



# 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:** February 6, 2024 –1 hour, 11 minutes

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**Attachment(s):** February 6, 2024 Meeting Packet

**PowerPoint(s):** None

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### PROPOSED MINUTES

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

**February 6, 2024**

**OPEN SESSION**

**LOCATION:** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83720182074?pwd=Xei3vitGIzAwvhEUaogb5caRi4MkWW.1>

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

Meeting is called to order at 10:05 am

	PRESENT	ABSENT
Kawser Amine	X	
Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan	X- late	
Assemblymember Lisa Calderon		X
Catalina Chacon	X	
Erica Courtney	X	
Quinn Delaney	X	
Lilia Garcia- Brower	x	
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- late	
Crystal Young	X	

**OTHER COMMISSIONER REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT**

Stephanie Phan for Assemblymember Stephanie Ngyuen

Maryana Khames for Assemblymember Calderon

Elyse Flynn Gyore for Assemblymember Bauer-Kahan

**STAFF PRESENT**

Holly Martinez

Kimberlee Vaye

Michelle Teran-Woolfork

Darcy Totten

Steven Maestas

Morgan Beatty

Justin McCoy

Jen DeGrossa

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Lisa Ehrlich, Counsel for the Commission

Jim Stanley, Counsel for the Commission

Jessica Golly for Senator Menjivar

Carolyn O’Keefe

Maggie White

**II. CHAIR’S OPENING REMARKS**

A. (Chair Gomez) Thank you to Darcy for her work on the Annual Report and to Justin McCoy for his editing efforts, as well as all the contributors. Everyone will be getting a hard copy of this.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES -DECEMBER 12, 2023 COMMISSION MEETING**

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

Motion: Commissioner Delaney motions to approve the December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes with the following edits: Commissioner Lilia Garcia-Brower abstained from the vote on the prior meeting minutes and the meeting was held on October 10, 2023, not October 13, 2023. moves.

Commissioner Chacon seconds. Motion carries.

**IV. EXECUTIVE OFFICER NOMINATION**

- A. (Chair Gomez): Commissioner Quinn Delaney has put in her resignation from the Executive Committee.
  - a. (Quinn Delaney) I would like to provide for more diversity in representation.
  - b. (Chair Gomez) Would anyone like to self-nominate?
  - c. (Holly) This is for a member-at-large position and it meets monthly. This committee addresses urgent commission business, conducts review of the budget, etc. Meeting dates are outlined in the commission action dates in the packet. We hold annual elections every June to confirm the second year term or people can step up to run and or step back. Holly can share the bylaw language.
- B. (Courtney) what do the bylaws say about interim guidelines?
  - a. (Holly) Upon resignation, Chair Gomez can put someone in place for this meeting. Or the seat can be vacant for a short time and then the floor can be

opened up for a vote and the elected commissioner will serve the remainder of the term. This is the first year of a two-year term, and this will be up for reinstatement in June.

- C. (Rita Gallardo Good) I am happy to put my name in to step into this role.
- D. (Kawser Amine) I would like to put my name in to step into this role.
- E. (Catalina Chacon) I would like to nominate Crystal Young to the Executive Committee.
  - a. (Chair Gomez) Does Crystal accept or deny this nomination?
    - i. (Crystal Young) I will decline the nomination at this time.
- F. (Quinn Delaney) Could we collect nominations and get a statement from the candidates and vote at a later time?
  - a. (Holly) We cannot vote by email. We can vote on this at our April Commission meeting or we could invite all commissioners to come to the March Executive Committee Meeting, as well.
  - b. (Lisa Ehrlich, Counsel) If the Commission wants to delay voting today, we should vote on that.

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

Motion: Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer Kahan motions to delay voting on the executive committee vacancy and move the vote to the March 13th Executive Committee meeting, where all Commissioners will be invited to attend. Senator Ochoa Bogh seconds. Motion carries.

**V. STAFF UPDATES**

- A. (Holly Martinez) Key dates
  - a. April 1: The Statement of Economic Interest (form 700) is due (for public members).

