



# Santa Cruz County Women's Commission

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## Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, May 15, 2025  
TIME: 6:00 PM  
LOCATION: County Government Building, 701 Ocean Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Redwood Conference Room  
PRESENT: Amanda Crowder (1<sup>st</sup> District), Paige Gordon (1<sup>st</sup> District), Brenda Rogers (2<sup>nd</sup> District), Suzanne Doty (3<sup>rd</sup> District), Allison Albert (3<sup>rd</sup> District), Rita Sanchez (4<sup>th</sup> District)  
EXCUSED: None  
ABSENT: Karina Moreno (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 6:03 PM.

Commission welcomed new Commissioner Albert (District 3).

2. Approve February 20, 2025 Meeting Minutes

**Motion to approve February 20, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

Motion/Second: Sanchez/Rogers

**Motion passed unanimously.**

3. Approve March 26, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes

**Motion to approve March 26, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

Motion/Second: Sanchez/Crowder

**Motion passed unanimously.**

4. Public Comment: None

5. New Business/Action Items:

5.1. Officer Elections

**Motion to re-elect Doty and elect Gordon to serve as Commission Co-Chairs**

Motion/Second: Rogers/Sanchez

**Motion passed unanimously.**

5.2. Consider 2026 Regular Meeting Schedule

**Motion to approve and adopt the 2026 Regular Meeting Schedule**

Motion/Second: Sanchez/Doty

**Motion passed unanimously.**

5.3. CEDAW Recommendation Updates

Staff reported that the recommendations will be on the June 24<sup>th</sup> Board agenda and Commissioners are welcome to attend the meeting and offer public comment if they choose. Commissioners will contact their District Supervisors to share a copy of the letter and discuss it before the June 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

5.4. Strategic Planning

Commission discussed updates to the Commission's Strategic Action Plan including adding the CEDAW recommendations, immigration enforcement impact, and federal legislation impacting voter registration for women. Staff will update the plan and add the item to the June agenda.

6. Staff Report:

Staff shared additional information about re-registering with the County's new payment system, Payment Works.

7. Emerging Matters:

Doty requested that the Commission considered advocating with the Board of Supervisors to issue a proclamation honoring Women's Equality Day (August 26<sup>th</sup>) commemorating the certification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution in 1920, which granted women the right to vote. The item will be placed on the June agenda, and Doty will contact Supervisor De Serpa's staff to gauge her interest and possible sponsorship of the item, should the Commission approve it.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Manager*