



Alameda County

Commission on the Status of Women

Special Session Meeting Minutes



Wednesday, October 14, 2020, 6:30-7:15 PM

Mission Statement: 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.

MEETING LOCATION	COMMISSION MEMBERS	
Virtually Link TBD (likely via Zoom)	Lucy Hernández, Chair - absent	District 2
	María Domínguez, Vice Chair - present	District 3
	Erin Scott, Secretary - present	District 5
	Olga Borjón, Treasurer – present	District 2
	Yasi Safinya-Davies, Member at Large - present	District 1
	RocQuel Johnson, Member at Large - present	Human Relations Commission
	Martha Kreeger - absent	District 1
	Orly Greenwood – present	District 1
	Meredith Walker - present	District 2
	Marie Gilmore – present	District 3
	Susan Gonzales – present but not present for the vote	District 3
	Jaelyn Coleman - absent	District 4
	Amy Levine – present until 7:15 pm	District 4
	Courtney Welch - present	District 5
	Ge’Nell Gary - present	District 5
Vacant	District 4	
Vacant	Conference of Mayors	

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Public Comment: The Commission on the Status of Women (COSW) welcomes you. Public comment is permitted during each item on the agenda. If you wish to speak on a matter not on the agenda, please do so at the time noted below. To speak, please write your name and the agenda item you would like to speak on in the chat function as soon as possible. Please give your name for the record before your presentation. Only matters within the Commission’s jurisdiction may be addressed. Time limits shall be at the chair’s discretion.

Item No	Topics	Lead	Objective and Time
1.	<p>Welcome and Introductions -meeting began at 6:30 pm.</p> <p>Also present: Kim Fogel (SSA), Sylvia Soublet (SSA), and Joni Pattillo (County Administrator’s Office).</p>	Commissioners	Information (6:30-6:45 PM)
2.	<p>2020 Women’s Hall of Fame (WHOF) Rescheduled to October</p> <p>a. WHOF Executive Committees’ proposed Community Partner Award nominee</p> <p>Vice Chair Domínguez - Virtual event will go forward. Award winners were announced except for community partner award - https://www.acgov.org/whof/.</p> <p>Joni Pattillo – Youth recipient received a \$5,000 scholarship. Inductees’ statements were captured on video. Executive Committee identified food as one of the highest needs for women right now. Proposal is to do one big award to AC Food Bank. Committee will use the prioritization we engaged in for the 2021 event.</p> <p>Commissioner Johnson – Were COSW members involved in this decision? Please clarify COSW’s role with respect to this event and this nomination process.</p> <p>Vice Chair Domínguez – shared our list of recommendations in the chat and discussed reasons for our nominations. Explained that the chair and the vice chair were involved in the individual inductee voting but were not involved in the community partner award voting.</p> <p>Joni Pattillo – COSW’s role has shifted over time because of the scope of the event; COSW does not have bandwidth to organize the large event the hall of fame has become.</p> <p>Commissioner Scott – has the decision been made</p>	Chair Hernández and Vice Chair Domínguez	Information/Action (6:45-7:00 PM)

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	<p>or does COSW have an opportunity to provide input?</p> <p>Commissioner Safinya-Davies – is the option to double the donation only related to the food bank?</p> <p>Joni Pattillo – yes, the food bank would find the match.</p> <p>Commissioner Safinya-Davies – Afghan Coalition may be in danger of closing, and the trend in funding is to provide funding to large organizations. The food bank is able to generate their own resources.</p> <p>Commissioner Scott – we focused on under-resourced organizations in our nominations.</p> <p>Commissioner Borjon – agrees and would like to keep our recommendations as is.</p> <p>Joni Pattillo – recommendation is that AC food bank gets \$5k and our top two get \$2,500 each. Total pot is \$10k.</p> <p>Commissioner Gonzales – sounds like a good compromise.</p> <p>Vice Chair Domínguez – appreciates allowing us to have input. Sees peoples’ need for food, and sees the good work the food bank is doing. However, the smaller organizations are struggling as are the communities they serve. Can we spend some of our unspent budget? Still haven’t received clarity from county counsel.</p> <p>Commissioner Gilmore – thinks Joni’s suggestion is a good compromise. Motion to accept Joni’s recommendation.</p> <p>Commissioner Scott – can we suggest that \$2,500 goes to the AC food bank and then either split the balance of the 10k for our top two or all of the remainder to the Afghan Coalition. The latter is my preference.</p>		

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	<p>Joni Pattillo – that is not acceptable. COSW only gets to make recommendations about two awards at \$2,500 each.</p> <p>Commissioner Scott – that was not clear. So, we are only authorized to make recommendations for up to \$5k?</p> <p>Vice Chair Domínguez – we do not have any authorization.</p> <p>Commissioner Scott – clarification, so we are invited to make recommendations for up to \$5k.</p> <p>Seconded by Commissioner Borjon.</p> <p>Commissioner Safinya-Davies – was there really another option? We knew when we made the nominations that only our top two would get awards.</p> <p>Commissioner Gilmore – we could vote that only Afghan Coalition receive an award, so they would get \$5k.</p> <p>Motion carries with two no votes, Scott and Safinya-Davies, and eight yes votes, Domínguez, Borjon, Gilmore, Johnson, Walker, Greenwood, Welch, Gary.</p> <p>Commissioner Borjon – about \$7,500 available in our budget.</p> <p>Sylvia Soublet – we cannot discuss anything that is not on the agenda given that this is a special meeting.</p>		
3.	Public Comment for items not on the agenda – none.		Information (7:00-7:10 PM)
4.	Adjourn – our next meeting is on November 11 th which is Veterans’ Day. A Doodle poll will be sent out for the week of November 16th. Adjourned at 7:47 pm.	Commissioners	Information (7:10-7:15 PM)

NEXT COSW MEETINGS:

Regular Meeting: October, TBD

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Regular Meeting: November, TBD
Regular Meeting: Wed. December 9, 2020, 6:30 PM
Regular Meeting: Wed. January 13, 2021, 6:30 PM

OTHER MEETINGS/EVENTS:

Late October 2020: 27th Annual Women's Hall of Fame,
Virtual Celebration (exact date TBA)
Tues. November 3, 2020: Election Day

Bylaws Committee:

Committee Chair Commissioner Gilmore
Commissioner Domínguez
Commissioner Hernández
Commissioner Gonzales
Commissioner Borjón
Commissioner Scott

Communications Committee:

Committee Chair Commissioner Domínguez
Commissioner Coleman
Commissioner Kreeger

Education and Employment Committee:

Committee Chair Commissioner Hernández
Commissioner Gonzales
Commissioner Johnson
Commissioner Kreeger
Commissioner Borjón

Events Committee:

Committee Chair TBD
Commissioner Borjón
Commissioner Levine
Commissioner Gonzales
Commissioner Gary

Health and Wellness Committee:

Committee Chair Commissioner Coleman
Commissioner Johnson
Commissioner Hernández

Policy and Advocacy Committee:

Committee Chair Commissioner Domínguez
Commissioner Johnson
Commissioner Safinya-Davies
Commissioner Kreeger
Commissioner Coleman
Commissioner Gary
Commissioner Scott