

**AGENDA
COUNTY OF SONOMA
COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN**

**Meeting Held Through Publicly Available Link Via Zoom as well as in person at
575 Administration Drive, Ste 117C, Santa Rosa, CA 95403**

Thursday **November 14, 2024** **6:00PM**

First District: Joanne M. Brown (OAL), Nancy Padian, Haunani Pakaki

Second District: Katie Gordon, Rebecca Kaykas-Wolff

Third District: Ofra Isler, Melanie Jones-Carter (Vice-Chair)*, Katarina Giudice-White

Fourth District: Gina Fortino Dickson (Chair)**, Letitia Hanke***, Izzy Arreguin

Fifth District: Zobida McCorquodale (On Leave of Absence), Elizabeth Beaty

**Vice Chair Jones-Carter will be attending hybrid via Zoom per Gov't. Code Section 54953(b) at this location: 2304 Columbia Dr., Flower Mound, TX 75022*

***Chair Fortino Dickson will be attending hybrid via Zoom per Gov't. Code Section 54953(b) at this location: 950 Mason Street, San Francisco, CA 94108*

****Commissioner Hanke will be attending hybrid via Zoom per Gov't. Code Section 54953(b) at this location: 75 Alanui Ke'ali'i, Kihei, HI 96753*

The November 14, 2024, Commission on the Status of Women Meeting will be facilitated in person. Members of the public can watch, listen, or join the meeting using one of the three following methods:

1. JOIN IN PERSON:

Human Resources Large Training Room
575 Administration Drive, Suite 117C, Santa Rosa, CA 95403
Limited seating is available for public participants.

2. JOIN VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM:

Participate by computer, table, or smartphone application. Go to:

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Agendas and Materials:

Agendas and most supporting materials are available on the Commission's website at <https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Commission-on-Status-of-Women/Calendar/>

Due to legal, copyright, privacy or policy considerations, not all materials are posted online. **NOTE:** Due to the ongoing Covid-19 situation, materials that are not posted will be available directly from the Commission at sococsw@sonoma-county.org.

Disabled Accommodation:

If you have a disability which requires an accommodation, an alternative format, or requires another person to assist you while attending this meeting, please contact the Deputy Clerk at (707) 565-1851, as soon as possible to ensure arrangements for accommodation.

Approval of the Consent Calendar:

The Consent Calendar includes routine financial and administrative actions that are usually approved by a single majority vote. There will be no discussion on these items prior to voting on the motion unless Commission Members request specific items be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Calendar.

Public Comment:

Any member of the audience desiring to address the Commission on a matter on the agenda: Members of the public are invited to join this meeting in person or via Zoom teleconferencing. In order that all interested parties have an opportunity to speak, please be brief and limit your comments to the subject under discussion. Speakers will be limited to three minutes to speak; time limitations are at the discretion of the Chair. While members of the public are welcome to address the Commission, under the Brown Act, Commission members may not deliberate or take action on items not on the agenda, and generally may only listen.

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL**2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Commission on the Status of Women of Sonoma County recognizes that we are on the ancestral lands of the Pomo, Wappo, and Coast Miwok, who are the original stewards of this land. We further acknowledge that the office of the Commission on the Status of Women resides on Southern Pomo land in Santa Rosa. We respect and honor the past, present, and future generations, and are grateful for the opportunity to give our respect to the first inhabitants.

3. OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

At the beginning of each Commission meeting, any member of the public may address the Commission concerning any item not on the Commission's agenda. Speakers will be limited to three (3) minutes unless otherwise specified by the Chair or the Presiding Officer. The public will be given an opportunity to speak on each business item at the time it is called. The Commission may discuss and/or take action regarding any or all of the items listed below.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

- a. Approval of the October 10, 2024 Meeting Minutes

5. OFFICER REPORTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

Officers and Staff to discuss administrative-related matters including, but not limited to, field trip ideas and speaker coordination.

6. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR JANUARY 9, 2024 COMMISSION MEETING

Commissioners to provide any commission-related announcements, report on communications with supervisors, announce any tabling opportunities, and provide any agenda items for future meetings.

7. OPENINGS AND APPOINTMENTS

Officers will report out on current openings.

- a. Welcome Elizabeth Beaty to the Commission.
- b. Welcome Katarina Giudice-White and complete her Oath of Office.
- c. One vacant position in the 2nd district and one vacant position in the 5th district.

