



# Santa Cruz County Women's Commission

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## Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, March 19, 2026  
TIME: 6:00 PM  
LOCATION: County Government Building, 701 Ocean Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Redwood Conference Room  
PRESENT: Paige Gordon (1<sup>st</sup> District), Brenda Rogers (2<sup>nd</sup> District), Gail Michaelis-Ow (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), Kate McGrath (5<sup>th</sup> District)  
EXCUSED: Ariel Young (5<sup>th</sup> District)  
ABSENT: None  
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (Commissions Manager)  
GUESTS: No member of the public were present.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review  
Meeting convened at 6:03 PM.
2. Approve February 19, 2026 Meeting Minutes  
**Motion to approve February 19, 2026 Meeting Minutes as written**  
Motion/Second: Gordon/Michaelis-Ow  
**Motion passed unanimously.**
3. Public Comment: None
4. New/Continuing Business/Action Items:
  - 4.1. Consider Advocacy Letter in Support of the Pleasure Point Female Surfer Statue  
Commission reviewed a letter to the Zoning Administrator in support of the Pleasure Point Female Surfer Statue.  
**Motion to approve the advocacy letter in support of the statue.**  
Motion/Second: Gordon/Michaelis-Ow  
**Motion passed unanimously.**
  - 4.2. Consider Advocating in Support of the Latino Affairs Commission's Recommendations  
Commission reviewed and discussed the Latino Affairs Commission's February 4, 2026 letter to the Board of Supervisors offering potential solutions to strengthening County protections for immigrants. The item concluded without a motion.
  - 4.3. Consider Establishing an Ad Hoc Women's Equality Day Subcommittee  
**Motion to establish an Ad Hoc 2026 Women's Equality Day Subcommittee.**  
Motion/Second: Sanchez/Rogers  
**Motion passed unanimously.**  
**Chair appointed Doty and McGrath to the subcommittee.**

- 4.4. Consider Establishing an Ad Hoc Community Outreach Subcommittee  
Commission discussed establishing an ad hoc subcommittee to represent the Commission at community partner functions and encourage public attendance at Commission meetings.

**Motion to establish an Ad Hoc Community Outreach Subcommittee.**

Motion/Second: Michaelis-Ow/Albert

**Motion passed unanimously**

**Chair appointed Sanchez, Doty and Gordon.**

5. Ad Hoc Subcommittee Reports

- 5.1. Ad Hoc 2026 Status of Women and Girls Report Subcommittee Update (*Albert, Gordon*)  
Subcommittee has begun research on the education section.
- 5.2. Ad Hoc Legislative Priorities Subcommittee Report (*Albert, Michaelis-Ow, Doty*)  
Subcommittee has begun research and will meet soon to establish priorities.
- 5.3. Ad Hoc Resource Directory Subcommittee Report (*Rogers, Gordon*)  
Subcommittee is collecting resources and Staff is updating the Commission's website with links.
- 5.4. Ad Hoc EEO/CR Advocacy Subcommittee Report (*Doty, Sanchez*)  
Subcommittee is reviewing the 2024-2027 EEO/CR report to provide feedback.

6. Priority Reports

- 6.1. CEDAW Recommendation Implementation Status Report  
The CEO's is scheduled to to the Board of Supervisors at the March 24 regular meeting.  
Commissioners are encouraged to review meeting materials to provide individual public comment.
- 6.2. Social Media Outreach Report  
Gordon is actively posting on Commission social media. Engagement insights include: 670 followers on Instagram and 643 followers on Facebook.
- 6.3. Immigration Enforcement Activity Report  
YARR (Your Area Rapid Response) is scheduled for the April meeting, but the Western Service Workers Association representative has not responded. Albert will follow up with Western Service Workers, and Staff will reach out to Indivisible to invite them to speak at the April meeting.

7. Staff Report: None

8. Correspondence: None

9. Emerging Matters: None

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Manager*