



**Alameda
County
Commission on the
Status of Women**



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 22, 2023 6:30-8:30 PM

The mission of the Alameda County Commission on the Status of Women (COSW) is to represent the women of Alameda County in maximizing social equality and parity for women of all ages in such areas as housing, employment, health services, child care, elder care, education, transportation, credit, legal rights, and community services.

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Item No.	Item	Action
1.	Call to Order, Welcome, and Introductions	<p>Chair Senn called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and took roll call:</p> <p>Commissioners Present: Nina Senn Aida Sizova Aliza Kazmi Marie Gilmore Erin Scott (logged off after approving January’s meeting minutes)</p>

		<p>Megan Sweet (logged off after approving January’s meeting minutes)</p> <p>Commissioners Absent (Excused): Orly Amey Yasi Safinya-Davies</p> <p>Shay Franco-Clausen</p> <p>Commissioners Absent (Unexcused): Courtney Welch</p>
2.	Continuation of remote meetings	<i>No remote meetings per new state ordinance. All Alameda County Government and commissions will return to person meeting.</i>
3.	Approval of November minutes	<i>Aliza motioned to approve and Nina seconded. Unanimous approval.</i>
4.	Commissioner Announcements	<p>a. Event: Bigger Than Roe National Day of Action – Women’s March in Alameda, January 22, 2023</p>

		<p>b. Exec Team Meet/Greet – February 4, 2023</p> <p>c. Mayors Conference & Resolution – February 8, 2023</p> <p>d. Global Ties: International Visitor Leadership Program – DEIA – February 15, 2023</p> <p>e. CEDAW lunch with national, regional, local experts – February 20, 2023</p> <p>f. Proclamation at BOS March meeting</p> <p>g. Alameda County Women’s Hall of Fame event March 25, 2023</p> <p>h. City of Berkeley’s Commission Vacancies</p>
5.	<p>Treasurer Report and Budget Request to BOS for funding to start Alameda County office of women’s policy (TBD)</p>	<p>a. Reimbursements</p> <p>b. \$250k budget request, and potential timing</p> <p>Nina shared that during the staff transition, a template and current process had been forwarded to Meagan.</p> <p>C. Advocacy partnership with local CBOs addressing women and girls’ issues</p> <p><i>Aliza shared she sent an email and a Google form for commissioners to pass to CBOs for us to get partnerships.</i></p> <p><i>Nina was asked to contact Shay about Santa Clara’s original budget for their office and to contact SF about their original budget for a women’s office within their respective counties.</i></p>
6.	<p>Brown Act Presentation and Q&A (e.g., Ad hoc)</p>	<p><i>Samantha Stonework-Hand, from the County Counsel’s office, gave the Brown Act presentation. Nina and Marie had questions about use of remote locations for meetings and ad hoc committees. Samantha will follow up via email with answers.</i></p>
7.	<p>Updates from California Commission on the Status of Women (state)</p>	<p>a. CCSW @ Mount St. Mary’s in LA: March 22, 2023 Nina will be attending and extended an invitation for other commissioners to join her.</p> <p>b. Inviting CCSWG rep to speak with our Commission</p>

<p>8.</p>	<p>COSW Priorities, Improvements</p>	<p>a. Introduce 2023 visioning – where do we want to be by the end of the year.</p> <p>Due to not enough commissioners present we skipped the topic</p> <p>b. Interest/Timing/planning for 2023 Commission Retreat to identify commission priorities and leverage commissions strengths, skill-building, capacity building:</p> <p>Due to scheduling challenges, Nina suggested using the April regular commission meeting time as a retreat. All were supportive of starting at 6 pm and ending the Policy committee meeting early.</p> <p>Nina suggested the idea of an April event (during sexual assault awareness month) that involved partnering with another agency. Marie suggested joining another previously scheduled event as a co-host. Nina asked commissioners to reach out to their networks to suggest potential pre-existing events.</p> <p><i>c. Need to create an Administrative Ad-hoc Committee raised to address Commission’s logistics around strategy for filling vacancies, commissioner onboarding/offboarding, overall admin structure, and prepare a set of Commission best practices.</i></p> <p>[Not discussed.]</p> <p>d. Reorganization of committees/categorizing the commission’s priority areas</p> <p>[Not discussed.]</p> <p>e. Strategy for BOS and SSA engagement (future)</p> <p>[Not discussed.]</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Committee update - Policy and Advocacy</p>	<p>a. CEDAW tracking and work outline/commissioner assignments</p> <p>b. Other updates – SSA advocacy, etc.</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p>Committee update - Grant Implementation</p>	<p>Update on grant extension to August 2023 and next steps with a co-hosted (Sexual Assault Awareness) conference in April and other community engagements events. June/July event. Set objective.</p>

		<i>Nina updated the Commission that the deadline for the CCSWG grant is August 2023.</i>
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11.	Public Comment	No comments
12.	Agenda Building	<i>Given the lack of quorum at today's meeting, issues raised at today's meeting that needed a vote will be added to March's agenda.</i>
13.	Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.