

Contra Costa Commission for Women and Girls Meeting Minutes April 28, 2026

- I. **Call to order**
 - A. Meeting called to order at 7:03pm
- II. **Roll Call**
 - A. In-person: Nakenya Allen, Shruti Adusumilli, Marilyn Cachola Lucey, Sonya Bates, Joey Smith, Destiny Briscoe, Christy Lam Julian
 - B. Zoom: Dena Acosta-Beere
 - C. New applicants: Kimberly Mahoney (fifth meeting), Dr. Jalaima Nichols (first meeting), Ava Roberts (first meeting), Nadia Ann (first meeting)
 - D. Jennifer Rizzo's absence was excused
- III. **Public Comment**
 - A. Three attendees made public comment
- IV. **Chair's Commission Orientation/Reorientation Presentation - information only, no action**
 - A. Chair Marilyn Cachola Lucey presented an orientation for new members and provided guiding questions on commission activities
- V. **ACTION: Appoint Secretary Pro Tem**
 - A. Destiny Briscoe moved to appoint Shruti Adusumilli as Secretary Pro Tem. Motion seconded by Nakenya Allen.
 1. Ayes: Nakenya Allen, Shruti Adusumilli, Marilyn Cachola Lucey, Sonya Bates, Joey Smith, Destiny Briscoe, Dena Acosta-Beere, Christy Lam Julian
 2. Motion passed
- VI. **Consent Agenda**
 - A. **ACTION: Consider adoption of the consent agenda**

Destiny Briscoe moved to adopt the consent agenda, with three items being considered separately.

 - Roll call: Nakenya Allen, Shruti Adusumilli, Marilyn Cachola Lucey, Sonya Bates, Joey Smith, Destiny Briscoe, Dena Acosta-Beere, Christy Lam Julian
 - Motion passed
 1. **Approve minutes from March 24, 2026 meeting**
 - a) *Considered separately*
 2. **Approve minutes from April 18, 2026 Special Meeting**
 - a) *Considered separately*
 3. **Accept, with regrets, Commissioner Dr. LeJon Payne's resignation from the Commission**

4. Accept Commissioner Acosta-Beere's resignation from the Membership Committee

a) Considered separately

VII. Consider any items removed from the consent agenda

A. Three items considered separately

1. Approve minutes from March 24, 2026 meeting

a) Destiny Briscoe moved to approve the item for discussion. Motion seconded by Joey Smith, but Destiny Briscoe withdrew the motion.

b) Christy Lam Julian moved to table the item for consideration at the next meeting on May 26, 2026, to include her concerns. Motion seconded by Joey Smith.

(1) Roll call: Nakenya Allen, Shruti Adusumilli, Marilyn Cachola Lucey, Sonya Bates, Joey Smith, Destiny Briscoe, Dena Acosta-Beere, Christy Lam Julian

(2) Motion passed

c) Friendly amendment to previous motion. Marilyn Cachola Lucey moved to table the item for consideration at the next meeting on May 26, 2026 to include considerations brought forward by Christy Lam Julian and Nakenya Allen. Motion seconded by Destiny Briscoe.

(1) Roll call: Nakenya Allen, Shruti Adusumilli, Marilyn Cachola Lucey, Sonya Bates, Joey Smith, Destiny Briscoe, Dena Acosta-Beere, Christy Lam Julian

(2) Motion passed

2. Approve minutes from April 18, 2026 Special Meeting

a) Marilyn Cachola Lucey moved to table the item for consideration at the next meeting on May 26, 2026 to include considerations brought forward by Christy Lam Julian and Nakenya Allen. Motion seconded by Destiny Briscoe.

(1) Roll call: Nakenya Allen, Shruti Adusumilli, Marilyn Cachola Lucey, Sonya Bates, Joey Smith, Destiny Briscoe, Dena Acosta-Beere, Christy Lam Julian

(2) Motion passed

3. Accept Commissioner Acosta-Beere's resignation from the Membership Committee

- a) Dena Acosta-Beere asked for this item to be considered separately to include her resignation from the commission as a whole.
- b) Marilyn Cachola Lucy moved to accept, with regrets, Commissioner Acosta-Beere's resignation from the Membership Committee, and the commission as a whole. Motion seconded by Destiny Briscoe.
- c) Motion amended by Marilyn Cachola Lucey to add April 29, 2026, as the resignation date. Motion seconded by Destiny Briscoe.
 - (1) Roll call: Nakenya Allen, Shruti Adusumilli, Marilyn Cachola Lucey, Sonya Bates, Joey Smith, Destiny Briscoe, Dena Acosta-Beere, Christy Lam Julian
 - (2) Motion passed

