



Alameda County Commission on the Status of Women
Regular Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, March 19, 2025 | 6:30pm to 8:30pm



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, childcare, elder care, education, transportation, credit, legal rights, and community services.

Commission Members		
District 1	Orly Amey, Chair	<input type="checkbox"/> Present X Absent
District 5	Susan Burgess-Lent, Vice Chair	X Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent
District 1	Sonia Salwan, Secretary	X Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent
District 2	Guadalupe Angulo, Treasurer	X Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent
District 1	Veena Kaul	X Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent
District 2	Ilham S. Malick	<input type="checkbox"/> Present X Absent
District 2	Angela Pedrigal	X Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent
District 3	Khilynn Fowler	<input type="checkbox"/> Present X Absent
District 3	Patricia M. Castro	X Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent
District 3	Sheweet Yohannes	X Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent
District 4	Carlotta Brown	X Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent
District 5	Kathryn Lybarger	X Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent
District 5	Shannon Holbrook	X Present <input type="checkbox"/> Absent
Conference of Mayors	Vacant	
District 4	Vacant	
District 4	Vacant	
Human Relations Commission	Vacant	

Item No.	Topic
1.	<p>Call to Order, Welcome, and Community Agreements Review</p> <p>Call to order 6:36 pm Attendance see above for present and absent. Welcomed new commissioner Angela Pedrigal All Commissioners gave their brief intro</p>
2.	<p>Approval of Minutes - February 19, 2025, Regular Meeting</p> <p>Minutes were approved</p>
3.	<p>Commissioner Announcements – Updates</p> <p>February 2024 CEDAW Update Commissioners Amey and Salwan presented CEDAW to Board of Supervisors and 2024 COSW accomplishments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● March Women's History Month District 1 - Commissioner Sonia Salwan attended event hosted by Rotary District 5170 to highlight impact of women rising amid challenges and maintaining a work life balance District 3- Commissioner Patricia M Castro attended event women leaders in San Leandro <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Proclamation by BOS meeting The Board of Supervisors Women's History Month Proclamation is happening at the County Administration Building on March 25 2025. Annie Nguyen is being commended. ● Legislative Breakfast Update Happening in June 2025 Still getting updates from Hannah Loris
4.	<p>COSW Submission to SSA Newsletter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SSA Newsletter caters to 3600 plus subscribers COSW should be on SSA publication every month ● First message should be information on CEDAW ● Monthly submission to SSA Newsletter could incorporate photos of events, COWS attending, and information pertaining to various efforts
5.	<p>Finalize Committee Formations and Meeting Times</p>

	<p>(For subcommittees) Meeting times - 5:30- 6:30 pm every month Followed by regular meeting at 6:30 pm Main Sub Committees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Communications ● Public Policy and Advocacy ● Junior Commission <p>The sub committees have to be attended in person.</p> <p>For the first meeting initial agenda will be prepared by <u>Communications</u> - Shannon Holbrook <u>Public Policy and Advocacy</u> - Patricia Castro <u>Junior Commission</u> - Shewee Yohannes</p> <p>Starting April 2025, Sub Committees will start at 5:30pm Additionally, Ad Hoc Committees do not have to be scheduled</p>
6.	<p>Updates re: Policy and Advocacy</p> <p>Tabled</p>
7.	<p>2025-2026 FY Budget Building</p> <p>We should propose budget by May 2025 Efforts should be made to work on budget in April 2025 Take suggestions from Nina Goal is to look more for California grants: Commissioner Brown appointed to search for more grants in California</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Budget should include work towards Foster Kids in California and advocate for age for child marriage
8.	<p>Treasurer Report</p> <p>Paid invoices from last year</p>
9.	<p>Agenda Building</p> <p>none</p>
10.	<p>Public Comment</p> <p>none</p>
11.	<p>Appreciates, Closings and Adjournment</p> <p>Meeting adjourned 8:48 pm</p>