



SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN AND GIRLS

Thursday, October 3, 2024, 1:00 P.M.

County Administration North
First Floor, Multi-Purpose Room
400 West Civic Center Drive, Santa Ana, CA 92701

Katelyn Brazer Aceves, Chair
2nd District Representative

Christine Marick, Vice Chair
4th District Representative

Jennifer Beall
3rd District Representative

Laura Ramos
At Large Representative

Health Care Agency Liaison
James Kim

Maribel Sevilla
1st District Representative

Joanne Weiss
5th District Representative

Crystal Miles
At Large Representative

Clerk of the Commission
Valerie Sanchez

ATTENDANCE: Commissioners Brazer Aceves, Marick, Beall, Miles, Sevilla

ABSENT: Commissioners Ramos, Weiss

CALL TO ORDER

The clerk called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Brazer Aceves lead the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The clerk called the roll and confirmed quorum.

PRESENTATION

None.

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ACTION ITEMS

1. Approve minutes of the September 5, 2024 meeting of the Commission

On the motion of Commissioner Marick, seconded by Commissioner Sevilla, with Commissioner Beall abstaining, the Commission approved the minutes of the September 5, 2024 meeting as recommended.

2. Approve proposed amendments to the Commission's Bylaws as recommended by the Bylaws Ad Hoc Committee for submission to the Board of Supervisors for final approval and adoption

On the motion of Commissioner Miles, seconded by Commissioner Beall, the Commission approved item as amended to increase the membership to thirteen (13) by adding one additional at-large position and to replace proxy voting with designated alternates.

3. Establish the Executive Committee and select Executive Committee Member

Commissioner Miles volunteered to serve on the Executive Committee along with the Chair and Vice Chair and Chair Brazer Acevez accepted and selected Commissioner Miles to the Executive Committee.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Emerald Archer – Oral re: Chief Program Officer at Girls Inc. of Orange County; Expressed appreciation for the formation of the Commission as a critical step in advancing gender equity and ensuring that all voices of women and girls are elevated in the community; Girls Inc. has firsthand experience understanding and addressing the unique challenges women and girls face throughout the County from education to leadership opportunities to mental health and economic security. Hopes to be a resource for and collaborate with the Commission. Willing to share research and program outcomes. Girls Inc. is hosting a second annual Influencer Summit and Empowering Girls Conference in partnership with Santa Ana College and the Santa Ana Mayor's office on Saturday, October 12th.

COMMISSION MEMBERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Marick – Oral re: Asked how long bylaws amendment process and appointment of new members might take because it would be helpful to have new members appointed before setting the meeting schedule for 2025; encouraged members to recommend people to their District supervisors to assist in the process.

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Commissioner Beall – Oral re: Requested discussion item for next meeting to discuss development of the Commission’s mission and goals; suggests creating events around key holidays for women and girls; suggests utilization of social media for the Commission.

Commissioner Miles – Oral re: Asked Health Care Agency Liaison James Kim what realms of data could be requested and provided to the Commission; suggested an umbrella needs assessment or survey to representatives and leaders of women’s organizations to gather information on the issues and concerns they have.

Chair Brazer Acevez – Oral re: Suggested holding listening sessions similar to those held by the School District where she works to understand and discuss issues and get their perspectives, potentially hearing from school districts, community organizations, healthcare providers, particularly related to mental health needs and trends; and to hear from the community at large.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:48 a.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: November 7, 2024