

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 24, 2026

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Shauna Polk called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Shauna Polk, Joey Smith, Christy Lam-Julian, LeJon Payne, Jennifer Rizzo, Dena Acosta-Beere, Sherina Criswell, Nakenya Allen, Destiny Briscoe, Marilyn Cachola Lucey.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was received.

4. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

The Commission considered approval of prior meeting minutes.

Motion: Motion made and seconded.

ACTION: Approved prior meeting minutes as amended.

Amendments Included:

- Leadership candidacy clarification
- Roster and vacancy corrections
- Term date clarification
- Reappointment process clarification

RESULT: Motion passed by roll-call vote.

5. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS UPDATE

The Commission received an update regarding the International Women's Day event.

ACTION: Report received. No action taken.

6. GOVERNANCE MATERIALS REVIEW

Staff reported distribution of:

- Commission Bylaws
- Advisory Body Handbook
- Teleconference Procedures

ACTION: Report received. No action taken.

7. STATE OF THE COMMISSION REPORT

The Commission received a report regarding Commission activities and operations.

ACTION: Report received. No action taken.

8. GOVERNANCE DISCUSSION

The Commission discussed governance-related matters.

ACTION: No action taken.

9. MEMBERSHIP RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Recommendation of Shruti Adusumilli for Appointment

Motion: Motion made and seconded.

ACTION: Recommended appointment of Shruti Adusumilli to the Commission.

RESULT: Motion passed unanimously by roll-call vote.

B. Recommendation of Tamara Peterson for Appointment

Motion: Motion made and seconded.

ACTION: Recommended appointment of Tamara Peterson to the Commission.

RESULT: Motion passed unanimously by roll-call vote.

C. Recommendation of Sonya Bates for Appointment

Motion: Motion made and seconded.

ACTION: Recommended appointment of Sonya Bates to the Commission.

RESULT: Motion passed unanimously by roll-call vote.

D. Applicant Review Process

The Commission discussed applicant review procedures.

ACTION: No action taken.

10. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Commission conducted officer elections.

RESULTS:

Office	Elected
Chair	Marilyn Cachola Lucey
Vice Chair	Nakenya Allen
Treasurer	Dena Acosta-Beere
Secretary	Vacant

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:15 p.m.