



## Regular Meeting

## Open Session

**Subject:** Regular Meeting – California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls – Open Session

**Presenter(s):** All Staff

**Item Type:** Consent Action

**Date & Time:** August 6, 2024 – 11am, 54 minutes

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**Attachment(s):** Meeting Packet

**PowerPoint(s):** None

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### PROPOSED MINUTES

**California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls – Regular Meeting**

**August 6, 2024**

**Full Commission Meeting**

#### LOCATION:

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83830337755>

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Meeting Remote Locations

925 L Street, Suite 345, Sacramento, CA 95814

1021 O Street, Suites: 4650, 6720, 6510, 5210, 7220, Sacramento, CA 95814

1644 N Broadway, Walnut Creek, CA 94596

726 Foothill Road, Beverly Hills 90210

304 S Street, Sacramento, CA 95811

430 N. Pilgrim Street, Stockton CA 95205

320 W. 4th Street, Suite 430, Los Angeles, CA 90013.

**I. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER AND CALL TO ORDER – CHAIR**

Meeting is called to order at 10:04 am

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Kawser Amine	X	
Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan		X
Assemblymember Lisa Calderon	X-Late	
Catalina Chacon		X
Erica Courtney	X-Late	
Quinn Delaney	X	
Nisha Devi Rodrigo	X	
Lilia Garcia- Brower		X
Doctor Rita Gallardo Good	X	
Joelle Gomez	X	
Lisa Greer	X	
Senator Monique Limón	X	
Senator Caroline Menjivar		X
Assemblymember Stephanie Nguyen		X
Senator Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh		X
Crystal Young	X	

**OTHER COMMISSIONER REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT**

Jericka Edwards for Asm. Calderon

**STAFF PRESENT**

Morgan Beatty  
Jen DeGrossa  
Steven Maestas  
Justin McCoy  
Cherilyn Otubah  
Darcy Totten  
Max Macedo

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Alexis Piazza, on behalf of Lisa Ehrlich, Counsel for the Commission  
Lucia Saldivar, California State Assembly  
Erin Taylor, Political Solutions  
Stanicia Boatner, CSAC Legislative Analyst  
Jessica Golly, Legislative Director, CA State Senate  
Mariana Corona Sabeniano, Chief of Staff

Jacqui Nguyen

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

	AYE	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Kawser Amine	X		
Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan		X	
Assemblymember Lisa Calderon		X	
Catalina Chacon		X	
Erica Courtney	X		
Quinn Delaney	X		
Nisha Devi Rodrigo	X		
Lilia Garcia- Brower		X	
Doctor Rita Gallardo Good	X		
Joelle Gomez	X		
Lisa Greer	X		
Senator Monique Limón	X		
Senator Caroline Menjivar		X	
Assemblymember Stephanie Nguyen		X	
Senator Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh		X	
Crystal Young	X		

Commissioner Lisa Greer motions to approve the meeting minutes from the April 2, 2024, April 22, 2024, June 12, 2024 meeting. Commissioner Nisha Devi Rodrigo seconds. The motion carries.

**III. EXECUTIVE OFFICER CONFIRMATION**

	AYE	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Kawser Amine	X		
Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan		X	
Assemblymember Lisa Calderon		X	
Catalina Chacon		X	
Erica Courtney	X		
Quinn Delaney	X		
Nisha Devi Rodrigo	X		
Lilia Garcia- Brower		X	
Doctor Rita Gallardo Good	X		
Joelle Gomez	X		

Lisa Greer	X		
Senator Monique Limón	X		
Senator Caroline Menjivar		X	
Assemblymember Stephanie Nguyen		X	
Senator Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh		X	
Crystal Young	X		

Commissioner Dr. Rita Gallardo Good motions to approve the existing slate of Executive Officers (Joelle Gomez, Erica Courtney, Catalina Chacon, Lisa Greer, and Doctor Rita Gallardo). Commissioner Kawser Amine seconds. The motion carries.

