the goal is for the county to speak as a whole. - Question: can you vote to adopt minutes even if you were not at the meeting the minutes are from? Yes you can vote to adopt, but you cannot suggest changes. - Question: can we mandate commissioners to donate? No but individual commissioners can donate and Women's Hall of Fame organizers can ask us to collect donations for baskets.
4.	<p>Women's March Oakland – Saturday, January 18th</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Domínguez: \$150 registration fee for us to participate as a group. Not in the budget but can submit as a budget request. - Reviewed elements on website and discussed participation. - Domínguez moved for COSW to participate in the Women's March Oakland as a contingent. Scott seconded. All ayes. Motion passed.
5.	<p>Bylaws Committee Report</p> <p>a. Review Mission Statement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hernández moved to approve the version of the mission statement titled "from past meeting agendas" as COSW's mission statement with the change of "domestic violence" to "interpersonal violence" and then modified the motion to add a second change: from "sexual harassment" to "sexual assault, exploitation, and harassment." Levine seconded. All ayes. Motion passed. <p>b. Future of Junior Commission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hernández explained history; the junior commission has been dormant for at least two years. - Soublet's daughter Amber was in the audience. She asked to speak and stated that she was on the junior commission and found it to be a valuable experience. - Domínguez raised the idea of having a junior commissioner sit on COSW, someone who is aged 18-25. She also suggested that we coordinate with Alameda County's Youth Leadership Academy. - Scott suggested partnering with Alliance for Girls.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wine pull proceeds could be earmarked for the junior commission. - Safinya-Davies suggested that this issue needs more time for discussion. - Tabled for the next meeting. <p>c. Other Proposed Revisions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need to incorporate administrative code into the bylaws? - Next by laws ad hoc committee meeting will be held on 1/23 at 6:30 pm at the Peet's in San Leandro.
6.	<p>Women's Hall of Fame Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brought COSW feedback to the Hall of Fame committee meeting. Suggested having someone present to COSW on the history of the Hall of Fame. - Tentative Hall of Fame dates are April 11th or 25th. - Hall of Fame committee is open to COSW providing a scholarship instead of allocating money for favors. - Gilmore suggested talking more about how to participate in this event going forward <u>after</u> the 2020 event. - Nominations process is open (but not yet public). At COSW February meeting, give Chair names for organizations. - At February meeting, vote about how to use \$1,000 allocated in the budget for the Hall of Fame. - Question: do we participate in the selection of the scholarship awardee if we sponsor one? Domínguez will ask at the next Hall of Fame meeting.
7.	<p>Treasurer's Report and Budget Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$3,150 of the approved budget is from Supervisor Valle's budget and the rest is from SSA. - Food is under scrutiny across all county budgets so we may want to determine whether we can decrease our food costs. - Hernández: the \$173 expenditure from Flame [Commission retreat] was in this fiscal year so needs to be moved. - Domínguez moved to approve the budget with the addition of the \$173 Flame expense. Levine seconded. All ayes. Motion passed.
8.	<p>Human Relations Commission Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Johnson: Social justice film and discussion – topic is post-incarceration – on 1/11 from 2 to 4 pm at the Castro Valley Library. Also, last date for award nominations is 1/26 (award ceremony is 4/25).
9.	<p>Open Public Comment</p> <p>None.</p>
10.	<p>Health and Wellness Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coleman: connecting with East Oakland Collective and planning listening sessions in 2021, especially in unincorporated areas. - Hernández: asked commissioners to add sites to the Donate Period sites list by COSW's February meeting.
11.	<p>Communications Committee</p> <p>No update.</p>
12.	<p>Education and Employment Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hernández: met with county office of education; they are putting on an education summit for at-promise youth. Focus will be on higher education. - Event will be on Monday, March 23rd at the office of education and the title is Breaking Down

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	<p>Barriers to College.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Invited youth will all be girls and they will be teen moms, incarcerated girls, and girls in foster care. - They will have a panel, including Commissioner Hernández. - The event organizers are seeking sponsorship for lunch. Tabled until COSW February meeting. - Hernández will send a doodle poll for the next committee meeting.
13.	<p>Events Committee No chair, no update.</p>
14.	<p>Policy and Advocacy Committee A doodle poll will be sent to schedule the next committee meeting.</p>
	<p>Closing of Meeting</p>
15.	<p>Action items due by next meeting and who will be responsible.</p>
16.	<p>Announcements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Safinya-Davies announced that she has resigned from her job and submitted an application to be on the Board of her now former employer. She does not know how that impacts her position on COSW. She will inform the supervisor who appointed her. - Levine: COSW’s April meeting falls on Passover. Hernández will send a doodle poll to reschedule that meeting. - Domínguez: will ask Supervisor Chan about doing a proclamation for the 45th anniversary of COSW and will let us know what she says. Fogel asked Domínguez to let the Commission know if they are included in a proclamation for Women’s Hall of Fame.
17.	<p>Good of the Order</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting adjourned at 9:08 PM by Chair Hernández.
<p>Next COSW Meetings/Events: Regular Meeting – Wednesday, March 11, 2020, 6:30 PM Regular Meeting – Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 6:30 PM Regular Meeting – Wednesday, May 13, 2020, 6:30 PM Regular Meeting – Wednesday, June 10, 2020, 6:30 PM Retreat - TBD</p> <p>Other Meetings/Events: February 17, 2020 - Deadline to register to vote in California March 3, 2020 - California Primary Election March 8, 2020 - International Women’s Day April 2020 – Women’s Hall of Fame, date to be determined April 2020 – COSW budget due to SSA June 2020 – COSW election June 30, 2020 – End of fiscal year</p>	

*Minutes prepared by Secretary Commissioner Scott, edited by Chair Hernandez.
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