



SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

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

Thursday, May 7, 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

Rima Nashashibi
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): Miles, Marick, Hertz-Mallari, Brazer Aceves,
Mahoney and Nashashibi

ABSENT: Commissioner(s): Weiss

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Miles led the pledge of allegiance.

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ROLL CALL

The clerk called the roll and confirmed quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approve minutes of April 2, 2026, regular meeting of the Commission.

On the motion of Vice Chair Marick, seconded by Commissioner Hertz-Mallari, the Commission approved the April 2, 2026 minutes as recommended.

2. Presentation from First 5 Orange County, Children and Families Commission

Kim Goll, President and Chief Executive Officer of First Five Orange County gave a presentation on the current Child Care Landscape in Orange County outlining the shortage of licensed child care slots including the impact on parents and employers.

3. Caregiving Affordability and Access – Experts and Authorities contacted and action if needed

Reviewed the list of experts and authorities and reminded Commissioners to access the list online and begin contacting the organizations for information and data in time to discuss during the Strategic Work Study session planned for the June meeting.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS & ROUNDTABLE

Commissioner Hertz-Mallari shared her experience speaking at the women's Zonta Club of Newport Harbor on the work the Commission is doing and about the 2026 Women and Girls of Orange County report.

Commissioner Marick discussed how the heat maps related to child care resources are very jarring and clearly demonstrate the level of crisis that exists around access to affordable child care.

Chair Miles attended a leadership luncheon at Avenue of the Arts and was pleased to note they gave a shout out to the Commission on the 2026 Women and Girls of Orange County report.

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Commissioner Nashashibi shared about her speaking engagement to the Long Beach Rotary Club on behalf of Global Hope 365's efforts to end child marriage and human trafficking which is legal and occurring in the United States.

Commissioner Brazer Aceves talked about a City-by-City event she attended and spoke about the impact of immigration enforcement on immigrant families, some of whom have not left their homes in over a year out of fear

ADJOURNMENT: 11:25 a.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: June 4, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

Signed by:

Valerie Sanchez

Valerie Sanchez, Clerk of the Commission

Signed by:

Crystal Miles

Crystal Miles, Chair