- I. CHAIR OPENING REMARKS
- II. VOTING ITEMS
- III. CLOSED SESSION
- IV. OPERATIONS UPDATE:
  - a. (Darcy Totten) Vacancies and hiring
    - i. Welcome to our new hires: Max Macedo, Janelle Gudino!
  - b. Privacy Audit
    - i. (Max Macedo) DGS had previously performed an audit and the Commission was in jeopardy of non-compliance.
    - ii. The Commission took immediate actions by adopting DGS policies, including:
      - 1. Data destruction
      - 2. PII policy
      - 3. Records Retention Closure
      - 4. Notice of Closure
  - c. Budget Change Proposal (BCP)
    - i. (Max Macedo) The Commission is currently going through the BCP process.
    - ii. We are utilizing resources to make sure this is the best BCP possible as we are requesting a significant change (all LT positions to FT).
    - iii. Max will be meeting in two weeks with the Department of Finance to discuss the BCP process for the SSMI and II positions we are requesting.
  - d. Internship Program
    - i. (Max Macedo) The Commission is in the process of developing a formal internship program.
      - 1. We are hoping for 1-3 volunteers per semester.
      - 2. There is possibly a partnership with a university in Sacramento and SF as well as LA.
- V. BUDGET AND POLICY UPDATE
  - a. Legislative updates
    - i. (Erin Taylor) All current bills are either in suspense or in an appropriations committee.
    - ii. The deadline is next Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup>.
    - iii. Bills:
      - 1. SB 782 (Limon)
        - a. The Governor's Office will report out on data on appointment.
        - b. We have had positive conversations with the LGBTQ Caucus.
      - 2. AB 1908 (Schiavo)
        - a. The bill is no longer moving as the author became of aware of some complications.



- ii. The proposal allocates remaining Commission budget dollars for staff time, travel, printing, communications, general Operation and Expenses, and consultant costs to improve awareness around the availability of medication abortion on public university campuses. The amendment materials were approved by the funder's advisory board and will be sent for signature shortly.
  - iii. The Commission has created and distributed the template for the yearly report to the Legislature, which collects all data for medication abortion implementation efforts at each public university.
  - iv. The template was socialized with various stakeholders, including the funder, leadership at the Governor's Office, and leadership at the California State University Office of the Chancellor, the University of California Office of the President, and University of California Law San Francisco.
  - v. The Supreme Court issued a ruling in the case, Food and Drug Administration Alliance for Hippocratic Medicine, and the ruling will not have an impact on the protocols used by the school systems.
  - vi. The Commission continues to monitor state legislation that may have an impact on abortion access in the future.
- c. AB1356 update
- i. (Jennifer DeGrossa) Since the last full Commission meeting, the Commission has convened three AB1356 Advisory Subcommittees on the topics of Training, Data, and Policy.
  - ii. The subcommittees consist of subject matter experts from law enforcement agencies, health centers, reproductive advocacy organizations, and a faith organization.
  - iii. We will be holding the third full Advisory Committee Meeting on August 8th where we will dive into the reporting framework for the initial report due to the Legislature in December of 2025.
  - iv. A second report is due December of 2029.

## VII. EXTERNAL AFFAIRS UPDATE

- a. (Darcy Totten) Partnership
  - i. Our MOU with California Women Lead has been announced.
  - ii. We continued supporting the Capitol Fellows program.
  - iii. We are working with the Secretary of State's Office on a "Promote the Vote" campaign targeted across all women in California.
  - iv. The Women's Well-Being Data will launch on September 4<sup>th</sup>.
  - v. The Mount St. Mary's Solidarity Summit will take place on October 14<sup>th</sup> in partnership with Ratify.
- b. Events/Media/Digital
  - i. Attorney General's Office Convening



