



SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

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

Thursday, March 5, 2026, 10:00 A.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
4th District Representative

Anne Hertz-Mallari
1st District Representative

Katelyn Brazer Aceves
2nd District Representative

Jolynn Mahoney
3rd District Representative

Laura Ramos
At Large Representative

Joanna Weiss
5th 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, Mahoney, Marick, Miles, Nashashibi (alternate for Ramos) and Sonenshine (alternate for Weiss)

ABSENT: Commissioner(s): Ramos and Weiss

CALL TO ORDER

The chair called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Miles led the pledge of allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The clerk called the roll and confirmed quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

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AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approve minutes of February 5, 2026, regular meeting of the Commission.

On the motion of Vice Chair Marick, seconded by Commissioner Hertz-Mallari, the Commission approved February 5, 2026 minutes as recommended.

2. Final report printing quantity and discussion for Board of Supervisors presentation

The printed report was presented to the members. Discussed distribution to all 34 city councils. Commissioners were asked to volunteer to take copies of the report to upcoming City Council meetings. The Clerk will assist to coordinate. Commissioners also discussed the Board presentation and who would speak during the presentation.

3. Childcare Affordability and Access Ad Hoc Reports and action if needed

- a. Survey Ad Hoc
- b. Experts and Authorities Ad Hoc

Discussed the feasibility and costs of doing a survey and without budget, suggested requesting survey data from expert sources that have already done similar surveys. Ad hoc members suggested taking a broader look at caregiving over a lifetime where childcare affordability is a concern at certain times and tapers off as children no longer need childcare, and then affordability and access for caregiving of older adults becomes a concern as parents age. Suggestions included considering impacts of when those caregiving phases overlap, to consider long-term caregiving for special needs individuals in the assessment, and to update the focus this year to be 'Caregiving Affordability and Access'. All commissioners present indicated support for this direction.

4. Brown Act Update and Refresher

County Counsel Liaison Cynthia Inda presented on the core purpose of California's Ralph M. Brown Act regarding open and public meetings, notice to the public through the agendas, taking public comments and prohibitions of the act.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS & ROUNDTABLE

None

ADJOURNMENT: 12:04 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: April 2, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

Signed by:

Valerie Sanchez

Valerie Sanchez, Clerk of the Commission

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Signed by:

Crystal Miles

Crystal Miles, Chair

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