

**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 **March 13, 2025** **6:00PM**

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

Second District: Katie Gordon

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

Fourth District: Gina Fortino Dickson (Chair), Letitia Hanke, Izzy Arreguin (Leave of absence)

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

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Human Resources Large Training Room
575 Administration Drive, Suite 117C, Santa Rosa, CA 95403
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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 and 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 February 13, 2025 Meeting Minutes

5. Officer Reports, Commissioner Announcements, Administrative Updates

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

any commission-related announcements, report on communications with supervisors, and announce any tabling opportunities.

- a. Seeking a new Youth Commission Project Program Manager
- b. Proclaiming Women's History Month at all City Councils

**6. Commissioner Announcements and Agenda Items for April 10, 2025
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. Two vacant positions in the 2nd district and one 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. Sonoma State University seeking community partners to offer input on how SSU be reconfigured to meet the needs of our region. The Commission will discuss and perhaps authorize the Officers to be part of this process.
- b. Continuation of topic/team selection for CSW meetings
 - i. Identify planning team for the condition of unhoused women for April's meeting
 - ii. Identify the topic and team for July's meeting
 - o Topics: behavioral health sub part SB43 implementation- care courts or immigrant servicesBring your resources to share with the team leads

10. Adjournment

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COUNTY OF SONOMA
COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Thursday, February 13, 2025

6:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting

Commissioners Present:

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**

Fifth District: Elizabeth Beaty

Commissioners Absent:

Fourth District: Izzy Arreguin (Leave of absence)

Fifth District: Zobida McCorquodale (Leave of absence)

*Commissioner Padian attended via Zoom due per AB2449 and left early at approximately at 6:47pm.

*Commissioner Hanke left early at approximately at 8:30pm.

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

1. Call To Order, Roll Call

Meeting called to order at approximately 6:01 PM. Roll call taken by Staff.

2. Land Acknowledgement

Commissioner Giudice-White read the Land Acknowledgement.

3. Open Time for Public Comment

No Public Comment.

4. Consent Calendar

a. Approval of the January 9, 2025, Meeting Minutes

b. Commission on the Status of Women Biennial Work Plan Report

Chair Fortino Dickson announced that some sections of the biennial work plan report might be revised per County of Sonoma Human Resources (HR) recommendations. The Commission agreed to postpone considering the report until the March meeting after the Officers and HR meet to discuss the potential revisions. Three separate motions were made and voted upon:

(1) First motion to remove part b. Commission on the Status of Women Biennial Work Plan Report from the consent calendar.

No Public Comment.

Motion: Commissioner Gordon Ayes: 10 Noes: 0
Second: Vice-Chair Jones-Carter Absent: 2 Abstained: 1
Commissioners McCorquodale and Arreguin are on leave of absence. Chair Fortino Dickson abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

(2) Second motion to approve the consent calendar- the January 9, 2025 Meeting Minutes.

No Public Comment.

Motion: Commissioner Beaty Ayes: 9 Noes: 0
Second: Commissioner Gordon Absent: 2 Abstained: 2
Commissioners McCorquodale and Arreguin are on leave of absence. Commissioner Giudice-White abstained. Chair Fortino Dickson abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

No Public Comment.

(3)Third motion to move the Commission on the Status of Women Biennial Work Plan Report to March meeting.

Motion: Commissioner Brown Ayes: 10 Noes: 0
Second: Vice-Chair Jones-Carter Absent: 2 Abstained: 1
Commissioners McCorquodale and Arreguin are on leave of absence. Chair Fortino Dickson abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

5. Officer Reports and Administrative Updates

- a. Chair Fortino Dickson announced that Commissioner Isler will be resigning from the Commission after man years of service on the CSW, and a new Junior Commission Project Program Manager is needed. Commissioner Padian will help but will not be the lead. No decision was made.
- b. Chair Fortino Dickson reminded Commissioners to contact each City Council in the County to proclaim Women’s History Month. Commissioners volunteered to reach out to specific cities. The Proclamation is already calendared in Sonoma for March 5,2025.

- c. Chair Fortino Dickson reminded Commissioners that the Board of Supervisor will adopt Women's History Month Gold resolution on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 1:30pm and invited everyone to attend.
- d. Chair Fortino Dickson summarized Sonoma State University's budget deficit problem, i.e., Sonoma State administration is in the process of financially restructuring including layoffs and program cuts such as eliminating women's and gender studies. The Commission has been asked to support maintaining women's and gender studies. There will be a Town Hall on February 21, 2025. Commissioner Brown proposed that the CSW submit a written statement and made a motion to empower the Chair to draft a brief statement of concerns including the impact of this significant reorganization of Sonoma State without sufficient input from the public on the consequences on faculty, students, the bigger community and to, support all efforts to find a way to provide the funding that would allow a temporary reprieve until a more permanent solution can be found.

No Public Comment.

Motion: Commissioner Brown Ayes: 10 Noes: 0
Second: Commissioner Padian Absent: 2 Abstained: 1

Commissioners McCorquodale and Arreguin are on leave of absence. Chair Fortino Dickson abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

6. Strategic Planning

The Commission proposed to restructure the way the Commission does their work by eliminating the ad hoc model and working together to bring different topics that women and girls of Sonoma County are facing to their monthly meetings. This process will educate the Commission on those topics and help more effective advocacy and action. The Commission spent most of the remainder of the meeting brainstorming in breakout groups ideas of implementing the new meeting structure. The Commission concluded the meeting by selecting their first topic, Homelessness. They will continue this discussion on March 13, 2025, during their regular meeting.

7. Commissioner Announcements and Agenda Items for March 13, 2025 Commission Meeting

- a. Continue selecting meeting topics

8. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.