



A G E N D A
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
ORANGE COUNTY
COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN AND GIRLS

Thursday, September 4, 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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<https://cob.ocgov.com/boards-commissions-committees/orange-county-commission-status-women-and-girls>
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.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approve minutes of the August 7, 2025, regular meeting of the Commission
2. Ad Hoc Reports
 - a. 2025 Report Ad Hoc Updates
3. Discussion regarding upcoming meetings and 2026 election of officers

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: October 2, 2025, 9:00 A.M.

Agenda Item 1



SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

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Mary Beth Anderson

ATTENDANCE: Commissioners; Mahoney, Marick, Miles, and Weiss

ABSENT: Commissioner(s): Brazer Aceves, Ramos

CALL TO ORDER

The chair called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Marick led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The clerk called the roll and confirmed quorum

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lucy Santana – CEO of Girls Inc. of OC discussed support for the workforce readiness and education topic and highlighted some of Girl's Inc.'s work in workforce readiness through their summer camps and workshops including STEM camps (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) to promote interest in these fields where women are under-represented in the workforce and also their Lead With Purpose program for high school girls building leadership skills for college and beyond

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approve minutes of the June 5, 2025 regular meeting of the Commission.

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

2. Finalize guidance for guest speakers invited to present on topics of interest to the Commission (Continued from 6/5/25, Item 4)

On the motion of Commissioner Miles, seconded by Commissioner Mahoney, the Commission approved the guidance document as presented and asked commissioners to provide the guidance to any prospective guest speakers and forward contact information for proposed guest speakers to the Chair and CEO Liaison Liz Guillen-Merchant for coordination

3. Discuss selection and scope of work for contractor

CEO Liz Guillen-Merchant led the discussion regarding procurement of a contractor to assist with creation of the annual report and explained that an RFP process would take considerable time and suggested Cal State Fullerton's Women's Studies as a potential contractor that could be procured as a sole source contract under the County's procurement policies

Vice Chair Marick, on behalf of the Chair, created an ad hoc committee consisting of Chair Brazer-Aceves, Commissioner Miles and Commissioner Weiss to define a scope of work and determine a sole-source contractor to bring back to the Commission for approval

On the motion of Commissioner Miles, Seconded by Commissioner Mahoney, the Commission approved a budget of \$35k for a sole source contract with acknowledgement the amount could change depending upon recommendations of the ad hoc

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4. Presentation from WorkForce Solutions

Nancy Cook, Director of Workforce & Economic Development Division (W&ED) with Orange County Community Resources provided information about the work of the W&ED Division and the Orange County Workforce Development Board to provide services and resources to both job seekers and businesses through OC Workforce Solutions and programs offered under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS & ROUNDTABLE

Commissioner Miles - Announced that Fullerton's Golden Hill Little League team is on their way to the West Region Championship!

Commissioner Weiss – Excited to see Jennifer Pawol make her upcoming debut as Major League Baseball's first female umpire

Commissioner Mahoney – Suggested Mary's Path be invited to speak at a future meeting about their work in housing and support for victims of human trafficking

ADJOURNMENT: 10:28 a.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: September 4, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

Katelyn Brazer Aceves, Chair

Valerie Sanchez, Clerk of the Commission