- i. You will receive a notification from the Fair Political Practices Commission and all filing is done electronically. It is a \$10 per day fine for missing the deadline. Holly will work with everyone on this.
    - b. We are drafting a diversity equity, inclusion, and justice training scope of work and this will be shared at the next Executive Committee Meeting. We will bring on a consultant or an enter into an interagency agreement to expedite this contracting process (the regular procurement process could take 3-6 months). We do have budget limitations in light of the budget freeze.
    - c. Senate Bill 24 updates: we submitted our annual report to the legislature and it includes all dates from the CSUs, UCs, and UC Law San Francisco.
      - i. We are at the halfway point of the six-year program. The first three years have focused on readiness so schools could offer medication abortion by January 1, 2023. We are now looking at the efficacy of the program and looking at unique challenges at each campus.
      - ii. We have heard from student groups and we are working closely with our partners. LAist published a recent article on some challenges encountered by students and we have heard of discrepancies with cost. We have been working with the Governor's Office and CSUs on a standardized communication campaign and on streamlined content for [abortion.ca.gov](http://abortion.ca.gov).
      - iii. (Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer Kahan) It seems like this information should be on the school websites. The numbers are lopsided- you would think the largest campus (UC Davis) would have higher numbers. Are we following up on these numbers?
        1. (Holly) The schools are open to standardizing language across websites and we are doing a deeper dive on this. We talked about adding information in multiple languages. We are asking questions about numbers, expenditures, etc. The CSUs have rolled out an evaluation survey to learn about student experiences.
        2. Our Programs and Partnerships and Grants Subcommittees have been merged into one and this will include AB 1356 and SB 24. Those will be reported out on on a monthly basis.
    - d. Holly will be reaching out to Commissioners to have them input in the personnel system for stipends and reimbursements. Commissioners will need to work with Human Resources directly after that.
  - B. (Michelle Teran-Woolfork) The bill introduction deadline is Feb 16<sup>th</sup>. Please send three bills to the Policy Committee to review. This is a different economy this year.
    - a. The Policy Committee met twice in January and started to review proposals. The Downtown Women's Center presented on their survey of homeless women in Los Angeles County and had policy suggestions. Members of the Youth Advisory Counsel presented on their girls' agenda, as well.
    - b. On January 30<sup>th</sup>, members met and reviewed last year's proposals and looked at new proposals for this year. At the March 13<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting, we will finalize proposals in time for the first hearings in mid-March.
    - c. (Assemblymember Rebecca Baur Kahan) Let us know if we can help on any of these bills. They can be presented to the Legislative Women's Caucus. Can we

also engage with the Youth Advisory Committee, as teen mental health is a priority this year.

- i. (Senator Ochoa Bogh) Could we have a list of all the bills? Are we educating them on the U.S. and California Constitution and how that informs the legislative process? More education on the role of government would be helpful.
    1. (Michelle) They have received an overview of California's Legislative body.
    2. (Holly) This could move into more advocacy training with the Girl Scouts, as well.
    3. (Rebecca Baur-Kahan) The Youth Advisory Counsel could also advocate for the bills being considered by the Policy Committee.
- C. (Darcy Totten) A new staff member will be starting next week as our Social Media Specialist and we will be highlighting Commissioners in the near future.
- a. Our partnership with Global Ties is expanding and we met with them yesterday on inclusivity in STEAM. More of these events will be coming, and we would love for Commissioners to join. An MOU will be executed this year.
    - i. (Erika Courtney) Commissioners, please get involved with this, as we are including women, peace and security/ resolution with an international flair.
  - b. The Commission has been involved in the Equal Rights Amendment Coalition and this year they are celebrating 100 years since this was developed. As part of our MOU with Mount Saint Mary's, we will convene in Los Angeles on April 14<sup>th</sup> and it will be in celebration with the Equal Rights Coalition. They will be building in a day of programming for youth and will integrate the Girls agenda into this.
  - c. Justin is working on a style guide.
  - d. Please reach out if you are not receiving MailChimp emails and also to provide your address for the Annual Report.
  - e. California Budget and Policy Center MOU activities are up and running and the Women's Wellbeing Index will be announced in March or April.
  - f. State budget cuts have put a pause on our partnership with the California Research Bureau.
- D. (Kimberlee Vaye) This Friday, Kim will be representing the Commission at the STEAM Symposium and will be highlighting the STEAM organizations we are supporting through our Grants program.
- a. March 12th is the Equal Payday recognition event and have been working closely with the Office of the First Partner. We are looking for 200 signatories.
  - b. We are the presenting sponsor at the Habitat Build March 6. Please register.
  - c. The Youth Advisory Counsel is preparing for a vote on the Girls Agenda at their March 20th meeting and a Full Commission vote on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - d. (Morgan) The Educational Briefing for Equal Pay Day is next week.
    - i. (Erica Courtney) You may want to reach out to the Small Business Development Center.
    - ii. (Chair Gomez) Will the Youth Advisory Counsel be coming to the Full Commission Meeting to present?

iii. (Kimberlee) Yes.

- E. (Jen DeGross) All 74 regular Women's Recovery Response grantees and 12 discretionary grantees are continuing their work for women and girls throughout the state.
- a. Submittable, our new grants management platform, is live, grantees are integrated in the system, and the transition went smoothly. For those maintaining the standard reporting timeline, their Final Progress Report and Expenditure Summaries will be due April 12, 2024.
  - b. I'm working with Darcy and Justin to pull data and visualize impact reporting for this grant cycle so we can showcase all the incredible efforts under this grant program.
  - c. VetFund, a discretionary grantee from the first Women's Recovery Response grant cycle has launched their Women's Veteran Survey ([www.calvet.ca.gov/CAWomenVetsSurvey](http://www.calvet.ca.gov/CAWomenVetsSurvey).)
    - i. A survey like this hasn't been conducted since 2013 and it will address topics such as: specific service experiences, the general awareness and understanding of state-based benefits and services, housing, healthcare, childcare, caregiver respite, employment services, and other needs, basic demographic information, service-related disabilities, PTSD, Military Sexual Trauma (harassment and assault), and mental and behavioral health challenges.
    - ii. In June/July of 2024, the survey results will be provided to the Commission, California Legislators and made available to veteran service providers, and governmental organizations in service to veterans.

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT INCLUDING MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

A. None.

**VII. ADJOURN**

MEETING ADJOURNED 11:11AM.