8. AD HOC AND PROJECT UPDATES

Limited to 3 minutes per ad hoc and project

- a. Junior Commission Educational Project
- b. Reproductive Equity
- c. Biz Entrepreneurship
- d. Legislative Advisory Group
- e. Communications Teams
- f. Community Engagement Working Group
- g. Bylaws

9. BUSINESS ITEMS

- a. **Community Engagement**

Commissioners selecting which events they would like to participate for FY 2024-2025.

- b. **Holiday Party**

Plan and narrow down options for 2024 CSW holiday party.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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COUNTY OF SONOMA
COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Thursday, October 10, 2024

6:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting

Commissioners Present:

First District: Nancy Padian, Haunani Pakaki

Second District: Rebecca Kaykas-Wolff, Katie Gordon*

Third District: Ana Diaz-Garcia, Melanie Jones-Carter (Vice-Chair)

Fourth District: Gina Fortino Dickson (Chair), Letitia Hanke*, Izzy Arreguin

Commissioners Absent:

First District: Joanne M. Brown (OAL)

Third District: Ofra Isler

Fifth District: Zobida McCorquodale (Leave of absence), Elizabeth Beaty

*** Commissioners Gordon and Hanke attended via Zoom per AB 2449 Excuse)**

Meeting held through publicly available link via Zoom Meeting, and in-person.

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at approximately 6:05 p.m. Roll call taken by Staff.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Commissioner Diaz-Garcia read the Land Acknowledgement.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

No Public Comment.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval of the following minutes:

- a. July 11, 2024 Meeting Minutes
- b. August 3, 2024 Strategic Planning Meeting Minutes
- c. September 23, 2024 Special Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve all items under consent calendar.

No Public Comment.

Motion: Commissioner Padian

Ayes: 7

Noes: 0

Second: Vice Chair Jones-Carter

Absent: 4

Abstained: 2

Commissioners Brown, Isler, and Beaty were absent. Commissioner McCorquodale is on leave of absence. Commissioner Gordon abstained. Chair Fortino Dickson abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

5. OFFICER REPORTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

- a. Chair Fortino Dickson announced that Women Equality Day Resolution was a success because it was presented at the Board of Supervisors meeting and at all City Councils.
- b. December meeting is cancelled.

6. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Commissioner Pakaki is having a knee replacement on November 11th and she will not be joining the meeting November meeting.
- b. Commissioner Diaz-Garcia attended the City of Santa Rosa Violence Prevention Seminar from 8am to 4:30pm and tickets were \$25-\$30. The seminar is a way to improve the community and individuals shared their lived experiences coming out of the prison system and being incarcerated. She recommends having the Commission attend next year.
- c. Commissioner Diaz-Garcia invited the Youth Commission and the Adult Commission to attend the 25th anniversary of Day of the Dead/ Dia de Los Muertos on November 1st and 2nd in downtown Santa Rosa. This is a great exposure for the Commission.

7. OPENINGS AND APPOINTMENTS

- a. Chair Fortino Dickson postponed welcoming Commissioner Beaty due to her absence.
- b. Chair Fortino Dickson announced openings in the 2nd district, in the 3rd district, and in the 5th district. She also introduced Katarina Guidice- White, who was observing the meeting and a future Commissioner representing the 3rd district.
- c. Chair Fortino Dickson announced that this meeting was Commissioner Diaz-Garcia's last meeting and thanked her for work connecting the Commission with other community organizations.

d. CSW MATERIALS

Chair Fortino Dickson led the conversation about donating CSW materials to Sonoma County History & Genealogy Library instead of keeping the items in a storage unit. The CSW materials consist of historical documents, photos,

newspaper articles, CDs, DVDs, etc. Commissioners voiced their interest in digitizing the information so that the institutional knowledge is maintained. The library will be archiving the materials they find fit so community members can access the material. Staff will follow back to see if the Commission can get the stuff back that the library doesn't want to archive and will see if the Central Library can transfer the CDs and DVDs to flash drives. No action was taken at this moment.

8. LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS PRESENTATION

Lynn Dooley and Gayle Peterson with League of Women Voters presented a non-partisan and unbiased look at the Pros & Cons of the ten state ballot propositions and three Sonoma County-wide measures that will appear on the November 5, 2024 ballot. The presentation helped demystify the ballot and explain what a "yes" vote means and what a "no" vote means. They talked about the existing law, proposed changes, fiscal impact, the supporters, and opponents as well as the campaign financing for each measure.

9. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.