



Santa Cruz County Women's Commission

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Notice of Public Meeting and Agenda

Date: Thursday, May 19, 2022
Time: 6:00 to 8:00 PM

IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY AND PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF AB 361 AND CAL. GOV. CODE 54953, THIS WILL BE A REMOTE MEETING. NO PHYSICAL LOCATION WILL BE AVAILABLE, BUT ACCESS TO THE MEETING AND AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT WILL BE PROVIDED. PLEASE DIAL-IN TO THE TELECONFERENCE USING THE INFORMATION LISTED BELOW:

VIDEOCONFERENCE INFORMATION

Join Meeting: <https://zoom.us/join>

OR

Attend by Phone: +1 (669) 219-2599 (*6 to mute/unmute, *9 to raise hand)

Meeting ID: 495-687-4858 Passcode: 192244

AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review
2. Approve *April 21, 2022 Meeting Minutes*
3. Correspondence
4. Public Comment:
Any person may address the Commission for a period not to exceed five minutes on matters within the jurisdiction of the Commission.
5. New/Continuing Business/Action Items:
 - 5.1. Consider Association of California Commissions for Women (ACCW) Membership
 - 5.2. Consider Assembly Bill 361 Statement of Findings
6. Reports of Officers and Ad Hoc Subcommittees
 - 6.1. Co-Chairs Report
 - 6.2. Policy/Legislation Ad Hoc Subcommittee Report
 - 6.3. Political Participation and Civic Engagement Ad Hoc Subcommittee Report
 - 6.3.1. Political Participation SOWAG Report Update
 - 6.3.2. WILDR Partnership Update
 - 6.4. Social Media Subcommittee Report
7. Staff Report
8. Adjournment

The next scheduled regular meeting will be on Thursday June 16, 2022 at 6:00 PM

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, April 21, 2022

TIME: 6:00 PM

LOCATION: Remote meeting

PRESENT: Theresa Cariño (1st District), Jillian Ritter (Co-Chair, 1st District), Jennifer Smith (3rd District), Conra Frazier (3rd District), Vanessa Quiroz-Carter (Co-Chair, 4th District), Sheila De Lany (5th District), Rachel Bickert (5th District)

EXCUSED: Jennifer Murray (2nd District), Laurel Schonfield (2nd District), Karina Moreno (4th District)

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Kaite McGrew (Commissions Manager), Mitsuno Baurmeister (EEO Officer)

GUESTS: 31 members of the public were present.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review

Meeting convened at 6:04 PM.

Commission welcomed new District 3 Commissioner Conra Frazier.

2. Presentation of the 2021-2022 Trailblazers Awards

Commission presented the following Trailblazers Awards:

- Lifetime Achievement Award: Allison Endert
- Lifetime Achievement Award: Alicia Nájera
- Economic Justice Leadership Award: Carmen Herrera
- Cultivating Youth Leadership Award: Vanessa Magdalino Morgia
- Anti-Racism Leadership Award: Joy Flynn
- Crisis Response Leadership Award: Ruby Vasquez
- Phoenix Award (Leadership Despite Significant Challenges): Yadira Flores Martinez

3. Approve March 17, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve March 17, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Motion/Second: Bickert/Cariño

Motion passed unanimously.

4. Correspondence:

Commission reviewed position descriptions from Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties.

5. Public Comment: None

6. New Business/Action Items:

6.1. Election of Officers

Motion to elect Quiroz-Carter and Bickert as Commission Co-Chairs.

Motion: De Lany/Smith

Motion passed unanimously.

6.2. Consider Legislative Advocacy Priorities

Commission considered the following legislative advocacy priorities:

- **AB-1287** – Eliminates gender-based price differences
- **AB-925** – Increases availability/affordability of sexual assault exams
- **SB-914** – Requires establishment of goals to end homelessness among survivors of domestic violence as members of vulnerable populations.
- **HR-6781** – Permits video or telephone certifications under the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)
- **HR – 6764** – Secures the dignity and safety of incarcerated women
- **CA Women’s Caucus State Budget Request re: Childcare:** Requests \$2 billion in childcare funding to expand the number of children served by 200,000, implement reimbursement rate reform, waive family fees, and modernize administration of programs.
- **CA Women’s Caucus State Budget Request re: Job Training for Women:** Requests a one-time appropriation of \$310 million, over three years, for targeted job training for women, including re-training and job placement services.

