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

Thursday, May 1, 2025, 9:00 A.M.

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

COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP

Katelyn Brazer Aceves, Chair
2nd District Representative

Christine Marick, Vice Chair
4th 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 April 3, 2025 regular meeting of the Commission
2. Discuss Commission budget and available funding, expenditures to-date and allowable allocations, administrative costs and ongoing funding, and clarify what County department will oversee and process expenditures of the Commission
3. Ad Hoc Committee Reports
 - a. Data Ad Hoc Committee Report
4. Presentation on aging and the Orange County Older Adults Needs Assessment Findings for Women 55 and Older
5. Develop guidance for guest speakers invited to present on topics of interest to the Commission

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: June 5, 2025, 9:00 A.M.

Agenda Item 1



SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

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

ABSENT: Commissioner(s): Mahoney

CALL TO ORDER

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Brazer Aceves led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The clerk called the roll and confirmed quorum

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Dr. Emerald Archer, Girls Inc. – Shared concerns regarding County's reduced contract with Human Options for resource centers that are critical for crisis support services, and asks the Commission to support recommendation to the County to restore funding for resource centers

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approve minutes of the February 6, 2025 special meeting of the Commission
(Continued from 3/6/2025, Item 1)

On the motion of Commissioner Miles, seconded by Commissioner Marick, the Commission approved the minutes of the February 6, 2025 special meeting

2. Approve minutes of the March 6, 2025 regular meeting of the Commission

On the motion of Commissioner Marick, seconded by Commissioner Miles, with Commissioner Weiss abstaining, the Commission approved the minutes of the March 6, 2025 regular meeting

3. Update on Bylaw Amendments approved by the Board of Supervisors

Commissioners discussed changes made by the Board of Supervisors when approving the bylaw amendments to keep the membership at its current membership with the addition of alternates for the five district representatives

4. Approve amended Conflict of Interest Code designated filer exhibits to add the position of Alternate Commissioner

On the motion of Commissioner Miles, seconded by Commissioner Ramos, the Commission approved as recommended

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS & ROUNDTABLE

Chair Brazer Aceves – Suggested inviting Azucena Garcia with Worksafe, Inc. to present on the topic of challenges faced by women in the workforce with developmental and/or neurodiverse disabilities and at a separate meeting to invite Brooke Weissman, a local attorney to present information on her work advocating for seniors

Commissioner Miles – Suggested inviting the Council on Aging to present on senior women in Orange County and suggested developing a list of 7 or 8 questions or guidelines that would assist invited presenters to focus their information on the critical areas identified by the Commission

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Commissioner Weiss – Suggested it would be beneficial to build and strengthen relationships with Community organizations and partners who are out in the field doing the work to bring their firsthand perspectives to the dialogue

ADJOURNMENT: 10:19 a.m.

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Valerie Sanchez, Clerk of the Commission