



Alameda County Commission on the Status of Women Meeting Minutes



Wednesday, July 12, 2023 6:00-8:00 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.

COMMISSION MEMBERS	
Nina Senn, Chair	Conference of Mayors Representative
Aliza Kazmi, Vice Chair	District 2
Aida Sizova Secretary	District 3
Megan Sweet Treasurer	District 3
Shanta Franco-Clausen, Member at Large	District 2

Marie Gilmore	District 3
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Erin Scott	District 5
Orly Amey	District 1
Kathryn Lybarger	District 5
Vacant	District 1
Vacant	District 4
Vacant	Human Relations Commission
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Item No.	Item	Action
1.	Call to Order, Welcome, and Introductions	<p>Chair Senn called the meeting to order at 6:41 PM and took roll call.</p> <p>Commissioners Present: Nina Senn Marie Gilmore Shay Franco-Clausen Aida Sizova Megan Sweet joined late (7:00) Aliza Kazmi Erin Scott Kathryn Lybarger</p> <p>Commissioners Absent (Excused): Orly Amey</p> <p>Commissioners Absent (Unexcused): n/a</p>
2.	Approval of April minutes	a. Kathryn moves to approve. Nina second

3.	Commissioner Announcements and Committee Assignments	<p style="text-align: center;">-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Yasi Safinya-Davies is No longer on the commission - Annual Presentation and update on our work. - Sylvia Soublelet Director of Public Affairs and Community Directions came to offer and show support. - Update on a miscommunication on vacancies with District 3 office and the impact on other across-the-board commissions. - Commissioner Orly is out on maternity. - Commissioner Aida got married and is getting up to speed. - The Bylaws committee meeting on July 1st was canceled.
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4.	Updates and Requests from Grant Implementation Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nina shared that we were able to confirm that the funds are in a trust fund and the money is available. We have clarity of the process on how to access these funds and we still have to spend these resources on August. - IDT the technology and media form they support the county as a whole, they will be able to support us by providing the video from the Hall of Fame. Andrea, Sylvia, and Aliza were able to secure resources through SSA. SSA’s team will not charge us for the support, confirmed by Nina. - Sylvia offered for Tamara to be available to us to take care of logistics for video production. - Marie shared that we will be able to provide gift cards (via SSA) to the interviewed people at the video project. - Discussion on the possibility to do a meet and greet event for CBOs. The proposed date for 08/24 or that week. - Aida will reach out to Tamara with location info and contact for the venue via email and cc Sylvia for accountability. Aida committed to taking over Eventbrite, social media, and flyer making for the event and assisting on the day of the event. - Kathryn offered to make calls - Marie agreed to make calls as well - Erin offered to provide a list of CBOs to invite for event.
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5.	Treasurer Report and Budget Request to BOS for funding to start Alameda County office of Women’s Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No update. Transition From Megan to Erin taking over Treasurer position.
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6.	Updates from Policy and Advocacy Subcommittee a. CEDAW tracking and work outline/commissioner assignments b. Other updates – SSA advocacy, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We are working with Valerie to continue to get approval to submit (to state legislature) letters of support for different Commission-approved bills. ● We were approved to submit a letter for SB 260, which we’re preparing to submit. ● The next PAL meeting is Monday (July 17) where we’ll hear whether we got approval for a couple of the other bills on our list. Upon their approval we’ll formally ask whether we can submit letters of support as our next step. Other bills will be added to future PAL meeting agendas. ● We are also working with Sylvia to understand whether Valerie’s report from last year - on agencies’ self-reported gender equity activities - was ever shared with the Supervisors. This will inform our CEDAW advocacy and annual presentation to the Board (tentatively set for July 24).
7.	2023 SSA Presentation Update:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nina spoke on the following: Vacancies are a real issue. We do not have access to new applications for the commission. - No new news on the 2 FTEs requested. - Address the need for virtual access. - We have not heard any formal resolution from the July 2022 letter sent to the board of supervisors to provide trauma-informed trainings and practices to the county’s staff.
8.	COSW Retreat Debrief	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Moved to the August meeting.

9.	Agenda Building:	Left for next meeting.
10.	Public Comment	- No comments.
11.	Adjournment	8:58 pm