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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. Social Media Contractor Melissa Leonard Presentation**

Melissa Leonard talking about goals to have an internet presence

**5. Consent Calendar**

- a. Approval of the August 14, 2025 Meeting Minutes
- b. Approval of the September 11, 2025 Meeting Minutes

**6. 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. CSW 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on December 23, 2025.

**7. Commissioner Announcements and Agenda Items for November 13, 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.

- a. Mental Health Hearing

**8. Openings And Appointments**

Officers will report out on current openings.

- a. Welcome Amy Granados and complete her oath of office
- b. Three vacant positions, one in the 4th district and two in the 5th district.

**9. Business Items**

- a. ICE through Our Eyes Event Debrief  
Debrief to talk about the September 11, 2025 CSW meeting
- b. Commissioner's Expectation  
Review the expectations to be a Commissioner
- c. Next Panel  
Commissioner Giudice-White leading the Mental Health hearing, but volunteers needed

**10. Adjournment**

**DRAFT-MINUTES**  
**COUNTY OF SONOMA**  
**COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN**

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**Thursday, August 14, 2025**

**6:00 PM**

**Hybrid Meeting**

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**Commissioners Present:**

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

**Second District:** Katie Gordon, Shernaz Mejos\*, Jenny Belway

**Third District:** Melanie Jones-Carter (Vice-Chair), Katarina Giudice-White (OAL)

**Fourth District:** Gina Fortino Dickson (Chair)

**Fifth District:** Elizabeth Beaty

**Commissioners Absent:**

**First District:** Nancy Padian

**Fourth District:** Letitia Hanke (Leave of absence)

**Fifth District:** Zobida McCorquodale

\*Commissioner Mejos arrived at approximately at 6:09pm.

**Meeting held through publicly available in-person and virtually.**

**1. Call To Order, Roll Call**

Meeting called to order at approximately 6:08 PM.

**2. Land Acknowledgement**

Commissioner Pakaki read the Land Acknowledgement.

**3. Open Time for Public Comment**

No Public Comment.

**4. Consent Calendar**

- a. Approval of the July 10, 20252025, Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve July 10, 2025 Meeting Minutes made and seconded

No Public Comment.

Motion: Commissioner Beaty

Ayes: 8

Noes: 0

Second: Commissioner Pakaki

Absent: 3

Abstained: 1

Commissioners Padian and McCorquodale were absent. Commissioner Hanke is on leave of absence. Chair Fortino Dickson abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

**5. Officer Reports, Commissioner Announcements, Administrative Updates**

- a. Commissioner Jones-Carter reminded Commissioners about cleaning out the storage unit on Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at 10am.
- b. Commissioner Mejos reported she meet with Supervisor Rabbitt, and was informed that the County granted \$500,000 for designated non-profits working to provide pro-bono legal services, social services, and mental health services to meet the needs of the undocumented population in the face of immigration enforcement.
- c. Commissioner Jones-Carter shared that the Junior Commission had their Orientation on Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup> and about 25 students showed up.
- d. Commissioners Gordon and Beaty met with Tracy Lyons- BOS Chair Hopkins' Chief of Staff to discuss how the Commission can better align its agenda with the Board of Supervisors' legislative priorities. She suggested meeting with the new Chair of the BOS yearly, communicating with appointed Supervisors, reintroducing past reports when relevant agenda items arise, submitting CSW reports as public comment, and reviewing the Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) agendas to identify other topics of current interest, e.g., how Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) could help reduce the housing crisis in the County, farmworker housing, and women's economic security.
- e. The County of Sonoma Invited CSW to attend the BOS meeting on October 7, 2025 at 1:30pm to accept a gold resolution in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

**6. Commissioner Announcements and Agenda Items for September 11, 2025 Commission Meeting**

- a. The Commission will be hosting "ICE through our eyes" Panel discussion on September 11, 2025. Four speakers will be discussing the impacts of ICE enforcement on women and their families in Sonoma County.

**7. Openings And Appointments**

- a. Chair Fortino Dickson announced one vacant position in the 3rd district, one in the 4th district, and one in the 5th district. Staff announced that district 3 will be appointing a new Commissioner on September 16<sup>th</sup>.

**8. Business Items**

- a. Women's Equality Day Resolution

No Discussion. Motion to approve the Women's Equality Day Resolution.

No Public Comment.

Motion: Commissioner Brown  
Second: Commissioner Belway

Ayes: 8  
Absent: 3

Noes: 0  
Abstained: 1

Commissioners Padian and McCorquodale were absent. Commissioner Hanke is on leave of absence. Chair Fortino Dickson abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

**b. CSW Bylaws**

The Commission reviewed the revised bylaws. Discussion focused on most recent changes. Motion to approve the CSW bylaws was made and seconded.

No Public Comment.

Motion: Commissioner Gordon	Ayes: 8	Noes: 0
Second: Commissioner Beaty	Absent: 3	Abstained: 1

Commissioners Padian and McCorquodale were absent. Commissioner Hanke is on leave of absence. Chair Fortino Dickson abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

**c. 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget**

Chair Fortino Dickson led the discussion on allocating budget to reflect the Commission's work plan. The Commission decided to allocate funds to 3 categories: \$5,500 to the general fund (Not including social media), \$4,050 to the Junior Commission Educational Program, and \$10,450 to the Community Outreach (this includes social media expenditures). Motion to approve the budget and work plans was made and seconded.

No Public Comment.

Motion: Commissioner Beaty	Ayes: 8	Noes: 0
Second: Commissioner Mejos	Absent: 3	Abstained: 1

Commissioners Padian and McCorquodale were absent. Commissioner Hanke is on leave of absence. Chair Fortino Dickson abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

**9. Adjournment**

This meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

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Meeting called to order at approximately 6:05 PM.

**2. Land Acknowledgement**

Commissioner Pakaki read the Land Acknowledgement.

**3. Open Time for Public Comment**

No Public Comment.

**4. Adjournment**

Commissioners Pakaki, Gordon, Jones-Carter, Giudice-White, Hanke, and McCorquodale were unable to attend the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:07PM due to a lack of quorum.