

Alameda County Commission on the Status of Women

Meeting Agenda



Wednesday, October 12, 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.

COMMISSION MEMBERS				
Orly Amey, Chair	District 1			
Nina Senn, Vice Chair	Conference of Mayors Representative, District 4			
Aliza Kazmi, Secretary	District 2			
Linda Tangren, Treasurer	District 4			
Yasi Safinya-Davies, Member at Large	District 1			
Vacant	Human Relations			
	Commission			
Martha Kreeger	District 1			
Haleema Bharoocha-Jobe	District 2			
Marie Gilmore	District 3			
Megan Sweet	District 3			
Aida Sizova	District 3			
Amy Levine	District 4			
Courtney Welch	District 5			
Erin Scott	District 5			
Shanta Franco-Clausen	District 2			
Vacant	District 2			
Vacant	District 4			
Vacant	District 5			

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Item No.	Topics	Actions	
1.	Call to Order, Welcome, and Introductions	Chair Amey called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM and took roll call. Commissioners Present: Chair Orly Amey Secretary Aliza Kazmi Marie Gilmore Erin Scott Megan Sweet Aida Sizova Vice Chair Nina Senn Courtney Welch Yasi Safinya-Davies Martha Kreeger	
2.	Continuation of Remote Meetings	Chair Amey motioned, Vice Chair Senn seconded. Unanimous vote Yes - motion passed.	
	Approval of Minutes - Regular Meetings July, August, September 2022	Chair Amey motioned, Vice Chair Senn seconded to continue to review status of outstanding minutes Unanimous vote Yes.	
4.	Commissioner Announcements/Updates a. Commissioner Amy Levine resignation b.Chair Orly Amey stepping down as Chair	 Comm'r Amey shared she will stay on the Commission, just not as Chair. Planning a couple of months for transition. We will call an election to vote for a new Vice Chair. Also need to elect a second Member at Large. Possible need to elect a new Treasurer as well. Will also be focusing on improving our administrative infrastructure. Comm'r Borjon, COSW Human Relations Commission Chair also resigned. The commission will explore ways to garner more leadership and participation. Comm'r Kazmi shared updates: bit.ly/SexTalkBook https://www.investingincommunitiesofcare.org/ 	

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		Comm'r Scott shared updates:
		Oakland mayoral candidate forum on gender-based violence tomorrow
5.	Admin Presentation from County Counsel Samantha Stonework-Hand a. COSW roles/responsibilities + Brown Act, Roberts Rules of Order	Commissioners received a presentation from County Counsel.
6.	Updates from Policy and Advocacy Subcommittee a. Advocacy for youth social services - letter and follow-up from 8/23 meeting with SSA + next steps b. CEDAW tracking and work outline/commissioner assignments c. Continuity of 2015 COSW CEDAW efforts	Chair Amey shared outreach to the SSA about implementing partnership best practices from Contra Costa county-led Alliance to End Abuse, with understanding that SSA is planning to get back to us with what they learn by end of this month. CEDAW advocacy: Vice Chair Senn shared that she will talk to San Diego COSW about how they successfully got electeds on board in terms of the budget allocations to enact an ordinance. There are ongoing meetings with Ratify CEDAW - Vice Chair Senn and Commissioner Kazmi will consult them about our planned timeline, working to pass an ordinance to go into effect in FY 2024-25.
7	Updates and Requests from Grant Implementation Committee	
	 a. Share district-by-district identification of potential CBO partner orgs + local digital storytelling orgs b. Workplan development Deliver Birth Justice campaign as potential workplan model c. Agreement on standing meeting date/time 	The committee shared its progress toward developing a workplan for implementing the grant, as well as initial explorations around partnering with CBOS serving our target population and potential digital storytelling orgs to do the work.
0	Updates and Requests from Communication	
8	Subcommittee	
	a. Bios and headshotsb. Thoughts on commissioner onboardingc. Agreement on standing meeting date/time	There were no committee updates.

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g	Open Public Comment: for items not on the agenda	There were no comments from the public.
10). Agenda Building	Commissioners agreed to prioritize discussion of improving the commission's administrative structure and committee structure at the next meeting.
11	Adjournment	Chair Amey adjourned the meeting at 9 PM.