1. Darcy represented the Commission at a convening titled, “Bridging the Gap: Addressing Systemic Silos to End Gender-Based Violence” hosted by the Office of Attorney General Rob Bonta at Los Angeles Trade Technical College.
  2. The Commission will remain ongoing partners in the AG’s efforts to convene stakeholders to discuss sexual assault and gender-based violence, and to offer an opportunity to learn more about the statewide efforts to work across the whole of government and community-based ecosystems to end GBV in California.
- ii. Girls’ State Opening Ceremony:
    1. Darcy served as the keynote speaker for the 2024 American Legion Auxiliary California Girls’ State Opening Ceremony on Tuesday, June 25, at 7:15 pm at Sacramento State University.
    2. The ALA California Girls State program is an annual, weeklong leadership program sponsored by the ALA, Department of California, where high school girls come together for one week to learn about civic engagement and government administration by registering to vote, creating and passing legislation, and setting up their own mock city, county, and state governments.
  - iii. Pride March with the CA Civil Rights Division CA vs. Hate Float:
    1. Darcy Totten, and Justin joined the CA Pride Parade team from the California Civil Rights Division to march with their CA vs. Hate float in the 2024 California Pride Parade.
  - iv. CA Women Lead Capitol Fellowship Scholarships:
    1. Thank you to Commissioner Dr. Rita Gallardo Good for her remarks at the 2024 CA Women Lead Capitol Fellows scholarship program breakfast.
    2. The event was also attended by Senator Monique Limón and Commissioner Kawser Amine.
    3. Originally established with funding from the Women’s Recovery Response grant program, the program is now independently funded with private funds, creating a long-term support program for Capitol Fellows that the Commission can proudly support for years to come even in times of budget hardship.
- c. (Darcy Totten) We are working on an Archives Program to manage the boxes of records and ephemera we have of the Commission’s history.
    - i. We are collecting physical objects from the Commission’s archives and plan on making an exhibit to celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event.
    - ii. We plan on making a 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary event.
    - iii. Jen is working on a federal grant application for the archiving project.
  - d. Girl Scout’s Advocacy Day
    - i. There will be a patch to commemorate the event, which will be mailed out to Commissioners.
  - e. (Justin McCoy) Website updates

- i. We are working on getting the website into ADA compliance.

## VIII. PROGRAMS UPDATE

### a. (Darcy Totten) Equal Pay

#### i. Equal Pay Pledge:

1. This cross collaboration amongst staff has been leveraged to create a strategic outreach plan to gain 100 signatories by the next Equal Pay Day celebration in March.
2. Additional tracking tools are being created and shared with the Office of the First Partner and the California Partner's Project to ensure more integrated collaboration and clear communication across agencies.

#### ii. Equal Pay Educational Briefings:

1. On July 9th Melody Simmons-Hudson and Monica Simmons (Head Not the Tail Productions), presented *Empowering Pay Equity: Navigating the Path to Equal Pay for Black Women*.
2. On October 16th we will host the final Equal Pay Educational Briefing featuring Commissioner Dr. Rita Gallardo Good (moderator), Commissioner Lilia Garcia Brower, and Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher.
3. This briefing will follow other similar briefings and will be held live on Zoom and recorded. More information to follow closer to the date.

- iii. Due to staffing constraints, both the Equal Pay Educational briefings and the Speaker Series video series will be paused for the rest of the 2024-2025 FY.

#### iv. (Cherilyn) Equal Pay Days:

1. August 7 Mom's Equal Pay Day
2. August 28 NHPI Women's Equal Pay Day

### b. (Darcy Totten) Youth Advisory Council

- i. A Full Business Meeting was held on June 18th, during which the Youth Advisory Council discussed the Girls Agenda and voted on a selection of partner and communications projects. The Youth Advisory Council also voted on the selection of a secretary.
- ii. With the departure of the Programs Director shortly following this meeting, many of the items voted on are no longer feasible in current staffing conditions.
- iii. Darcy met with the Chair of the YAC and worked with Morgan to draft a memo that included proposed changes for the Youth Advisory Council Program.
- iv. Proposed changes to YAC will be reviewed and voted on by council members on the August 29th Full Business meeting.
- v. Commissioner Delaney- how will it work with everyone handling the Youth Advisory Council?
  1. (Darcy Totten) Janelle will conduct minutes and scheduling.

2. Morgan will be helping support the Youth Advisory Council as a whole.
  3. Michelle will help support them with the legislative material.
- c. (Cherilyn Otubah) Social Media:
- i. The Commission has gained 400 followers on Instagram and about 100 followers on X.
  - ii. For our upcoming campaign, we would like to focus on our Commissioners.
    1. Please submit any other photos and information you would like included by August 19<sup>th</sup>.

VII. CLOSED SESSION WITH COMMISSIONERS

- A. Staff and members of the public excused for this portion of the meeting.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT- INCLUDING MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- A. None.

IX. ADJOURN

MEETING ADJOURNED 11:54AM