



SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

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

Thursday, April 3, 2025, 9:00 A.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

Vacant
1st District Representative

Jolynn Mahoney
3rd District Representative

Joanne Weiss
5th District Representative

Laura Ramos
At Large Representative

Crystal Miles
At Large Representative

County Executive Office Liaison
Liz Guillen-Merchant

Clerk of the Commission
Valerie Sanchez

Health Care Agency Liaison
Brandy Miller

Social Services Agency Liaison
Dr. Sara Marchese

OC Community Resources Liaison
Mary Beth Anderson

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

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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.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: May 1, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

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Valerie Sanchez

Valerie Sanchez, Clerk of the Commission

Signed by:

Katelyn Brazer Aceves

Katelyn Brazer Aceves, Chair