



**Alameda County Commission on the Status of Women
Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, January 10, 2024 @ 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	
Nina Senn, Chair - PRESENT	Conference of Mayors
Vacant, Vice Chair	TBD
Aida Sizova, Secretary - ABSENT	District 3
Erin Scott, Treasurer - ABSENT	District 5
Shanta Franco-Clausen, Member at Large - PRESENT	District 2
Orly Amey - PRESENT	District 1 (awaiting approval by District 4)
Guadalupe Angulo - PRESENT	District 2
Khilynn Fowler - PRESENT	District 3
Patricia M. Castro - PRESENT	District 3
Carlotta Brown - PRESENT	District 4
Kathryn Lybarger - PRESENT	District 5
Susan Burgess-Lent - PRESENT	District 5
Vacant	District 1
Vacant	District 1
Vacant	District 2
Vacant	District 4
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Vacant	Human Relations Commission

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Item No.	Topics	Presenters
1.	<p>Chair Senn called the meeting to order at 6:44pm.</p> <p>Welcome to All and New Commissioner[s] - Khilynn Fowler and Patricia M. Castro – District 3. Additionally, Aliza Kazmi has stepped down and an election is planned to elect a new Vice Chair.</p>	Chair Senn
2.	<p>Approval of Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 8, 2023 Regular Meeting • October 11, 2023 Regular Meeting • August 24, 2023 Special Meeting • March 8, 2023 Retreat (TBD) <p>Voting on approval of minutes postponed to Feb meeting.</p>	Commissioners
3.	<p>Commissioner Announcements & Updates</p> <p>Chair Senn shared upcoming COSW events and introduced Valerie Cane, SSA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SSC Part II – January 22 - Chair presenting pt 2 of annual update to BOS re: staffing budget at 2:30, all welcome. • Women’s History Month – March 8 (DEI) - COSW will receive proclamation from BOS • COSW Retreat – March- • WHOF (Women’s Hall of Fame) 2024 – May 2024 - annual luncheon with COSW and CAO collaboration to induct local women into WHOF • Legislative Breakfast – TBD 	Commissioners

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction of Valerie Kane, Govt Community Relations at SSA as our policy liaison - introduced analysis work of Governor's budget, featuring deep cuts to social services • Nominations for COSW leadership team - May 2024 • COSW recess in August, December • Commissioner Orientation and new committee assignments - Chair held orientation early Jan and will host another meeting time to share COSW foundation for new commissioners 	
4.	Update from Grant Implementation	Chair Senn

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	<p>(Grant Implementation)</p> <p>Chair Senn shared the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$19K balance • Grant Spend down extension approved– now <u>6/30/24</u> 	
5.	<p>Treasurer Report and Budget Request to BOS for funding to start Alameda County office of Women’s Policy</p> <p>There was no update.</p>	Commissioner Scott
6.	<p>Updates from Policy and Advocacy Subcommittee</p> <p>Chair Senn provided brief updates about CEDAW Ordinance Update, introducing that COSW will collaborate with Supervisor Tam’s staff to pass advance passing of CEDAW at Alameda County level.</p>	Chair Senn
7.	<p>COSW March 2024 Retreat</p> <p>Commissioners shared ideas about the Retreat:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commissioner Franco-Clausen gave an overview of the purpose of Retreat, led scheduling efforts, and shared she secured a food sponsor for the Retreat. • Commissioner Clausen-Franco shared retreat goals: create COSW workplan, review commissioner commitments to the community. • Commissioners discussed potential retreat days for Saturdays in March. Commissioner Franco-Clausen motioned to hold t h e R e t r e a t 3/23 from 9am-2pm, Commissioner Lybarger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. • Commissioner Franco-Clausen will work on drafting retreat agenda to approve at Feb COSW meeting. 	Commissioners Scott & Franco-Clausen

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8.	<p>Agenda Building and Follow-up:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vice-Chair election • Follow-up SSC Meeting, CEDAW Ordinance & Budget • Orientation • Vacancies (COSW) & Recruitment • 2024 Planning, e.g., collaboration on SSA legislative breakfast and WHOF • Timing of Guest speakers 	Commissioners
9.	<p>Public Comment</p> <p>There were no comments from the public.</p>	Commissioners
10.	<p>Adjournment</p> <p>Chair Senn adjourned the meeting at 7:22pm. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, February 14, 2024, 6:30-8:30 PM.</p>	Commissioners