



# Santa Cruz County Women's Commission

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## Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, September 15, 2022  
TIME: 6:00 PM  
LOCATION: Remote meeting  
PRESENT: Theresa Cariño (1<sup>st</sup> District), Jennifer Murray (2<sup>nd</sup> District), Samantha Hart Farren (2<sup>nd</sup> District), Jennifer Smith (3<sup>rd</sup> District), Karina Moreno (4<sup>th</sup> District), Sheila De Lany (5<sup>th</sup> District), Rachel Bickert (5<sup>th</sup> District)  
EXCUSED: Amanda Crowder (1<sup>st</sup> District), Conra Frazier (3<sup>rd</sup> District)  
ABSENT: Vanessa Quiroz-Carter (Co-Chair, 4<sup>th</sup> District)  
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (Commissions Manager)  
GUESTS: No members of the public were present.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review

Meeting convened at 6:08 PM.

2. Approve August 18, 2022 Meeting Minutes

**Motion to approve August 18, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

Motion/Second: Hart Farren/Murray

Ayes: Cariño, Murray, Hart Farren, Moreno, De Lany

Abstain: Bickert

**Motion passed.**

3. Correspondence:

Commission reviewed correspondence from the public and position descriptions from Monterey and Santa Cruz County.

**Motion authorizing Chairs to draft a memo advocating for gender-neutral imagery and current position title on CAO Executive Secretary position description**

Motion/Second: Hart Farren/De Lany

**Motion passed unanimously.**

4. Public Comment: None

5. New Business/Action Items:

5.1. Consider Assembly Bill 361 Statement of Findings

**Motion to approve statement of findings authorizing the Commission to hold their next meeting remotely under the provisions of Assembly Bill 361**

Motion/Second: Hart Farren/De Lany

**Motion passed unanimously.**

6. Reports of Officers and Ad Hoc Subcommittees

6.1. Co-Chairs Report: No Report

6.2. Policy/Legislation Ad Hoc Subcommittee Report

Staff provided legislative updates on legislative priorities are as follows:

- **AB-1287** (“Pink Tax” legislation) was presented to the Governor on 9/7/22.
- **AB-925** (availability of sexual assault forensic exams) passed the Assembly and is in the Senate Appropriations Committee but the hearing has been postponed with no movement since July.
- **SB-914** (related to homeless equity for survivors of domestic violence) passed the House and Senate and was presented to the Governor on 9/6/2022.
- **HR-6781** (bill to permit video or telephone certification for WIC benefits) remains stalled in the House Committee on Education and Labor since February.
- **HR-6764** (bill to secure the safety of incarcerated women) remains stalled in the House Committee on Judiciary since February.

Smith arrived.

6.3. Political Participation and Civic Engagement Subcommittee Update:

6.3.1. WILDR Partnership Update

Staff will follow up to request video and materials from the WILDR May Forum. The next forum will be held on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Information will be shared on social media and email.

6.4. Social Media Subcommittee Update:

Murray reported that the Commission’s Instagram account has 528 followers, up 4% this month. The Facebook page has 536 followers, 87% of whom are women. Commissioners are encouraged to send content suggestions and the subcommittee will meet before the next Commission meeting to review the social media plan.

7. Staff Report

Staff Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Survey presentation was presented to senior management and will be brought to Commissions in October. The EEO/CC Plan is awaiting management approval.

8. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Manager*