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

Thursday, January 8, 2026, 12:00 P.M.

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

COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP

Crystal Miles, Chair
At Large Representative

Christine Marick, Vice Chair
4th District Representative

Anne Hertz-Mallari
1st District Representative

Katelyn Brazer Aceves
2nd District Representative

Jolynn Mahoney
3rd District Representative

Joanna Weiss
5th District Representative

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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

Introductions

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 December 1, 2025, regular meeting of the Commission
2. Ad Hoc Reports
 - a. Update from the 2025 Report Ad Hoc Committee including review and feedback on final draft of the 2025 Report
3. Consider scheduling a Strategic Planning Session
4. Receive update on Commission budget including expenditures to date and fund balance

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: February 5, 2026, 10:00 A.M.

Agenda Item 1



SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

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

Monday, December 1, 2025, 11:00 A.M.

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ATTENDANCE: Commissioner(s): Brazer Aceves, Hertz-Mallari, Marick, Mahoney, Miles and Weiss

ABSENT: Commissioner(s): Ramos

CALL TO ORDER

The chair called the meeting to order at 11:05 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

None

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approve minutes of the November 6, 2025, regular meeting of the Commission.

On the motion of Commissioner Miles, seconded by Commissioner Marick, with Commissioner Weiss abstaining, the Commission approved the minutes as recommended.

2. Ad Hoc Reports

- a. 2025 Report Ad Hoc Update

The Ad Hoc shared progress on the annual report and will have a final draft for Commission review and feedback at the January Meeting

3. Presentation by Commissioner Weiss on the California Convening of Women and Girls Commissions

Commissioner Weiss attended the California Convening of Women and Girls Commissions and provided an overview of the event and on the resources and support available to local commissions from the National Association of Commissions for Women (NACW)

4. Consider adoption of Land Acknowledgement Statement

The motion of Commissioner Miles, seconded by Commissioner Mahoney, not to adopt a Land Acknowledgement Statement did not carry with Commissioners Brazer Aceves, Marick and Weiss voting no; no further action was taken

5. 2026 Election of Officers

On the motion of Commissioner Marick, seconded by Commissioner Mahoney, the Commission nominated and appointed Commissioner Miles as Chair for 2026

On the motion of Commissioner Miles, seconded by Commissioner Hertz-Mallari, the Commission nominated and appointed Commissioner Marick as Vice Chair for 2026

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

6. Approve 2026 Meeting Schedule Calendar

On the motion of Commissioner Marick, seconded by Commissioner Miles, the commission approved the calendar as amended to hold the regular meetings at 10:00 a.m. except the January 8, 2026 meeting which will be held at 12:00 p.m.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS & ROUNDTABLE

Commissioner Miles – Thanked Chair Brazer Aceves for stepping up to serve as the first Chair of the re-formed Commission and appreciates her initiative and ideas even when not seeing everything eye to eye.

Commissioner Weiss – Thanked Chair Brazer Aceves for her efforts and bringing attention to marginalized communities

Chair Brazer Aceves – Thanked the County team and appreciates the assistance and support

Commissioner Mahoney – Understands the current focus on the first annual report but would also like to continue inviting different groups to present at Commission meetings; and requested an agenda item for next meeting to discuss a strategic planning session for the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT: 12:27 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: January 8, 2026, 12:00 p.m.

Katelyn Brazer Aceves, Chair

Valerie Sanchez, Clerk of the Commission