Motion authorizing the subcommittee to advocate in support of the abovementioned legislative priorities on behalf of the Commission.

Motion/Second: Bickert/Smith

Motion passed unanimously.

6.3. 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: De Lany/Bickert

Motion passed unanimously.

7. Reports of Officers and Ad Hoc Subcommittees

7.1. Co-Chairs Report: No Report

7.2. Political Participation and Civic Engagement Subcommittee Update:

7.2.1. *Political Participation SOWAG Report* Update: No Report

7.2.2. WILDR Partnership Update

Quiroz-Carter confirmed that WILDR would like Commission to feature event recordings and materials on the resource page. Commission will promote the upcoming forum in May.

7.3. Social Media Subcommittee Update:

Bickert commended Murray for her social media strategy and implementation.

8. Staff Report

Staff reported that the County implemented a menstrual equity program, providing free menstrual products in all County restrooms and information to all employees on the issue, raising awareness. Twenty-eight percent of County staff (including Extra-Help employees) completed the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Survey. The EEO/CC Plan is being updated with 2018 American Community Survey (ACS) data. The ACCW raised their annual rate from \$75 to \$200. Continued ACCW membership will be brought to the Commission for consideration in May.

9. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:22 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Manager*

ACCW MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Q. What is the ACCW?

A. The Association of California Commissions for Women Is the only professional membership organization specifically for California Commissions on the Status Of Women, (Also known as (CSWs), Commissions On The Status Of Women & Girls (CSWGs), Commissions For Women (CFWs), Advisory Boards For Women (ABWs) etc.)

B. Human Rights Commissions, Human Resources Commissions, LGBTQ Commissions, Racial And Gender Commissions, Committees, Task Forces And Councils may also apply for membership.

Q. Why should your Commission/Committee/Task Force/College Commission maintain a membership with the ACCW?

A. The ACCW brings all California Commissions for Women (as well as all other human rights and social justice commissions) together via our programs, events, training, newsletters and bootcamps. We bring elected officials, leaders and subject-area experts in every aspect of the work of our local women's commissions to you and your Organization via our programs.

B. The ACCW works to bring a wide range of issues and topics to our commissions including best practices, unique programs, discussions on the role of Women's commissions in policy making, CEDAW, the ERA, and the role of our jurisdictions (cities and counties) in areas including women's healthcare, education, leadership, gender-based violence, justice-involved women, economic development and security, and housing. We seek to serve our local commissions as they work to support women and girls and all who identify as women; and in particular those who are disenfranchised, low-income, women veterans, LGBTQIA, working mothers, women with disabilities and others within your own local jurisdiction. We work for diversity, equity and inclusion.

Q. If my Commission/Committee/Task Force is not a Member of ACCW can I still attend ACCW events and activities?

A. Yes...but, If your commission is not a member in good standing, individual members of your commission will be charged a fee to attend ACCW events, meetings, and activities (appx individual fee for events and activities \$25 - \$150 per commissioner, per activity).

Q. Can an individual join the ACCW?

A. Yes. Any individual can join the ACCW. We recommend this if your commission is not a member. An individual commission membership allows you to receive all ACCW correspondence, and attend all meetings, events, activities with no additional charge.

Q. What kind of support does your board provide to local commissions on their existing projects and programs?

The ACCW provides live training and workshops (e.g. the "Bootcamp for Commissions" held May 2021); The Bootcamp video is available to all commissions and highly recommended for use in onboarding new commissioners. The ACCW CEDAW Workshop (held December 2021), is another example in which multiple experts and elected officials presented the importance and basics of CEDAW to California Commissions for Women. In addition, the leaders of ACCW are available to provide assistance to

individual commissions. The ACCW is now offering monthly round-tables, which are opportunities to meet and discuss ideas, projects and initiatives with other California commissioners.

Q. How does the ACCW differ or overlap from the programs and services of the California Commission on the Status of Women?

The ACCW is a professional membership organization for California Commissions for Women which provides training, networking and mentoring. Each ACCW board member is an active commissioner of a local commission in California.

The CCSWG is the state-level Commission - similar to our local commissions, but run out of Sacramento. The CCSWG is primarily policy driven with 17 commissioners, some are appointed by the Governor, others are elected officials from the State Senate and Assembly. The primary focus of the CCSWG is state-wide policy, in general they work closely with the California Legislative Women's Caucus and provide a policy framework each year by selecting a small number (3-6+ legislative bills to either support or sponsor). The ACCW works in conjunction with the CCSWG to encourage local commissions to stay abreast of state-level legislation.