VIII. Treasurer's Report

A. ACTION: Consider accepting Treasurer's Report

- 1. Joey Smith moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion seconded by Nakenya Allen.
 - a) Roll call: Nakenya Allen, Shruti Adusumilli, Marilyn Cachola Lucey, Sonya Bates, Joey Smith, Destiny Briscoe, Dena Acosta-Beere, Christy Lam Julian
 - b) Motion passed

B. ACTION: Consider authorizing Chair/County to terminate Calatrello Creatives, dba Maven Marketing & Co., contract early

- 1. Destiny Briscoe moved to terminate the contract early. Motion seconded by Joey Smith.
 - a) Roll call: Nakenya Allen, Shruti Adusumilli, Marilyn Cachola Lucey, Sonya Bates, Joey Smith, Destiny Briscoe, Christy Lam Julian
 - b) Dena Acosta-Beere abstained
 - c) Motion passed

IX. Report on Special Meeting

A. ACTION: Consider acknowledging Commission attendance record March 2025-March 2026

- 1. Marilyn Cachola Lucey moved to acknowledge the record. Motion seconded by Destiny Briscoe.
 - a) Roll call: Nakenya Allen, Shruti Adusumilli, Marilyn Cachola Lucey, Sonya Bates, Joey Smith, Destiny Briscoe, Dena Acosta-Beere, Christy Lam Julian
 - b) Motion passed

B. ACTION: Consider adopting proposed Complaint Intake and Administrative Handling Procedure

1. Destiny Briscoe moved to table the item to gain clarification existing county procedural documents. Motion seconded by Christy Lam Julian
 - a) Roll call: Nakenya Allen, Shruti Adusumilli, Marilyn Cachola Lucey, Sonya Bates, Joey Smith, Destiny Briscoe, Dena Acosta-Beere, Christy Lam Julian
 - b) Motion passed

C. ACTION: Consider adopting proposed Standing Rule: Preparation and Content of Meeting Minutes

1. Nakenya Allen moved to table the item. Motion seconded by Destiny Briscoe.
 - a) Roll call: Nakenya Allen, Shruti Adusumilli, Marilyn Cachola Lucey, Sonya Bates, Joey Smith, Destiny Briscoe, Dena Acosta-Beere, Christy Lam Julian
 - b) Motion passed

X. District Member's Report

- A. District Member's Reports provided for District 1, 2, 5

XI. Legislation Committee

A. ACTION: Consider approval of Chair's appointments to the Legislation Committee

1. *Sonya Bates and Nakenya Allen appointed by Marilyn Cachola Lucey*

XII. Public Relations Committee

A. ACTION: Consider approval of Chair's appointments to the Public Relations Committee

1. *Shruti Adusumilli and Christy Lam Julian appointed by Marilyn Cachola Lucey*

Destiny Briscoe moved to extend the meeting time. Motion seconded by Joey Smith.

- Roll call: Nakenya Allen, Shruti Adusumilli, Marilyn Cachola Lucey, Sonya Bates, Joey Smith, Destiny Briscoe, Dena Acosta-Beere, Christy Lam Julian
- Motion passed

XIII. Membership Committee

A. ACTION: Consider recommendation of applicant Kimberly Mahoney for appointment to the Commission

1. Destiny Briscoe moved to recommend. Motion seconded by Joey Smith.

a) Roll call: Nakenya Allen, Shruti Adusumilli, Marilyn Cachola Lucey, Sonya Bates, Joey Smith, Destiny Briscoe, Dena Acosta-Beere, Christy Lam Julian

b) Motion passed

B. Joey Smith appointed by Marilyn Cachola Lucey to committee.

1. Destiny Briscoe moved to approve all committee appointments. Motion seconded by Joey Smith.

a) Roll call: Nakenya Allen, Shruti Adusumilli, Marilyn Cachola Lucey, Sonya Bates, Joey Smith, Destiny Briscoe, Dena Acosta-Beere, Christy Lam Julian

b) Motion passed

XIV. Special Ad Hoc Committee: Standing Rules

A. ACTION: Consider creation of Standing Rules Special Committee

1. Commissioners deliberated. No action was taken.

B. ACTION: Consider approval of Chair's appointments to the Standing Rules Committee

1. Item not discussed. No action was taken.

XV. Commissioner Announcements

A. Information shared about Developmental Disabilities Council Gala

B. Information shared about APAPA Tri-Valley free 5-day Civic Leadership and College Readiness Summer Bridge Program for first-generation college youth and young adults, July 13-17.

XVI. ACTION: Consider adjournment

A. The meeting adjourned at 9:44 PM. The next meeting is on May 26, 2026 at 7 pm.