



# Alameda County Commission on the Status of Women Meeting Minutes



**Wednesday, August 10, 2022 6:30-8:15 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.

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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 6:34 PM and took roll call.</p> <p>Present – Comm’rs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Orly Amey</li> <li>● Yasi Safinya-Davies</li> <li>● Olga Borjon</li> <li>● Haleema Bharoocha-Jobe</li> <li>● Amy Levine</li> <li>● Erin Scott</li> <li>● Megan Sweet</li> <li>● Aida Sizova</li> <li>● incoming Comm’r Shay Franco-Clausen (she/her/queen), previously served on SCC COSW for nine years and was part of CA Assn of Commissions; also worked with Human Trafficking and Domestic Violence Commissions in SCC. Policy and criminal justice reform advocate.</li> </ul> <p>Absent - Commr’s</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Nina Senn</li> <li>● Linda Tangren</li> <li>● Marie Gilmore</li> <li>● Courtney Welch</li> <li>● Ge’Nell Gary</li> <li>● Martha Kreeger</li> <li>●</li> </ul>

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		Public/guests - Lynn Peralta, Policy Dir for Alameda Co SS – here on behalf of Valerie Kane who suggested Ms. Peralta join
2.	<b>Continuation of Remote Meetings</b>	Comm’r Orly motioned to continue remote meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Seconded by Comm’r Amy</li> <li>● Motion passed unanimously</li> </ul>
3.	<b>Approval of Minutes</b> a. Regular Meetings Jan/March/July 2022	July minutes in progress, will be shared in our September meeting  March minutes - meeting did not meet quorum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Comm’r Amey took vote - Yes’s included <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Orly</li> <li>○ Aliza</li> <li>○ Olga</li> <li>○ Haleema</li> <li>○ Amy</li> <li>○ Erin</li> <li>○ Megan</li> <li>○ Aida</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Motion passed</li> </ul>
4.	<b>Commissioner Announcements/Updates</b> a. Debrief July 25 Presentation on COSW activities to Board of Supervisors b. Other announcements/updates	a. Commissioners debriefed the July 25 presentation to the BOS, largely advocating for next steps to pass a CEDAW ordinance and advocate for trauma-informed welfare and GBV interventions. b. Presentation verbally introduced Recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Social workers in Alameda County’s Children and Family Services Department be required to receive training in domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and human trafficking, including the ways in which complex trauma resulting from the crimes impacts individuals and</li> </ul>

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		<p>families. This training should be developed and delivered by community experts currently serving survivors.</p> <p>ii. Convene a working group of representatives from from community-based gender-based violence non-profit organizations and systems partners, including Alameda County's Children and Family Services and Public Health Departments to discuss the development of protocols for working with people impacted by gender-based violence and the exploration of innovative approaches to systems response.</p>
5.	<p><b>Upcoming meeting with Director of Social Services Agency, 8/23</b></p> <p>a. In follow-up to BOS presentation, what would the commission like to elevate?</p>	<p>The commission debriefed strategies and PPT for its 8/23 presentation to the SSA.</p>
6.	<p><b>Response to Letter to SMCOSW</b></p>	<p>SMC COSW had the County HR Director respond to our <a href="#">letter</a> and they stood by their decision to disinvite Ms. Billoo from the conference earlier this year. The COSW agreed to not pursue this further as a Commission.</p>
7.	<p><b>Updates from Policy and Advocacy Subcommittee</b></p> <p>a. Advocacy for youth social services</p> <p>b. CEDAW Tracking</p>	<p>The committee shared updates about its sign on letter to the SSA advocating for trauma-informed interventions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Goal: get 8-10 CBOs to sign on to this, including organizations that participate in Alameda County Gender-Based Violence Coalition, and other relevant organizations including reproductive justice organizations             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Comm’r Aliza motioned to add SSA and County Public Health Dept to the letter target                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Seconded by Comm’r Orly</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Motion passed unanimously</li> </ul> <p>The committee requested that all Comm’rs indicate their interest in supporting municipal and/or County advocacy in the COSW CEDAW tracking document by September 7.</p>
8.	<b>Updates and Requests from Grant Implementation Committee</b>	The committee requested that each of the district teams identify anywhere from 2-4 orgs to reach out to directly for the storytelling/gathering part of the work by September 14.
9.	<b>Updates and Requests from Communication Subcommittee</b>	The committee requested commissioners submit a bio and headshot to the Drive, and discussed a plan for initial COSW social media posts and a Google form to request postings. The grant committee was asked to outline its communications needs and add them to the work plan document.
10.	<b>Open Public Comment:</b> for items not on the agenda	There were no comments from the public.
11.	<b>Agenda Building</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. debrief Aug 23 meeting and letter to Supvs</li> <li>b. Policy subcomm update on coordinating CEDAW advocacy efforts</li> </ul>
12.	<b>Adjournment</b>	Chair Amey adjourned the meeting at 8:34 PM.