



# COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

## COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

### Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 24, 2026, 6:00-8:00pm

**1. Call to Order & Land Acknowledgement**

**2. Roll Call**

a. **Commissioners Present:**

b. Julissa Acosta, Dayna Chung, Aileen Cassinetto, Amani Shroff, Ann Girard, Siyona Jain, Susan Kokores, Larisa Ocañada, Susan Takalo, Michelle Stewart, Irma Zoepf; the following were in attendance but arrived after the Agenda & Consent Agenda vote: Nirmala Bandrapalli, Meghan Crowell, Amy McHugh, Aysha Pamukcu.

c. Staff: Tanya Beat, Connie Franco, Tim Fox (Deputy Attorney, SMC Attorney's Office)

d. Absent: Ana Avendaño, Trish Erwin, Rosie Tejada, La Saundra Gutter

**3. Public Comment:** Joyce Ganthavorn, Bubby (on Zoom)

**4. Action to set Agenda and Approve Consent Agenda**

- Motion to approve agenda and January minutes and move February minutes to the next meeting by Susan Kokores, seconded by Julissa Acosta. Approved.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

5. Approval of January 2026 Minutes only.

6. Approval of February 2026 Minutes moved to April 2026 Agenda.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**7. Brown Act Changes with SB 707 – Presentation by Tim Fox, Deputy County Attorney**

- Discussion and questions by commissioners
- Will vote on this option at the April CSW meeting

**8. President's Report – Ann Girard**

- Please see meeting materials for President's Report and the CSW Annual Report for 2025

**9. Spotlight – Siyona Jain**

**10. Listen and Learn Debrief for D5 – Larisa Ocañada**

- Summary review (see meeting materials)
- CSW Feedback
  - Great venue; just need to clarify location because it was confused with the high school.
  - PPT is really important; perhaps edit it to be more concise?
  - We provide a safe space for women to share (big plus)
  - We need to provide them more time to share (some tables) and for other tables, perhaps more follow up questions?
  - Having child watch volunteers was fantastic
- Next Listen & Learn is June 23, 6-8pm at MLK, JR Center in San Mateo

**11. Women's Hall of Fame – debrief and thank you**

- Event Survey Results
- Biggest aspect to change in the future is to keep the program shorter; shorter intros for Supervisors; ask them to keep their intros shorter and then require honorees to be under 5 minutes.

**12. Women's Equality Day**

- First Planning Committee meeting will be Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>; Tanya will send out Doodle for time
- Event will be Tuesday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at Burlingame Community Center

**13. Fund the Future Update**

- Please see meeting materials
- CalSavers was able to show that the work done to increase registrations in SMC significantly increased from August – December, 2025
- The retirement sub-group and the financial wellness sub-group are merging together.

**14. Announcements**

- Aysha Pamukcu shared that she facilitated the retreat for the Board of Supervisors; strong themes on Housing (for vulnerable populations), Economic Development, and AI. The CSW Women's Equality Day was a very positive influence on President Corzo which influenced the retreat.
- Art Gallery opening in Half Moon Bay, April 4, 1-4pm Opening.
- Uplifting safe spaces for women is incredibly important in the light of Dolores Huerta's announcement. We need to continue to move forward in providing spaces for women.
- Nirmala Bandrapalli is starting a non-profit called IntergenConnect: mission is to help connect seniors and the younger generation for connection and support.

**15. Adjournment**