

**MINUTES
COUNTY OF SONOMA
COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN – REGULAR MEETING**

Thursday, February 10, 2022

6.00PM

Virtual

Commissioners Present:

First District: Jan Blalock (Chair), Dianna MacDonald*, Joanne M. Brown

Second District: Katie Gordon (Officer-at-Large), Caitlin Quinn

Third District: Ofra Isler

Fourth District: Angélica Núñez, Marta Cruz-Concepción

Fifth District: Jessica Wood (Vice Chair)

Commissioners Absent:

Third District: Amber Lucas (On Leave of Absence), Lorena Barrera

*Commissioner MacDonald left approximately at 7:03PM

Meeting held through publicly available link via Zoom Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

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

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Chair Blalock read the land acknowledgement.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

No members of the public addressed the commission.

4. PRESENTATION

Ananda Sweet and Angie Dillion-Shore presented on Our Kids, Our Future initiative. This measure will address the access to childcare and access to support children’s health social-emotional and well-being. This would also expand the access to high quality childcare and early learning. This measure will go on the November 2022 ballot. They are seeking individual support to donate, volunteer to collect signatures, and outreach events.

5. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 13, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Commissioner Brown

Ayes: 8

Noes: 0

Second: Commissioner Cruz

Absent: 2

Abstained: 1

Commissioner Lucas (on leave) and Commissioner Barrera were absent. Chair Blalock abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

6. OFFICER REPORTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

- a. Chair Blalock reminded everyone to be involved with an ad hoc until June when the Strategic Planning will be happening.
- b. Commissioner Gordon reported on the Women's Recovery Response Grant. Commissioner Gordon, Commissioner Isler and Chair Blalock submitted a proposal to partner with Mount Saint Mary's. They will submit the final grant proposal on Monday, February 14, 2022.

7. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Commissioner Cruz-Concepción reported that there are a lot of initiatives towards childcare and families. She will share the presentation from Ananda and Angie.
- b. Commissioner Wood reminded commissioners to submit their 1-minute video before March meeting.
- c. Commissioner Gordon recognizes Commissioner MacDonald's appointment to the Santa Rosa City Council.
- d. Commissioner MacDonald mentioned Sonoma County Alliance invited CSW to present at their March meeting. There are 2 spots available and Chair Blalock invited the commission to attend.

8. OPENINGS AND APPOINTMENTS

- a. Chair Blalock reported openings in the 2nd, 4th, and 5th Districts. The officers will be discussing a possible recruitment campaign at their next Officers meeting
- b. Commissioner Cruz will check on an applicant for District 4
- c. Staff performed the oath of office for Chair Blalock

9. BUSINESS ITEMS

- a. Chair Blalock proposed to renew the membership with ACCW and pay the prorated \$100 dues for the remainder of this fiscal year. Motion to pay the renewal fee of \$100.

Motion: Commissioner Brown	Ayes: 8	Noes: 0
Second: Commissioner Wood	Absent: 2	Abstained: 1

Commissioner Lucas (on leave) and Commissioner Barrera were absent. Chair Blalock abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

10. AD HOC COMMITTEE AND PROJECT COMMITTEE UPDATES

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

- a. CSW Monthly Radio Project reported that they have someone for the next couple of months, but after they will assess whether the ad hoc will continue. Commissioner Wood recommends the ad hoc to do something with childcare to amplify what's going on with the childcare initiative that was discussed during the presentation.
- b. Commissioner Quinn is seeking new judges for the Spirit Award. Please send your nominations to Commissioner Quinn via email.
- c. Commissioner Brown reported out for Impact of Covid-19 on Women in the Workforce ad hoc. After hearing the presentation, they will brainstorm on strategies to be more actively involved in the initiative.
- d. The Junior Commission on the Status of Women will be resending the emails to schools to boost applications. Waiting on social media and graphics. Invited Commissioners to

- be involved with interviews in mid-April to late-April. The Career panel is coming up.
- e. Commissioner Gordon reported out for Voices that they want to take advantage of the money the California Commission is offering. They would like to create a report from all the data already collected.
 - f. Commissioner Gordon reported on CEDAW Resolution. It got halted by the County Administrator's Office. The County is reviewing the resolution policy and all the resolutions are on hold while it's being reviewed. In a month, we'll get more feedback and discuss different options for CEDAW.

11. COMMUNITY ISSUES, LIAISONS, AND COORDINATORS

Commissioners to provide brief updates or ideas on the following:

- a. Association of California Commissions for Women (ACCW) did not have anything to report.
- b. Human Trafficking Task Force had a busy month with events throughout the community.
- c. The Legislative Advisory Group reported on the Women's Caucus of California Legislature Priority 2021-2022 and Commissioner Brown didn't find any issue related to the advocacy that the Commission does.
- d. Chair Blalock didn't have anything to report for National Association of Commissions for Women (NACW).
- e. Commissioner Wood did not have anything to report for YWCA.

12. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT COMMISSION MEETING

- a. Revisit the Social Media Guide

13. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:12PM