



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: March 5, 2025 – 1:00 p.m.- 2:51 p.m., 171 minutes

Attachment(s): Meeting Packet

PowerPoint(s): None

PROPOSED MINUTES

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

March 5, 2025

Full Commission Meeting

Meeting Location

1315 10th St., Committee Room 127, Sacramento, CA 95814

Dial in by phone

Call in #: 916-245-8850

Event Pin/ID: 882 671 754 #

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

Meeting is called to order at 1:03 p.m.

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

OTHER COMMISSIONER REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Kayla Daniels for Assemblymember Lisa Calderon

STAFF PRESENT

Darcy Totten

Jen DeGrossa

Justin McCoy

Maxwell Macedo

Michelle Teran-Woolfork

Morgan Beatty

Steven Maestas

Janelle Gudino

Katherine Squire

OTHERS PRESENT

Angela Blanchard, Political Solutions

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Erin Taylor, Political Solutions

Margaret Hanlon-Gradie, California Legislative Women's Caucus

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

Commissioner Monique Limón motions to approve the meeting minutes from January 15, 2025.

Commissioner Lisa Calderon seconds. The motion carries.

III. POLICY COMMITTEE- RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE SLATE OF RECOMMENDED BILLS

	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 Calderon motions to approve the Policy Committee's recommendation to approve the slate of recommended bills. Commissioner Joelle Gomez seconds. The motion carries.

IV. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL COMMITTEE- 2025-2026 YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL APPLICANTS AND FIVE ALTERNATES

	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 Youth Advisory Council's 2025-26 Youth Advisory Council applicants and five alternates. Commissioner Monique Limón seconds. The motion carries.

V. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL- STRUCTURE

	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		

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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 updating the Youth Advisory Council (YAC) structure by changing the term of YAC members to 12 months, changing the meeting frequency to 5 YAC meetings a year, and changing the application period. Commissioner Monique Limón seconds. The motion carries.

I. Welcome and Call to Order – Chair

II. Roll Call – Establish Quorum

III. Chair Opening Remarks

IV. Approval of Minutes

- a. Yes- 8, No-0, Abstain- 1

V. Committee Updates

a. Governance

- i. Commissioner Erica Courtney gave an update on the Governance Committee. The Governance Committee has reviewed the by-laws and walked through the proposed changes, as it's been a couple of years since the last update.
- ii. Commissioners offered comments and input, and the materials were sent to staff to research questions that arose.
- iii. The Committee will bring back final changes at the May 21, 2025, meeting for a final vote.

b. Strategic Planning

- i. Commissioner Nisha Devi Rodrigo stated that she met with Executive Director Totten regarding possibilities for strategic planning.
- ii. Director Totten shared that materials were shared with the Committee Chair that showed other agency/Commission approaches, and that a series of questions had been shared for feedback that could be used to survey Commissioners for initial input on the next strategic plan. Director Totten requested input from the Committee.

c. International

- i. Commissioner Kawser stated that the International Partnerships Committee met and drafted a one-page overview envisioning clear goals regarding international scopes of work.

d. Fundraising

- i. Commissioner Lisa Greer reported that the Fundraising Committee met and discussed the Women and Girls Fund. More information on the fund and additional approvals and information were requested from staff.
- i. Staff agreed to provide additional information and set follow up meetings with the subcommittee before the next Full Commission meeting.

e. Policy

i. Action Item

- Yes- 9, No- 0, Abstain-1

- ii. Commissioner Dr. Rita Gallardo Good gave an update on the Policy Committee and shared a slate of bills for approval.
- iii. Michelle Teran-Woolfork, Director of Legislation and Policy, and Angela Blanchard and Erin Taylor from Political Solutions were present for any questions or concerns.
- iv. No questions or concerns were raised.

f. YAC (staff updates)

i. Action Item-

- Yes- 11, No- 0, Abstain- 0

- ii. Katherine Squire, Legislative Aide, reported that the Commission has completed the selection process for the 2025-26 Youth Advisory Council

(YAC). Over 100 applications were received and reviewed based on resumes, essays, and demographic information to ensure a diverse and knowledgeable group. The top 27 finalists have been selected and their information included in the Board packet.

- iii. Additionally, Katherine stated that staff proposed updates to the YAC internal application timeline to better align with the legislative calendar and enhance collaboration.

iv. Action Item-

- Ayes- 11, No- 0, Abstain- 0
- v. Executive Director Totten encouraged Commissioners to attend the upcoming meeting, which will be the final session for the current YAC cohort.
- vi. The final YAC meeting for the current cohort will be held virtually on April 15th.
- vii. In May, the pairing of Commissioners with YAC will begin. Commissioners are encouraged to contact Katherine for more information.

g. AB 1356 (staff updates)

- i. Jen DeGrossa, Special Projects Manager, gave an update on AB 1356. The subcommittee has not yet convened. A timeline has been provided, with substantial content expected in August. The subcommittee will review the material at that time, with a vote scheduled for the Full Commission meeting in November 2025.
- ii. If Commissioners are interested in participating in the upcoming subcommittee meetings, they are encouraged to reach out to staff.

VI. Executive and Operations Report

a. Events and Opportunities to Participate

- i. Executive Director Totten stated that there are numerous events taking place this month. If you have accepted a ticket but are unable to attend at the last minute, please notify Janelle as soon as possible.

b. DEIJB Training for Commissioners & Staff

- ii. Executive Director Totten announced that the next meeting is March 19th via Zoom and encouraged participation from Commissioners.

c. Special Projects – CCSWG’s 60-Year Anniversary

- i. Executive Director Totten suggested staff would appreciate ideas from the Commission for the upcoming 60th anniversary celebration.
- ii. Chair Gomez suggested forming an ad hoc committee to explore planning options. Several Commissioners expressed interest in participating.
- iii. Executive Director Totten added that several major partners are also planning significant milestones this year, presenting collaboration opportunities. She noted the hope to have additional staff by June and the potential to fundraise and acknowledged that the Commission’s founding structure presents some unique considerations.

VII. Staff Policy Report

- a. There was not a policy report given because the policy work was discussed earlier by the Policy Committee during the voting item.
- b.

VIII. Staff Programs, Grants, & Events Report

a. SB 24

- i. Jen, Special Projects Manager, provided a brief update that the Grants subcommittee met.
- ii. Staff are currently exploring options for remaining expenditure plans.

b. Equal Pay Pledge

- i. Executive Director Totten shared that a social media campaign is underway in collaboration with the First Partner's Office focused on Equal Pay Days.

IX. External Affairs Updates

- a. Executive Director Totten suggested that Commissioner review the board packet regarding material at the top of the packet for all updates related to events and partners as the meeting was running late.

X. Public Comment – including matters not on the agenda*

- a. There was no public comment.

XI. Adjourn

- a. The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

