



**Alameda County Commission on the Status of Women
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday May 8, 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 attending conference in DC	District 3
Patricia M. Castro – PRESENT	District 3
Carlotta Brown – PRESENT	District 4
Kathryn Lybarger – Excused - sick	District 5
Susan Burgess-Lent – PRESENT	District 5
Shannon Holbrook – PRESENT online – car stolen	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.	<p>Call to Order & Welcome Community Agreements Review Transitions Chair Senn called the meeting to order at 6:31 Quorum met</p>	Chair Senn	Information (6:30 PM)
2.	<p>Approval of Minutes April 10, 2024 Chair Senn motioned to approve the minutes from the April 10, 2024 Regular Meeting.</p> <p>Under Brown Act, remote participation is not allowed. Must attend in person Motion to approved by Chair Senn, seconded by Comm. Brown; Minutes unanimously approved</p>	Commissioners	Information/Action (6:40 PM)
3.	<p>Commissioner Announcements – Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COSW Calendar: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SF SHIFT Event – April 18 Chair Senn attended – sister organization to Alameda CoSW ○ WHOF 2024 – May 4 50 years of event; first year of youth scholarship program \$5,000 each to four high school seniors; <p>Poem by poet laureate ; she read <i>My Grandmother the Storyteller</i>. She will attend Arizona state</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Legislative Breakfast – TBD – Spring 2025 ○ Nominations - May/June ○ Organized by Comm Lybarger Comm Amey encouraged other Commissioners to get involved because many on the Commission are new. <p>Recess in August, December</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Orientation Guide and Session. Created by Comm Amey – Comm Castro stated that everyone will benefit by reviewing this Guide. Ethics training coordinated by Clerk of the Board; 2 hours per year required; receive certificate 	Commissioners	Information/Action (6:45 PM)
4.	<p>“Alameda County Housing Needs”</p> <p>Presentation by Michelle Starratt, Housing Director, Housing & Community Development Department, Alameda County’s Community Development Agency</p>	Michelle Starratt, Housing Director; Jennifer Pearce, Deputy Housing Director	Information (6:55)

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	<p>https://www.housingneedsac.org/</p> <p>Michelle note feeling week and not online at schedule time</p>		
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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$1,000 returned check from Shepherd’s Gate mini grant; they said their mission not consistent with CoSW. • Use of Funds for Grant Balance of \$12,836.90: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gift Cards (previously allocated) for 2024 WHOF inductees and youth poet laureates - \$4,000 contribution to youth scholarships in honor of former supervisors Mary King and Wilma Chan, Each scholar received 1/5 of scholarship (\$1000) from CoSW. <p>Comm Senn relates how delighted they were to receive the scholarships.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - \$7,836.90 (+\$1K returned check (updated balance to be confirmed)): 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, Mills (now Northeastern) or Goldman School at UC Berkeley. Use by JUNE 30. Goldman is already a supplier so the work could proceed faster for a set fee. Proposed to retain a grad student from Goldman to put Mount St Mary does a lot of this kind of data collection. Also Stanford. <p>CoSW needs to provide scope- determine status of women in the county Have to set up the project. Buy info? Comm Castro to research.</p> <p>Make sure to include survey of incarcerated women and those in foster care, child wives, sex trafficking</p> 	<p>Chair Senn; Julie Hadnot; Commissioner Kathryn Lybarger</p>	<p>Information/Action (7:25 PM)</p>
6.	<p>Updates re: Policy and Advocacy</p> <p>CEDAW Ordinance Update – Memo Serena Chen – to send memo to Board to work on gender-based analysis. Based on LA’s version – more streamlined. Goal to get CEDAW approved in Alameda in 2024.</p> <p>San Diego Commission got ordinance passed. Need to insure accountability for progress on implementation.</p>	<p>Chair Senn</p> <p>Guests: Nancy Brebeau, National Advisory Board, Cities for CEDAW</p>	<p>Information/Action (7:35 PM)</p>

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	<p>Chair Senn to send Commissioners most recent draft of ordinance. (Not yet the final versions)</p> <p>Update: “Marriage - Prohibition on Minors” – AB 2924 Press Release (Petrie-Norris) and SB 575 (Wahab)</p> <p>Chair Senn attended a meeting with Sara Tasneen and Assemblyman Kalra to answer opposition – probably will not be approved this year. Opposition from Planned Parenthood and ACLU. CoSW advocated for passing bill - letter through PAL process.</p> <p>Follow-up to Dept of Justice; child marriage against international law and basic contract law.</p>		
7.	<p>Nominations Committee Update and Next Steps In process</p>	Committee Chair Lybarger	Information/Action (7:55 PM)
8.	<p>Agenda Building and Follow-up:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominations Committee (June) • Equal Pay - July – probably Comm Lybarger Topic for future: Domestic Violence by Family Violence Law Center • Vacancies (COSW) & Recruitment Ongoing effort to encourage Supervisors to fill SIX vacancies on CoSW – we can make recommendations – send ideas to Comm Castros; Wants speakers in person. Inclusion in Social Services Newsletter; Commissioners encouraged to join committees • 2024-25 Planning, e.g., collaboration on SSA legislative breakfast and WHOF – CoSW is co-host • Timing of Guest speakers, e.g., AC Sheriff – perhaps September • Discuss rescheduling Retreat for CoSW commissioners Get a professional facilitator- possibly from County Incorporate guest speakers; role of Commission; getting to know motivations and ideas of Commissioners Possibly September, preparing for actions in 2025 	Commissioners	Information/Action (8:10 PM)
9.	Public Comment	Commissioners	(8:20 PM)
10.	Appreciations, Closing & Adjournment at 8:08	Commissioners	(8:25 PM)
	Next Meeting Wednesday, June 12, 2024, 6:30-8:30 PM		

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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)
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