

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

Thursday, May 12, 2022

6.00PM

Virtual

Commissioners Present:

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

Second District: Caitlin Quinn

Fourth District: Marta Cruz-Concepción

Fifth District: Jessica Wood (Vice Chair)

Commissioners Absent:

Second District: Katie Gordon (Officer-at-Large)

Third District: Ofra Isler, Amber Lucas (On Leave of Absence)

Fourth District: Angélica Núñez

Meeting held through publicly available link via Zoom Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at approximately 6:02PM. 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. APPROVAL OF MARCH 10, 2022 AND APRIL 28, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve the March 10, 2022 minutes.

Motion: Commissioner Quinn

Ayes: 4

Noes: 0

Second: Commissioner Brown

Absent: 4

Abstained: 1

Commissioner Núñez, Gordon, and Isler were absent. Commissioner Lucas is on leave. Chair Blalock abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

Motion to approve the April 10, 2022 minutes.

Motion: Commissioner Quinn

Ayes: 2

Noes: 0

Second: Commissioner Wood

Absent: 4

Abstained: 3

Commissioner Núñez, Gordon, and Isler were absent. Commissioner Lucas is on leave. Chair Blalock abstained as Chair. Commissioner Brown and Cruz abstained. Motion passed.

5. OFFICER REPORTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

- a. Chair Blalock reported on the budget increase for the commission that HR has proposed to the BOS. She invited everyone to reach out to their Supervisors to encourage the budget increase.
- b. Chair Blalock reported on having a booth for the Sonoma County Pride on June 4th from 11am-5pm. She invited commissioners to participate and will also invite the Jr. Commission to attend.
- c. The Commission will be tabling at the Wednesday Night Market on August 24, 2022. Discussion on expanding outreach in other cities and on the materials being handed out.
- d. Chair Blalock reminded the commission to think of new ad hocs.
- e. Staff reported on the new website. She invited the commissioners to explore the website especially on their ad hocs and to provide her with editing suggestions.
- f. Chair Blalock reported briefly on the Women’s Recovery Grant that the commission was awarded, but didn’t go into details because the other commissioners were absent.

6. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Commissioner Quinn reported on the new commissioner, Julie Shulman for the 2nd District.
- b. Commissioner Cruz reported that her supervisor will support the budget increase for CSW and reported on the Alexander Valley Film Festival and had encouraged women to submit their film for the festival.

7. OPENINGS AND APPOINTMENTS

- a. There are openings in all districts- one in the 1st, one in the 2nd, one in the 3rd, one in the 4th, and two in the 5th districts.
- b. Chair Blalock has communicated with the Board of Supervisors and has conveyed the urgency for new appointments.

8. BUSINESS ITEMS

- a. Chair Blalock read the descriptions of the Officer roles.
- b. Nominations and elections for Chair, Vice Chair and Officer at Large

Chair: Commissioner Quinn nominates Chair Blalock; Blalock accepts

Motion: Commissioner Quinn	Ayes: 4	Noes: 0
Second: Commissioner Brown	Absent: 4	Abstained: 1

Commissioner Núñez, Gordon, and Isler were absent. Commissioner Lucas is on leave. Chair Blalock abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

Vice Chair: Commissioner Brown nominates Vice Chair Wood; Wood accepts

Motion: Commissioner Brown	Ayes: 4	Noes: 0
Second: Commissioner Cruz	Absent: 4	Abstained: 1

Commissioner Núñez, Gordon, and Isler were absent. Commissioner Lucas is on leave. Chair Blalock abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

- c. The Junior Commission on the Status of Women had their graduation. Some Supervisors attended and were very impressed with the projects. Ask for Angela project was in the Press Democrat. Next cohort will have 22 participants.
- d. Spirit Award Ad Hoc has secured judges except for the 5th District. July 1st will be the launch. Commissioner Cruz nominated Lisa Hinton.
- e. Voices: No activity to report.
- f. CEDAW: No activity to report.

10. COMMUNITY ISSUES, LIAISONS, AND COORDINATORS

- a. Association of California Commissions for Women (ACCW) did not have anything to report.
- b. Human Trafficking Task Force is looking into bus backs. Signage inside will be free with Petaluma Transit, but still looking at cost of the bus backs.
- c. The Legislative Advisory Group reported under Impact of Covid-19 on Women in the Workforce updates. (See above)
- d. National Association of Commissions for Women (NACW) had nothing to report.
- e. YWCA had nothing to report.

11. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT COMMISSION MEETING

- a. Commissioner Cruz would like to discuss food insecurity-Bill SB744

12. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:33PM