



Alameda County Commission on the Status of Women
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday June 12, 2024 @ 6:30-8:00 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.

Nina Senn, Chair - PRESENT	Conference of Mayors
Orly Amey, Vice Chair – PRESENT	District 1
Sheweeet Yohannes – Absent	District 3
Guadalupe Angulo – PRESENT	District 2
Khilynn Fowler – Absent	District 3
Patricia M. Castro – PRESENT	District 3
Carlotta Brown – Absent	District 4
Kathryn Lybarger – Absent - excused	District 5
Susan Burgess-Lent – PRESENT	District 5
Shannon Holbrook – PRESENT	District 5
Vacant	District 1
Vacant	District 1
Vacant	District 3
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Vacant	Human Relations Commission

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Item No.	Topics	Presenter	Objective and Time
1.	Call to Order & Welcome Community Agreements Review 6:30pm	Chair Senn	Information (6:30 PM)
2.	Approval of Minutes • May 8, 2024 Regular Meeting minutes May 8 2024 -for review.pdf motion to approve Castro. 2 nd Angulo. Minutes pass unanimously	Commissioners	Information/Action (6:40 PM)
3.	Commissioner Announcements – Updates • COSW Calendar: AB2924 - Op Ed East Bay Times by Unchained – critical of Bill not receiving a hearing about child marriage • Legislative Breakfast – in 2025 • Recess in August, December – confirming • Commissioner Orientation Guide and Session - Prepared by Orly Amey • Comm. Castro- Melissa Hernandez District 1 to have assistance recruiting Commissioners for 2 vacancies	Commissioners	Information/Action (6:35 PM)
4.	“Alameda County Housing Needs” Presentation by Michelle Starratt, Housing Director, Housing & Community Development Department, Alameda County’s Community Development Agency https://www.housingneedsac.org/ PP Presentation: housing crisis – rents increasing primarily affecting low-income families; State housing wage per hour: \$42.25; Alameda Co \$46.25 Housing element of County plan – new every seven years Losing middle class; need 97,000 new housing units Acutely low income = \$12K -14K AMI Median household income family of four: _____ County has underbuilt affordable and moderate housing Overbuilt for higher income household Fewer than 25% of Alameda Co households can compete in the current property market.. Rents never dropped from 2000 Household income to afford average rent: \$102,000 Homeless nearly 10,000 county residents – cause is cost of housing not drugs. Bond issue on Nov ballot; BOS handles allocations; <u>County wants public participation in survey</u> Fastest growing need: seniors ADU.acgov.org: resource center with policy updates; possible loan program coming Apprenticeships in trades – many issues Need dedicated help for domestic violence survivors How can CoSW help: education on bond issue CA Environment Quality Act- NIMBY support controversy	Michelle Starratt, AC Housing Director	Information (6:35-to 7:25)

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5.	<p>Treasurer Report and Budget Request to BOS for funding to start Alameda County office of Women’s Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant and Budget Balances/Reports: \$10,104.32 for COSW budget • Proposed budget Due June 15 or have to give it back to the State • Use of Funds for Grant Balance of \$8,836.90: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Amended Use Proposal and Approved by State Commission: Balance towards data collection regarding Alameda County women & girls’ current status via grad students at Mount St. Mary’s or Goldman School at UC Berkeley Est cost \$35,000 • Part A: Failing the above due to timing, contribute to youth scholarships in honor of former supervisors Mary King and Wilma Chan \$8,836 to designated fund Use scholarships to help solve problem, have goals related to those championed by Chan and King; make it easier for low-income candidates; <p>Motion to approve: Angulo; Seconded by Senn VOTE: unanimous YES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part B 2024 - 2025 Budget Template - 06-05-24.pdf Basic \$15,000 Amend to add \$35,000 for data collection effort; Motion to approve by Castro; seconded by Burgess-Lent VOTE: Unanimous Yes as amended 	Chair Senn	Information/Action (7:25 PM - 7:46)
6.	<p>Updates re: Policy and Advocacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CEDAW Ordinance Update – Memo ACCOSW 2024.04.10 AC Draft with edits and letter – take to Sup Tam for vote Goal: Get on agenda after August recess; to pass by December Need operational framework New DEI Director hired – dovetails with CoSW’s mandate; to request meeting. Motion Senn to present CEDAW ordinance draft and memo to Social Services to be agendized with BOS VOTE: unanimous YES • Update: “Marriage - Prohibition on Minors” – AB 2924 Press Release (Petrie-Norris) and SB 575 (Wahab). See Item 3 above 	Chair Senn Guest: Serena Chen BOS District 3	Information/Action (7:46 -8:07 PM)
7.	<p>Nominations Committee Update and Next Steps</p> <p>Vote on nominations for new officers Two at large members: delayed Stated need for succession planning Chair: Nina Senn (Chair since 2023) Vice Chair: Susan Burgess-Lent. currently Secretary</p>	Commissioners Orly Amey and Patti Castro	Information/Action (8:08 PM)

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	<p>Treasurer: Guadalupe Angulo Secretary: Orly Amey preserve and organize info of Commission Motion: to approve above slate Seconded: Castro VOTE: unanimous YES</p>		
8.	<p>Agenda Building and Follow-up:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equal Pay - Katherine Lybarger. JULY • Family Violence Law Center – Erin Scott. Date TBD • Vacancies (COSW) & Recruitment -County support now; optimistic about new commissioners • 2024-25 Planning, e.g., retreat, collaboration on SSA legislative breakfast and WHOF- work with county admin office • Ysenia Sanchez – first female and Latina at AC Sheriff <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timing. – check with her schedule for Sept or October 	Commissioners	Information/Action (8:15 PM)
9.	Public Comment. – None	Commissioners	(8:22 PM)
10.	<p>Appreciations Castro: Concerns about equal pay advocacy low-wage women. Poor Broadband WIFI availability for rural and low income Let’s talk about conferences and meetings Commissioners attend Senn appreciation for comments; would like to know more about each commissioner; brief bio on website – see Google Drive – link to be sent Burgess-Lent – a productive meeting! Amey: getting back to intersection of policy and CoSW priorities Angulo: Appreciate efficiency; watching ACA8 – abolish slavery (prisoners) Holbrook: interested in addressing food deserts in the County; also cottage industry kitchens need a bit of oversight.</p> <p>Closing & Adjournment: 8:36</p>	Commissioners	8:22 PM)
	Next Meeting Wednesday, July 10, 2024, 6:30-8:30 PM		

OTHER MEETINGS, EVENTS, & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- COSW Retreat - TBD

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COSW COMMITTEES (*ex officio)

Bylaws Adhoc Committee:

Committee Chair (Open)
Commissioner Senn*

Communications Committee:

Committee Chair (Open)
Commissioner Amey
Commissioner Burgess - Lent
Commissioner Senn*

Policy and Advocacy Committee:

Committee Chair (Open)
Commissioner Castro
Commissioner Senn*

Grant Implementation Committee:

Committee Chair Senn*
Commissioner Amey

Nomination Committee:

Committee Chair (Open)
Commissioner Senn*

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