



Santa Cruz County Women's Commission

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, February 19, 2026
TIME: 6:00 PM
LOCATION: County Government Building, 701 Ocean Street, 5th Floor Redwood Conference Room
PRESENT: Amanda Crowder (1st District), Paige Gordon (1st District), Brenda Rogers (2nd District), Gail Michaelis-Ow (2nd District), Suzanne Doty (3rd District), Allison Albert (3rd District),
EXCUSED: Rita Sanchez (4th District), Ariel Young (5th District), Kate McGrath (5th District)
ABSENT: None
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (Commissions Manager)
GUESTS: Kari Lochhead and 1 member of the public were present.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review
Meeting convened at 6:17 PM.
2. Approve January 15, 2026 Meeting Minutes
Motion to approve January 15, 2026 Meeting Minutes as written
Motion/Second: Gordon/Rogers
Motion passed unanimously.
3. Public Comment: None
4. New/Continuing Business/Action Items:
 - 4.1. Proposed Eastside Santa Cruz Female Surf Statue Report
Lochhead informed the Commission that a privately funded companion sculpture of a female surfer—created by the same artists who designed the surfer statue on West Cliff Drive—is planned for East Cliff Drive and is currently awaiting Coastal Commission approval after receiving all required local approvals. Interested parties may support the project by emailing the Planning Department.
 - 4.2. Consider Amended 2026 Commission Strategic Action Plan
Motion to approve the 2024-2025 Strategic Action Plan as amended.
Motion/Second: Gordon/McGrath
Motion passed unanimously.
 - 4.3. Consider Establishing an Ad Hoc 2026 Status of Women and Girls Report Subcommittee
Motion to establish an Ad Hoc 2026 Status of Women and Girls Report Subcommittee.
Motion/Second: Gordon/Rogers
Motion passed unanimously.
Chair appointed Albert and Gordon to the subcommittee.

4.4. Consider Establishing an Ad Hoc Legislative Priorities Subcommittee

Motion to establish an Ad Hoc Legislative Priorities Subcommittee.

Motion/Second: Gordon/Rogers

Motion passed unanimously

Chair appointed Albert, Michaelis-Ow, and Doty.

4.5. Consider Establishing an Ad Hoc Resource Directory Subcommittee

Motion to establish an Ad Hoc Resource Directory Subcommittee

Motion/Second: Gordon/Rogers

Motion passed unanimously

Chair appointed Rogers and Gordon.

4.6. Consider Establishing an Ad Hoc EEO/CR Advocacy Subcommittee

Motion to establish an Ad Hoc EEO/CR Advocacy Subcommittee

Motion/Second: Michaelis-Ow/Rogers

Motion passed unanimously.

Chair appointed Doty and Sanchez.

5. Priority Reports

5.1. CEDAW Recommendation Implementation Status Report

Staff reported that the CEO's report to the Board of Supervisors will be deferred for approximately a month. Commission requested regular updates to monitor the situation.

5.2. Social Media Outreach Report

Gordon reported accessing the Commission's Facebook page and will work with Staff to access the instagram account.

5.3. Immigration Enforcement Activity Report

Commission discussed the new S.H.E.I.L.D. subcommittee, increased ICE activity at County health centers, and Your Area Rapid Response (YARR) information on confirmed local ICE actions. Commission will consider advocating in support of the Latino Affairs Commission's recent recommendations at the March meeting.

6. Staff Report: None

7. Correspondence

8. Emerging Matters:

Crowder announced that she will be resigning from her seat for family reasons and that this meeting will be her last. The Commission thanked her for her many contributions and expressed appreciation for her service, noting that she will be greatly missed. Staff will invite Western Service Workers Association representative to present. Gordon observed a disappointing lack of integration of CEDAW recommendations in a recent County Department Strategic Planning Town Hall.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Manager*