



# SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

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

Thursday, February 5, 2026, 12:00 P.M.

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

**Crystal Miles, Chair**  
*At Large Representative*

**Christine Marick, Vice Chair**  
*4<sup>th</sup> District Representative*

**Anne Hertz-Mallari**  
*1st District Representative*

**Katelyn Brazer Aceves**  
*2<sup>nd</sup> District Representative*

**Jolynn Mahoney**  
*3<sup>rd</sup> District Representative*

**Laura Ramos**  
*At Large Representative*

**Joanna Weiss**  
*5<sup>th</sup> District Representative*

**County Executive Office Liaison**  
Liz Guillen-Merchant

**Clerk of the Commission**  
Valerie Sanchez

**Data Analytics Senior Manager**  
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, Nashashibi (alternate for Ramos) and Weiss

ABSENT: Commissioner(s): Ramos

**CALL TO ORDER**

The chair called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chrislyn Nefas led the pledge of allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

The clerk called the roll and confirmed quorum.

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### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Eileen Hill, Girls, Inc. – Invited members to attend EmployHer Summit – Preparing Future Leaders for 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade girls free one-day workforce development event on March 26, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Anaheim High School, 811 W. Lincoln Ave, Anaheim; the event is open to the public.

### AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approve minutes of January 8, 2026, regular meeting of the Commission.

**On the motion of Vice Chair Marick, seconded by Chair Miles, the Commission approved January 8, 2026 minutes as recommended.**

2. Receive update on Commission budget including expenditures to date and fund balance (Continued from 1/8/26, Item 4)

**County Executive Office Liaison Liz Guillen-Merchant presented an overview of expenses, including County staff time and costs for statistics gathering, reporting and printing.**

**On the motion of Chair Miles, seconded by Vice Chair Marick, the Commission approved the use of up to \$50,000 which includes costs to print at least 250 copies of the report and the creation of a one-page executive summary report.**

3. Final report and Board of Supervisors Presentation discussion

**The Commission reviewed the final report and made some minor revisions and edits. Chair Miles encouraged all Commissioners to attend the March 10, 2026 Board of Supervisors meeting at 9:00 a.m. where a presentation will be made and the Commission will be recognized.**

4. Housekeeping Items

- Annual Form 700 Filing

**Clerk Joanne Golden gave a brief overview of Form 700 filings due April 1, 2026 and instructions for filing.**

- General Information

**County Executive Office Liaison Liz Guillen-Merchant gave some brief general Commission updates and staff will update Commission website with the most up-to-date information.**

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5. Strategic Planning Session to develop two-year strategic priorities and identify key strategies

**Chair Miles provided draft of a strategic plan and pillars with proposed theme for 2026 to be Childcare Affordability and Access. Chair Miles created two ad hoc committees to begin work on this effort. The Survey Ad Hoc will determine feasibility of completing a survey and if so, what questions the survey should include. The Experts and Authorities Ad Hoc would work to identify the entities, organizations and individuals who would be asked to participate in the survey and/or invited to provide information and data on childcare affordability and access.**

### COMMISSIONER COMMENTS & ROUNDTABLE

Commissioner Hertz-Mallari – Suggested a one-page Executive Summary of the report with a QR code to the full report to distribute where printed copies of the full report is not feasible.

**ADJOURNMENT:** 12:10 p.m.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** March 5, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

Signed by:



Crystal Miles, Chair

Signed by:



Valerie Sanchez, Clerk of the Commission