



# Alameda County Commission on the Status of Women Meeting Minutes



**Wednesday, July 13, 2022 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.

<b>COMMISSION MEMBERS</b>	
Orly Amey, Chair	District 1
Martha Kreeger, Vice Chair	District 1
Nina Senn, Secretary	Mayor's Conference
Linda Tangren, Treasurer	District 4
Yasi Safinya-Davies, Member at Large	District 1
Member at Large	Vacant
Olga Borjon, to be sworn in	Human Relations Commission
Haleema Bharoocha-Jobe	District 2
Aliza Kazmi	District 2
Meredith Walker	District 2
Marie Gilmore	District 3
Amy Levine	District 4
Courtney Welch	District 5
Ge'Nell Gary	District 5
Erin Scott	District 5
Megan Sweet	District 3
Aida Sizova	District 3
Vacant	District 2
Vacant	District 4

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Item No.	Topics	Action
1.	<p><b>Call to Order, Welcome, and Introductions</b></p>	<p>Chair Amey called the meeting to order at 6:36 PM and took roll call:</p> <p><b>Commissioners Present:</b>            Orly Amey            Martha Kreeger            Nina Senn (arrived late)            Aida Sizova            Haleema Bharoocha-Jobe            Aliza Kazmi            Marie            Amy Levine            Erin Scott</p> <p><b>Commissioners Absent:</b>            Linda Tangren            Yasi Safinya-Davies            Courtney Welch            Megan Sweet</p>
2.	<p><b>Continuation of remote meetings</b></p> <p>a. Discussion on hybrid/in-person meeting(s) for August 2022 and beyond at Hayward Social Services site 24100 Amador St.</p>	<p>Chair Amey motioned for the Commission to continue remote meetings, with a second from Commissioner Gilmore. The motion passed with 8 ayes.</p>
3.	<p><b>Approval of Minutes</b></p> <p>a. Regular Meetings Jan/March/June 2022</p>	<p>Commissioner Amey motioned to approve the June 2022 minutes, with a second from Commissioner Gilmore. The motion passed with 8 ayes.</p>
4.	<p><b>Commissioner Announcements/Updates</b></p> <p>a. Presentation on COSW activities to Social Services Committee – new date is July 25</p> <p>b. COSW subcommittees - Commissioner Kazmi as Policy and Advocacy subcommittee chair for FY23</p> <p>c. Commission presence at June events</p> <p>d. Other announcements/updates</p>	<p>Commissioners provided brief updates.</p>
5.	<p><b>Discussion on commissioner commitments and quorum at monthly COSW meetings</b></p>	<p>Commissioners discussed the importance of maintaining quorum at the monthly meetings.</p>
6.	<p><b>Clarification on Relationship with Social Services Committee</b></p> <p>a. Status of letter to SMCOSW, followed by discussion of</p> <p>b. Ongoing priority level re: communications with Social Services approving body</p>	<p>Commissioners debriefed the status of the advocacy letter sent to SMCOSW, and discussed steps for improving communications with the BOS.</p>

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7.	<b>Election for 2022 officers</b>	Commissioners elected Orly Amey as Chair, Nina Senn as Vice Chair, Aliza Kazmi as Secretary, and Linda Tangren as Treasurer.
8.	<b>Supervisor commitments to child welfare and COSW follow-up</b>	Commissioner Senn motioned for the Commission to work with CBO partners to send the BOS and SSA a letter advocating for trauma-informed interventions in child welfare instances. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Scott and passed with 8 ayes.
9.	<b>Organizing around SCOTUS decision on Roe</b>	Commissioners shared resources supporting pro-choice rights and advocacy and discussed how to amplify the message.
10.	<b>Strategic Planning re: CEDAW, and CCSWG grant</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Strategic planning re: finalization of commission priority areas</li> <li>b. Commission CEDAW tracking list</li> <li>c. Formation of committee to implement CCSWG grant</li> </ul>	The Policy and Advocacy Committee shared plans for pursuing CEDAW via its CEDAW tracking list. Chair Amey motioned to form a subcommittee for implementation of the CCSWG grant. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Levine and passed with 8 ayes.
11..	<b>Open Public Comment:</b> for items not on the agenda	There were no comments from the public.
12.	<b>Agenda Building</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Review and improve administrative structure of COSW</li> </ul>	
13.	<b>Adjournment</b>	Chair Amey adjourned the meeting at 8:50 PM.