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REGULAR MEETING OF THE ORANGE COUNTY COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN AND GIRLS

Thursday, March 6, 2025, 9:00 A.M.

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

COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP

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Christine Marick, Vice Chair
4th District Representative

Maribel Sevilla
1st District Representative

Jennifer Beall
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5th District Representative

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and with Clerk of the Board of Supervisors located in the County Administration North Building,
400 West Civic Center Drive, 6th Floor, Santa Ana, California 92701
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday*

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time members of the public may address the Commission on any matter on the agenda or within the subject matter of the commission.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approve minutes of the February 6, 2025 meeting of the Commission.
2. Discussion on Ad Hoc Committee roles and responsibilities
 - a. Data Ad Hoc
3. Presentation by Santa Ana Unified School District on the causes and impacts of absenteeism on school aged girls.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS & ROUNDTABLE

At this time Commissioners may discuss ideas and request topics for future agenda items, make requests or provide direction to staff, and make comments or announcements regarding matters within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission, provided that no action will be taken on any matter not appearing on the agenda, except as otherwise provided by law.

ADJOURNMENT

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: April 3, 2025, 9:00 A.M.

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SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

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ATTENDANCE: Commissioners Brazer Aceves, Marick, Miles, Sevilla and Weiss

ABSENT: Commissioners Beall and Ramos

CALL TO ORDER

The chair called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Brazer Aceves led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The clerk called the roll and confirmed quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Emerald Archer of Girls Inc of Orange Co - Commends the Commission for its work; a new political landscape creating concerns around educational equity, leadership, and opportunities that foster success for women and girls; already seeing push back regarding DEI initiatives, prioritize research on how national policies impact girls and women; and the importance of a space for girls to be smart, strong and bold.

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ACTION ITEMS

1. Approve minutes of the November 6, 2024 regular meeting of the Commission

On the motion of Commissioner Marick, seconded by Commissioner Miles, with Commissioners Sevilla and Weiss abstaining, the Commission approved the minutes of the November 6, 2024 regular meeting

2. Approve minutes of the December 5, 2024 regular meeting of the Commission

On the motion of Commissioner Miles, seconded by Commissioner Marick, with Commissioner Weiss abstaining, the Commission approved the minutes of the December 5, 2024 regular meeting

3. Establish and adopt a 2025 meeting schedule calendar

On the motion of Commissioner Miles, seconded by Commissioner Marick, the Commission approved a 2025 meeting schedule to remain on the first Thursday of each month and changing the meeting time to 9:00am – 11:00am

On the motion of Commissioner Weiss, seconded by Commissioner Sevilla, the Commission approved motion to make July a “dark” month without a scheduled meeting

4. Approve proposed amendments to the Commission’s Bylaws for submission to the Board of Supervisors for final approval and adoption

On the motion of Commissioner Miles, seconded by Commissioner Marick, with Chair Brazer Acevez voting no, the Commission approved the proposed bylaws as amended with the vision statement and mandate amended to read:

VISION STATEMENT

The Orange County Commission on the Status of Women and Girls will advocate for the lives and wellbeing of women and girls through building strong collaboration with Orange County stakeholders, identifying needs/gaps, sharing and utilizing resources as well as engaging, educating and empowering the community on key issues affecting the wellbeing of women and girls in Orange County.

MANDATE

Monitor and identify critical areas affecting women and girls, especially in priority populations, including but not limited to areas such as:

- Discrimination
- Affordable Housing
- Child and Dependent Care
- Mental Health

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- Healthcare
- Violence and Domestic Abuse
- Economic Equity and Financial Security
- Education
- Leadership and Representation

And the Orange County Commission on the Status of Women and Girls will prepare reports and recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on these areas.

On the motion of Commissioner Miles, seconded by Commissioner Marick, the Commission approved the increase in membership to thirteen members with two members nominated by each Supervisorial District and three members designated “at-large” and to delete Article IV (A)(3) eliminating the addition of alternates

5. Discuss data requested and focus areas to be included in the first annual report on the Status of Women and Girls in Orange County

Data Analytics Senior Manager Chrislyn Nefas-Ferencz presented on additional data that was requested at prior meeting to include in the first annual report; Chair Brazer Aceves created a Data Ad Hoc Committee consisting of Commissioners Sevilla, Miles and Chair Brazer Aceves.

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Commissioner Weiss – Commented that the acronym OC SWAG is gendered language and suggested using another acronym

Commissioner Miles – Commented that there are now protections in place for women in women’s sports

Chair Brazer-Aceves – Commented on concerns for immigrant women and girls and how discussions about immigration should not be a stigmatized topic

ADJOURNMENT: 1:06 p.m.

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Katelyn Brazer Aceves, Chair

Valerie Sanchez, Clerk of the Commission