



Alameda County Commission on the Status of Women Meeting Minutes



Wednesday, March 13, 2024 @ 6:30-8:00 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
Orly Amey, Vice Chair	District 1
Shanta (Shay) Franco-Clausen, Member at Large - PRESENT	District 2
Guadalupe Angulo - ABSENT	District 2
Khilynn Fowler - PRESENT	District 3
Patricia M. Castro - ABSENT	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
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Vacant	Human Relations Commission

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Item No.	Topics
1.	<p>Call to Order & Welcome Community Agreements Review Transitions</p> <p>Chair Senn called the meeting to order at 6:47 p.m., acknowledged the existence of the COSW’s Community Agreements, and shared that Aida Sizova has resigned from the commission.</p>
2.	<p>Approval of Minutes</p> <p>Chair Senn motioned to approve the minutes from the January 14, 2024 Regular Meeting. Commissioner Lybarger seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.</p>
3.	<p>Commissioner Announcements – Updates - Transitions</p> <p>Commissioners voted on the new interim Secretary officer who will serve through the June COSW election: Commissioner Susan Burgess-Lent. Commissioner Lybarger motioned to approve the nominee as Secretary, and Commissioner Franco-Clausen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Chair Senn shared timing of COSW calendar events for Q1 and Q2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ COSW presentation to the Workforce Development Board – March 14. Chair Senn to share the COSW presentation to the BOS from July 2023 ○ COSW Retreat – March 23 ○ Board CEDAW work session – TBD. The next step following this session will be to continue progress to get a CEDAW ordinance passed. ○ SF Shift event – May 18 ○ WHOF 2024 – May 4 in Pleasanton. The COSW may put together a donation basket/buy tickets to support the event. Chair Senn requested a table for the COSW and will see if the grant money could be used to support the event. Commissioner Fowler offered to secure Sephora resources to put in the donated basket. ○ COSW Nominations – May. Commission will have to form a Nomination Committee in April ○ Legislative Breakfast – October ○ Recess in August, December <p>Chair Senn shared that she attended the CCSWG monthly meeting. Chair Senn also mentioned that she was asked to speak about the COSW’s work at UC Berkeley 3/15 with Commissioner Lybarger and Senator Skinner.</p>
4.	<p>New COSW County SSA Contacts & Introductions</p> <p>Anissa B.-Villareal and Julie Hadnot, SSA (Social Services Agency), introduced themselves as support to the COSW/primary contacts to liaise with SSA. They shared how they will be able to serve COSW’s work going forward. They noted Valerie Kane as our SSA Management Analyst contact who can help COSW bring</p>

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	forward state policy to make recommendations/positions to the BOS, although the SSA itself doesnt take positions on policy.
5.	<p>Treasurer Report and Budget Request to BOS for funding to start Alameda County Office of Women’s Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trust account balance: \$10,104.32 • CCSWG grant balance: \$11,836.90 grant (however, Sylvia Soublet had mentioned that we had \$19k left, so this discrepancy needs to be clarified) • COSW Junior Commission account: \$150 <p>The County Auditor will clarify what COSW can/cannot do with funds. To ensure the Treasurer is informed, Commissioners requested ongoing monthly reports from SSA accounting on COSW funds status.</p> <p>Chair Senn mentioned an intent to discuss at the April COSW meeting proposals for the remaining grant funds, and to potentially request another grant extension from the CCSWG through October 2024.</p>
6.	<p>Updates from Policy and Advocacy Subcommittee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CEDAW Ordinance Update – memo and BOS working session <p>Chair Senn shared that there are no updates. The COSW is waiting to hear back form SSA Director Andrea Ford about the BOS CEDAW working session. Via Supervisor Tam’s office we will have support and collaboration to make progress toward a CEDAW ordinance being presented on and voted on this year.</p>
7.	<p>COSW March 2024 Retreat</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review retreat agenda and \$300 supplies expenditure <p>Due to scheduling conflicts and to allow more incoming Commissioners to onboard first, Commissioners decided to identify a new date to hold the COSW retreat. Chair Senn said she would work with SSA staff to send out a Doodle poll to identify a new date. SSA staff offered to purchase retreat supplies instead of the COSW having to make the purchases.</p> <p>Commissioner Franco-Clausen motioned to approve the retreat agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Burgess-Lent and passed unanimously. (Note: Commissioner Fowler had to leave the meeting early and did not vote on this item.)</p>
8.	<p>Agenda Building and Follow-up:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vacancies (COSW) & Recruitment: SSA staff mentioned they can add COSW vacancies to the SSA’s e-publication. Deadline to receive information is the first Thursdays of the month for publication the following month.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2024 Planning, e.g., collaboration on SSA policy breakfast (October) and Women’s Hall of Fame (May)• Timing of Guest speakers: Commissioner Lybarger will present on her work and equal pay issues at a future COSW meeting soon.
9.	Public Comment There were no comments from the public.
10.	Adjournment Chair Senn adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.