



# Alameda County Commission on the Status of Women Meeting Minutes



**Wednesday, June 14, 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.

<b>COMMISSION MEMBERS</b>	
Nina Senn, Chair	Conference of Mayors Representative
Aliza Kazmi, Vice Chair	District 2
Aida Sizova Secretary	District 3
Erin Scott	District 5
Yasi Safinya-Davies, Member at Large	District 1
Shanta Franco-Clausen, Member at Large	District 2

Marie Gilmore	District 3
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Megan Sweet	District 3
Orly Amey	District 1
Kathryn Lybarger	District 5
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Item No.	Item	Action
1.	<b>Call to Order, Welcome, and Introductions</b>	<p>Chair Senn called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM and took roll call. We welcomed a member of the public, Susan Burgess-Lent, a candidate for COSW from District 5.</p> <p><b>Commissioners Present:</b>  Nina Senn  Megan Sweet  Marie Gilmore  Shay Franco-Clausen</p>

		<p>Aliza Kazmi  Erin Scott  Kathryn Lybarger</p> <p><b>Commissioners Absent:</b>  Orly Amey  Yasi Safinya-Davies  Aida Sizova</p> <p><b>Commissioners Absent (Unexcused):</b></p>
2.	<b>Approval of April minutes</b>	<p>a. May 2023 Regular Meeting  b. Gilmore moves to approve, Franco-Clausen seconds. No objections (Senn absent). Motion passes.</p>
3.	<b>Commissioner Announcements and Committee Assignments</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Kazmi shared that Chair Senn is presenting at Conference of Mayors Meeting tonight to advocate for passage of their CEDAW Resolution. Later in the meeting, Senn reported that the resolution passed.</li> <li>- Scott shared about possible cuts to Oakland Department of Violence Prevention grantees addressing gender-based violence.</li> <li>- Kazmi shared that her organization is developing a reproductive justice resource that she will share with the commission.</li> <li>- Gilmore moved to approve the committee assignments attached to this meeting’s agenda. Scott seconded. No objections, motion passes.</li> </ul>

4.	<b>Nominations Committee Update of Slate and Vote for 2023-24</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sweet presented: there are two proposed slates. The recommendation is to keep the current slate which is Chair Senn, Vice Chair Kazmi, Secretary Sizova, and Member at Large Franco-Clausen/</li> <li>- Kazmi moves to accept this slate, Scott seconds. All ayes, motion passes.</li> <li>- Sweet also resigns as treasurer. Scott agrees to be considered. Sweet moves to appoint Scott as treasurer. Gilmore seconds. All ayes, motion passes.</li> </ul>
5.	<b>Treasurer Report and Budget Request to BOS for funding to start Alameda County office of Women’s Policy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sweet reported that she has no new information. The proposed budget was submitted including a request for two positions to support COSW.</li> </ul>
6.	<b>Updates from Policy and Advocacy Subcommittee</b> <b>a. CEDAW tracking and work outline/commissioner assignments</b> <b>b. Other updates – SSA advocacy, etc.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Kazmi reviewed 7 bills that the subcommittee put forward to SSA for support. The subcommittee can write a support letter about the menstrual equity act now. Will know about the other 6 in August. We can use social media to share our positions.</li> <li>- Kazmi asked Gilmore to review AB 933 and share her questions.</li> <li>- Kazmi gave an update about AB 817, the bill re: accessibility for public meetings. The bill would increase virtual meeting options for “subsidiary bodies,” e.g., advisory committee and commissions. Current law = each person can be hybrid twice a year.</li> <li>- Kazmi moved for Senn to ask SSA if we can make COSW meetings more accessible. Gilmore seconds. No objections, motion passes.</li> </ul>
7.	<b>Updates and Requests from Grant Implementation Committee</b> <b>a. Community engagements event(s)</b> <b>b. Grant Deliverable Status</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The final progress report is due on 8/15. Senn is waiting to hear from SSA re: where our grant money is and also about additional resources.</li> <li>- Amey and Senn currently are the only active subcommittee members.</li> <li>- Franco-Clausen offered to help pull stories together and knows a videographer. Offered to help put an event together in August.</li> <li>- Franco-Clausen asked for clarity about how funds are intended to be spent.</li> <li>- County received the grant in August 2022.</li> <li>- Franco-Clausen asked whether we knew how to access the funds</li> </ul>

		<p>when we applied. Answer was no,, but Kazmi said that Soublet was involved in encouraging COSW to apply.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Senn rejoined the meeting and shared that she has spoken with Laura Lloyd in Muranishi’s office who has been assigned to help figure this out and has raised the issue with Andrea Ford who has said she would look into it. Senn has been trying to figure this out since January/February.</li> <li>- Senn shared that she has been looking into what can be accomplished by the end of the grant: what are our assets and deficits and can we shore up our deficits. She asked Ford and Muranishi’s office to share what video they have from the Women’s Hall of Fame and asked whether we can use it because we may not have time to create a new video.</li> <li>- Gilmore offered her time to help.</li> <li>- Scott said she has time for brief consultations.</li> <li>- Questions were raised about what we have reported to the funder to date. Senn will find our past progress reports and put them in the COSW Google folder.</li> <li>- Senn shared that Sizova put together a list of potential interviewees from the Women’s Hall of Fame but no one has been contacted yet.</li> <li>- A question arose re: paying interviewees stipends. General agreement that we want to make sure we can do this before contacting community members.</li> <li>- Gilmore moved to empower the grant committee to make a decision by 6/21 about whether to move forward with the grant project based on what we find out from the county regarding our funds. (Kazmi suggests an amendment that is withdrawn) Kazmi seconded. All ayes, motion passes.</li> <li>- The grant committee will follow up with Franco-Clausen about communicating with the state commission.</li> </ul>
8.	<b>COSW Retreat Debrief</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Moved to the July meeting.</li> </ul>
9.	<b>Agenda Building: a. Sheriff Yesenia Sanchez (possible guest speaker) b. Vacancies (COSW and committees) and absences c. Hold over retreat topics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Reviewed listed items. Include a and c in next meeting.</li> <li>- Add grant committee report at the beginning of the meeting.</li> <li>- Add for discussion - meeting minutes from subcommittees should be attached to the main meeting agenda.</li> </ul>
10.	<b>Public Comment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No comments.</li> </ul>

11.	<b>Adjournment</b>	8:46 pm
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