



SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

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

Monday, December 1, 2025, 11:00 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

Anne Hertz-Mallari
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

Data Analytics
Chrislyn Nefas

County Counsel Liaison
Cynthia Inda

Health Care Agency Liaison
Brandy Miller

Social Services Agency Liaison
Dr. Sara Marchese

OC Community Resources Liaison
Kristina Traw

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.

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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 Miles, Mahoney and Hertz-Mallari voting aye and 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

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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.

Signed by:

 Crystal Miles

Crystal Miles, Chair

Signed by:

 Valerie Sanchez

Valerie Sanchez, Clerk of the Commission