The ACCW and the CCSWG are completely and entirely different organizations with completely different missions and goals.

The ACCW provides a valuable resource to your commission and we encourage all commissioners of member commissions will attend our board meetings, roundtables and events.

Q. What is it that the ACCW does with the funds paid through dues?

The ACCW uses the membership fees to maintain its website and services. ACCW programs are designed to assist and strengthen commissioners in their local role as advisory bodies to their local jurisdictions.

Q. How many of the Women's Commissions in California are active dues paying members?

Almost every Women's Commission in California is an active dues paying member. During Covid the ACCW suspended the collection of membership dues as many commissions were not meeting. We did not collect dues in 2019-2020, 2020-2021, or the first half of 2021-2022. We have reinstated membership dues as of January 1, 2022 and are in the process of bringing all commissions up-to-date.

Q. What is an ACCW Commission "Liaison"?

A. While our ACCW Board meetings are open to the public and all commissioners, we do ask that each member Commission assign an official Liaison (official representative), to attend meetings and stay in contact with the ACCW. It is our hope that each Commission Liaison will bring back updates to their regular Commission meetings to report on the activities, events and work of the ACCW. Commission Liaisons can be appointed by the full member Commission, or a Liaison may be an assigned role of the Chair, Vice-Chair or other member of the Member Commission. The assignment of a Liaison is determined by the Member Commission. Please keep the ACCW informed of the name and contact information for your Liaison. Each member commission holds one vote in the ACCW annual elections. The member liaison casts that vote at the annual election meeting on behalf of the member commission.

Q. What are ACCW Member Round-table Sessions?

A. Beginning in 2022 the ACCW will hold monthly Round-table Sessions. These are informal Zoom meetings which Commissioners from any Member Commission can join for an open-mic discussion about anything the members want to discuss/brainstorm - i.e. various ideas, issues, funding, programs,

and policies that member commissions are working on. What can we learn from each other? A schedule of round-table sessions will be forwarded to each Member Commission.

Q. How can I join the ACCW Board?

A. If you are a sitting member of a local California Commission (Women's, Human Right's, etc), you can apply to serve on the ACCW board. The ACCW holds board elections every two years in the month of June (next election is June 2022). Please contact ACCW if you are interested in applying for the Board. We recommend attending several board meetings before applying.

Q. What is the cost to commissions and individuals to join the ACCW?

A. ANNUAL DUES for 2021-2022* - PRO-RATED for 2021-22. DUE by January 30, 2022

Regular Membership Fee	Full Year membership	Pro-rated* 2021-2022
Gold Membership**	\$500	\$250
Local Commission Membership	\$200	\$100
College/University Commission Membership	\$150	\$75
Individual Membership	\$ 50	\$25

**Pro-rated membership applies Jan 1, 2022 until June 30, 2022, membership renewals will be due as of July 1, 2022. Pro-rated fees listed are at a 50% discount.*

***Gold Membership - premium level, please contact the ACCW for more information.*

**ACCW WELCOMES YOUR SUPPORT, PARTNERSHIP, AND
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Scheduled Meetings

Unless otherwise specified below, regularly scheduled Women's Commission meetings are generally held as follows:

DAY: Third (3rd) Thursday*
MONTH: Every month except July and December
TIME: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
LOCATION: **Santa Cruz County Government Building (unless held remotely)****
5th Floor Redwood Conference Room
701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

****Unless noted otherwise below**

Locations may vary for outreach, town hall meetings, special meetings, changes of location, or meeting cancellations. Changes to the schedule will be listed on the website at www.sccwc.org as soon as information becomes available.

2022 MEETING DATES		
DATE	TIME	LOCATION
January 20, 2022	6:00 – 7:30 PM	Remote
February 17, 2022	6:00 – 7:30 PM	Remote
March 17, 2022	6:00 – 7:30 PM	Remote
April 21, 2022	6:00 – 7:30 PM	Remote
May 19, 2022	6:00 – 7:30 PM	Remote
June 16, 2022	6:00 – 7:30 PM	To Be Determined
August 18, 2022	6:00 – 7:30 PM	To Be Determined
September 15, 2022	6:00 – 7:30 PM	To Be Determined
October 20, 2022	6:00 – 7:30 PM	To Be Determined
November 17, 2022	6:00 – 7:30 PM	To Be Determined