

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

Thursday, October 12, 2023

6:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting

Commissioners Present:

First District: Jan Blalock, Joanne M. Brown (OAL), Nancy Padian

Second District: Caitlin Quinn (Chair), Katie Gordon*, Julie Shulman

Third District: Ana Diaz-Garcia, Melanie Jones-Carter

Fourth District: Gina Fortino Dickson (Vice Chair)

Commissioners Absent:

Third District: Ofra Isler

Fifth District: Jessica Wood, Angie Dillon-Shore, Zobida McCorquodale

*** Commissioner Gordon attended via Zoom (AB 2449 excuse)**

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

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at approximately 6:06 p.m. Roll call was conducted by the Chair.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Commissioner Brown read the Land Acknowledgement.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

No Public Comment.

4. PRESENTATION BY AMY APPLETON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SHARE SONOMA COUNTY

Amy Appleton founded SHARE Sonoma County services in 2014. SHARE consists of two housing programs: Home Share Program and Community House Program. Each program uses existing housing targeting different and vulnerable populations. She described many examples of the positive relationships that developed through matching tenants with homeowners. Tenants pay rent to the homeowners which is subsidized in some cases. SHARE also provides case management and property management at the residence. This combined service is intended as a steppingstone to housing stability. They have 22 Community Houses serving 82 active participants. More than 120 clients have gone through their program.

5. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve the September 14, 2023 meeting minutes was made and seconded

No Public Comment.

Motion: Commissioner Brown
Second: Commissioner Blalock

Ayes: 7 Noes: 0
Absent: 4 Abstained: 2

Commissioners Ofra, Wood, Dillon-Shore, and McCorquodale were absent. Commissioner Jones-Carter abstained. Chair Quinn abstained as Chair. Motion to approve passed.

6. OFFICER REPORTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

- a. Chair Quinn, Commissioners Hernandez and Diaz-Garcia moved the CSW property that had been in storage into the new storage unit.
- b. Commissioners Shulman and McCorquodale tabled at Women's Conversation.
- c. Commissioner Hernandez submitted her resignation from the Commission for personal reasons.
- d. Chair Quinn announced that Supervisor Rabbitt will be appointing Rebecca Kaykas-Wolff as the new member from his District. Consequently, this will be Chair Quinn's last meeting. Commissioner Fortino-Dickson will be Chair.
- e. Commissioners Brown, Blalock and Padian will be tabling at the November 9th Our Bodies/Ourselves event in Petaluma at the Petaluma Library.
- f. The November 9th meeting will be in Petaluma at the Human Services Department building on 5350 Old Redwood Hwy N, Petaluma, CA 94954.

7. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENT

- a. Commissioner Diaz- Garcia attended a car show where she encountered the Rolling Rosy-an all-women classic car rider group who fundraise against sex-trafficking.
- b. Commissioner Gordon is meeting with Chantel from Gender Equity Policy Institute to discuss the research on the reproductive landscape in Sonoma County. They want CSW to be represented in the study.

8. OPENINGS AND APPOINTMENTS

- a. Chair Quinn announced two openings in the 4th district.

9. AD HOC AND PROJECT UPDATES

- a. Commissioner Gordon reported on the Voices Report and some formatting issues with the Spanish report; she is working on uploading an ADA compliant

report on the CSW website. Such may cost more money to resolve the issues. Commissioner Gordon will send out a link to the report next week.

- b. Reproductive Rights Ad Hoc presented on a full report on access to contraception and abortion products in Sonoma County. They reported on the work they did during the first year and where year two is headed.
- c. Junior Commission Educational Project had a discussion on the movie Barbie. They were planning on watching the movie together and discuss issues/questions raised. Commissioner Padian invited the Commission to this event.

