

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

Thursday, October 13, 2022

6:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting

Commissioners Present:

First District: Jan Blalock (Chair), Nancy Padian

Second District: Caitlin Quinn, Katie Gordon

Third District: Ana Diaz-Garcia, Ofra Isler

Fourth District: Marta Cruz-Concepción, Gina Fortino Dickson

Fifth District: Jessica Wood (Vice Chair), Angie Dillon-Shore, Zobida McCorquodale

Commissioners Absent:

First District: Joanne M. Brown (OAL)

Second District: Julie Shulman

Third District: Amber Lucas (LOA)

Meeting held through publicly available link via Zoom Meeting, and in-person

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. Roll call was conducted by the Chair.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Land acknowledgement was read.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

No members of the public addressed the commission.

4. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 11, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Commissioner Quinn

Ayes: 9

Noes: 0

Second: Commissioner Gordon

Absent: 3

Abstained: 2

Commissioner Lucas (on leave), Brown, and Shulman were absent.

Commissioner McCorquodale abstained she did not attend the last meeting.

Chair Blalock abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

5. OFFICER REPORTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

Officers and Staff to discuss administrative-related matters including, but not limited to, field trip ideas and speaker coordination.

- a. Chair Blalock reported on the Athena House Event. A barbeque event at the Rincon Valley Park, the CEO and Shirlee Zane were there. They reviewed the plans and sketches for the new house.

6. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Commissioner Quinn reported on Pride in Petaluma. It was successful and it will continue to be held in October.
- b. Commissioner Quinn reported that she did not get reappointed and that this was her last meeting as Commissioner.
- c. Commissioner Garcia invited the commission to El Dia de los Muertos Trunk or Treat at Mitote Park (Sebastopol Rd.) in Santa Rosa on October 22nd and 23rd.

7. OPENINGS AND APPOINTMENTS

Chair Blalock welcomed commissioner Zobida McCorquodale to the commission. Commissioner McCorquodale introduced herself and the other commission introduced themselves as well.

- a. We currently have one opening in the 4th district.

8. BUSINESS ITEMS

- a. Commissioner Isler reviewed the proposed budget for the Junior Commission Project. Motion to approve the proposed budget.

Motion: Commissioner Quinn Ayes: 10 Noes: 0
Second: Commissioner Gordon Absent: 3 Abstained: 1
Commissioner Lucas (on leave), Brown, and Shulman were absent. Chair Blalock abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

- b. Chair Blalock talked about the Sonoma County Human Trafficking Task Force Bus back project. The proposed project would take the same design as last year and pay for it to be displayed on as many buses as they can afford. Motion to approve \$350 for the Human Trafficking Task Force bus backs.

Motion: Commissioner Wood Ayes: 10 Noes: 0
Second: Commissioner Quinn Absent: 3 Abstained: 1
Commissioner Lucas (on leave), Brown and Shulman were absent. Chair Blalock abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

- c. Chair Blalock led the discussion to cancel the December meeting and hold a holiday dinner instead. Motion to cancel the December meeting.

Motion: Commissioner Quinn Ayes: 10 Noes: 0
Second: Commissioner Fortino Dickson Absent: 3 Abstained: 1
Commissioner Lucas (on leave), Brown, and Shulman were absent. Chair Blalock abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

- d. Commissioner Quinn and Commissioner Fortino Dickson presented the Sonoma County Spirit Awards to this year's recipients. The winners of the 2022 Sonoma County Spirit Award are:
1. District 1: Lisa Diaz-McQuaid for her work empowering indigenous women and survivors of human trafficking
 2. District 2: Jasmine Palmer for her work saving Athena House and its programs from closure earlier this year
 3. District 3: Nadia Leal for her work supporting students and their families at Roseland Elementary School
 4. District 4: Brigitte Mansell for her work mentoring young people and developing climate activism
 5. District 5: Dr. Roam Romagnoli for their work as a professor teaching systems-impacted and incarcerated women.

9. AD HOC COMMITTEE AND PROJECT COMMITTEE UPDATES

Commissioners to provide reports and/or updates from the work being done by their ad hoc committee(s) and/or project committee(s).

- a. Junior Commission on the Status of Women- Commissioner Isler reported that the Juniors will continue with the previous Ask Angela Project, but she will have more information about that next meeting.
- b. Women's Recovery Response- Commissioner Gordon reported that the funding for the grant hasn't arrived, but everything is ready and MSM is working on the project.

10. PRESENTATION BY SONOMA COUNTY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Sonoma County league of Women Voters presented on the propositions that will be on the November 2022 ballot. They explained each one in depth with clarification for voters to gain knowledge on the pros and cons of each proposition.

11. COMMUNITY ISSUES, LIAISONS, AND COORDINATORS

Commissioners to provide brief updates or ideas on the following:

- a. Association of California Commissions for Women (ACCW) will be having a meeting on October 18th. Conference will be on January 20th and 21st.
- b. Human Trafficking Task Force didn't have anything else to report out
- c. Legislative Advisory Group didn't report out

- d. National Association of Commissions for Women (NACW) didn't report out
- e. YWCA is having their walk on October 22nd "Why I walk?"

12. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NOVEMBER 10, 2022 COMMISSION MEETING

Proposal, discussion, and possible action items for next Commission meeting. (No action required by commissioners for this section)

13. ADJOURNMENT 8:04 p.m.