



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

LGBTQIA+ COMMISSION

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual plus (LGBTQIA+) Commission

Tuesday, August 18, 2026

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order, Land Acknowledgement		
2. Roll Call		Present: Dave Crafts, Marilyn Hollinger, Dana Johnson, Fabricio Perez, Vanessa Lemus-Tapia, both Mike Cooper and Chris Sturken arrived after the vote to approve the agenda & consent agenda. <u>Non-Commissioners:</u> Tanya Beat, Frankie Sapp Absent: Camille Kennedy, Jade Howard
3. Public Comment		Member of the public on Zoom: Jordan Anderson, Edian Valenzuela, Linda Wolin, Erik-Lucien Vallone Members of the public In-Person: Rebecca Schwartz, Tatum King
4. Action to Set Agenda & Approve Consent	Action	Marilyn Hollinger motions to approve agenda, seconded by Dave Crafts. Approved (no Chris, no Mike)
CONSENT AGENDA		
5. Approval of August Minutes	Action	
REGULAR AGENDA		
6. Reflection & Discussion	Discussion	Dave Crafts facilitated a discussion about purpose of the LGBTQIA+ Commission - Absolutely the community would feel the impact with the absence of the Commission; each commissioner represents a relationship with their networks - As a group, our reach is limited. As individuals, we each do a lot. Especially during Pride month - Each person can reflect and share on their “why” they joined the Commission and what each person commits to that is moving LGBTQ+ issues forward.
7. Pride Center Report		Frankie Sapp – please see Pride Center report in materials - Cheer SF is donating \$1,000 to the Pride Center - Medi-Cal therapy is stopped due to the certification and needing a space. - Currently they are providing fee-for-service option. They can take insurance; just not Medi-Cal.
8. Sub-Committee Updates		SpeakOUT (Marilyn Hollinger, Chris Sturken, Dave Crafts, Vanessa Lemus-Tapia)

		- Training debrief and Next Steps - First training/meeting: 4 attendees - Need to create an Action Alert/List to be able to send to our list of SpeakOUT! people. - Engagement (Mike Cooper, Fabricio Perez, Dana Johnson, Jade Howard) - Meeting location discussion: - SSF does not have space - Fabricio looked into Millbrae Library & can reserve for September - Space requirements: must be in San Mateo County; can easily hold 15 people; be ADA accessible; have free wifi (for Zoom) - Erik-Lucien is offering the conference room at CORA in San Mateo
9. County Update		Christina Falla and Tanya Beat Pride Initiative's September meeting will be strategic planning. Status of the Pride Center: Tanya will let you know about whether to make public comment at the next BOS meeting. Next month we will have more of an update. Support of the Pride Center is really important right now. What does that look like? Resolution? Letter of support? Just being visible. Make public comment. Commission will create a letter of support. Revise and edit. Then submit to Christina.
10. Announcements		Rooted Together Gala on Sept 18 at San Mateo Event Center. Dana Johnson is running for SMC Board of Education, Area 2 Chris Sturken is re-running for City Council, Redwood City.
11. Adjournment		