



A G E N D A
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
ORANGE COUNTY
COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN AND GIRLS

Thursday, September 3, 2026, 10:00 A.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
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Anne Hertz-Mallari
1st District Representative

Katelyn Brazer Aceves
2nd District Representative

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3rd District Representative

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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

PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time members of the public may address the Commission on any matter within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approve minutes of August 6, 2026, regular meeting of the Commission.
2. Presentation by Alex Zucco, Director of Policy and Legislation for the California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls.
3. Review and discuss data and recommendations for 2027 to provide an update on the status of women and girls to the Board of Supervisors.

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: October 1, 2026, 10:00 A.M.

Agenda Item 1



SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

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ATTENDANCE: Commissioner(s): Miles, Marick, Hertz-Mallari, Mahoney,
Nashashibi, Weiss

ABSENT: Commissioner(s): Brazer Aceves

CALL TO ORDER

The chair called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Hertz-Mallari led the pledge of allegiance.

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

ROLL CALL

The clerk called the roll and confirmed quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Laila Guadarrama and Kaylyn Nguyen, Student Ambassadors from Girls, Inc. – As student ambassadors they attended the Girls, Inc. Summit in St. Louis where they participated in research and advocacy groups including Healthcare for All and Period Poverty.

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approve minutes of June 4, 2026, regular meeting of the Commission.

On the motion of Commissioner Nashashibi, and seconded by Commissioner Hertz-Mallari, the Commission approved the June 4, 2026 minutes as recommended.

2. Review and discuss work in progress regarding caregiving access and affordability, and develop recommendations for actions the County can take to impact caregiving access and affordability in Orange County.

Chair Miles provided an outline and would like the Commission to pick three topics, utilizing areas outlined in the Annual Report and bring back recommendations and data points to the September 3, 2026 meeting; the Commission should focus on a direction for 2027 and provide an update to the Board of Supervisors; Liz Guillen Merchant, County Executive Office Liaison, shared recommendations made by two Board Supervisors from the dais at the last Board Meeting.

3. Update by Commissioners on potential guest presentations for upcoming commission meetings.

Chair Miles invited Commissioners to suggest guest speakers and presentations; Commissioner Weiss would like to invite the Director of Policy and Legislation for the California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls, Alex Zucco for the September 3, 2026 meeting via Zoom. Commissioner Mahoney would like to invite Rachel Daily from the Orange County Children's Home Society, possibly for the October meeting; Commissioner Hertz-Mallari might also have a potential speaker for the Commission.

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

4. Discussion regarding Commission's authority as defined by Board policy and Commission bylaws, related to member requests.

Recent questions and member requests about fundraising, sponsoring events and taking positions supporting or opposing proposed legislation that may impact women and girls, led the need to determine what authority the Commission has in these areas. The bylaws give the Commission a very narrow scope as an advisory body to research and gather data and provide recommendations for action to the Board of Supervisors. Any activity beyond that is outside the scope of the Commission's bylaws and would require Board approval or a Board approved amendment to the bylaws. Commissioners suggested reviewing bylaws of the other California women and girls commissions for comparison.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS & ROUNDTABLE

Commissioner Nashashibi – California Assembly Bill 1627 to ban child marriage under 18 without exceptions passed and sent to Governor's desk, and the American Bar Association issued a resolution supporting a ban on child marriage under 18 with no exceptions, and a federal bill has now been introduced.

Alternate Commissioner Sonenshine – Overseeing analysis and in process of grant RFP including topic of menopause and will share findings with the Commission; Federal legislation also included 5 new bills in the current legislative session addressing perimenopause and menopause.

ADJOURNMENT: 11:46 a.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: September 3, 2026, 10:00 a.m.

Crystal Miles, Chair

Joanne Golden, Deputy Clerk of the Commission