10. BUSINESS ITEMS

- a. Staff shared the current proposed budget.
- b. Ad-Hoc and Project Budget Requests
 - Voices Report Ad Hoc presented their budget of \$3,000 to be spent on advertising the report in local newspapers, which would help distribute the information more widely. Discussion began to postpone the budget request until all the budget requests are submitted. Motion was made with the exception to the Jr. Commission Educational Project, all ad hocs or projects must have their work plan and budget requests submitted timely for the November meeting and except under exceptional circumstance no other funding will be appropriated for proposals submitted outside the timeframe.

No Public Comment.

Motion: Commissioner Brown Ayes: 8 Noes: 1
Second: Commissioner Diaz-Garcia Absent: 4 Abstained: 1

Commissioners Ofra, Wood, Dillon-Shore, and McCorquodale were absent. Chair Quinn abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

- Junior Commission Education Project submitted their budget request. It's the same as last year's budget. No discussion. Motion to approve was made and seconded to approve a budget of \$1,900 for the Junior Commission Education.

No Public Comment.

Motion: Commissioner Fortino- Dickson Ayes: 8 Noes: 1

Second: Commissioner Blalock Absent: 4 Abstained: 1

Commissioners Ofra, Wood, Dillon-Shore, and McCorquodale were absent. Chair Quinn abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

c. Group Approvals

- Commissioner Brown presented on the role and responsibilities of the Legislative Advisory Group. They will assess pieces of legislation, report back to the Commission, and make recommendations for action, including writing letters of support or opposition, communicating with local legislators, and partnering with groups in support or opposition to the legislation.

Members of the ad hoc are Commissioner Brown as Chair, Jones-Carter, Shulman (as an on call expert), Diaz-Garcia, and Padian- pending Fifth District representation.

Motion to approve the ad hoc.

Motion: Commissioner Fortino-Dickson Ayes: 8 Noes: 0
Second: Commissioner Jones-Carter Absent: 4 Abstained: 1

Commissioners Ofra, Wood, Dillon-Shore, and McCorquodale were absent. Chair Quinn abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

- Chair Quinn introduced the Community Engagement Working Group. Recommendations were made to have this group create a vision and mission, to have a person from each ad hoc be part of this group, to produce a plan four community engagement for the Commission, and that events be separate from this group. Members of the ad hoc are Commissioners Jones-Carter, Diaz-Garcia, and Wood- pending.

No Public Comment.

Motion to approve the ad hoc.

Motion: Commissioner Fortino-Dickson Ayes: 8 Noes: 0
Second: Commissioner Blalock Absent: 4 Abstained: 1

Commissioner Ofra, Wood, Dillon-Shore, and McCorquodale were absent. Chair Quinn abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

- d. Commissioner Gordon proposed that Social Media Policy be labeled to next meeting. Motion to table was made and approved.

Motion: Commissioner Gordon	Ayes: 8	Noes: 0
Second: Commissioner Brown	Absent: 4	Abstained: 1

Commissioner Ofra, Wood, Dillon-Shore, and McCorquodale were absent. Chair Quinn abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

- e. Commissioner Shulman led the discussion to sponsor and advertise a book event for Incarcerated Women written by Cynthia Chase and Lara Love Hardin. Commissioner Brown added that she researched the author and book which made been presented in other venues. Commissioner Fortino- Dickson recommended that the Commission wait to approve any budget request until all ad hoc budget proposals are submitted. Motion to support the event including promoting and advertising up to \$500 in sponsorship from the general fund was made and seconded.

No Public Comment.

Motion: Commissioner Brown	Ayes: 6	Noes: 1
Second: Commissioner Blalock	Absent: 4	Abstained: 2

Commissioner Ofra, Wood, Dillon-Shore, and McCorquodale were absent. Commissioner Fortino Dickson voted no. Commissioner Padian abstained. Chair Quinn abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

- f. Commissioner Blalock led the discussion on the YWCA sponsorship request. Every year CSW sponsors YWCA Fun Run Event- 3rd annual. Their work aligns to the Commission's mission. Motion to approve \$1,000 in sponsorship to YWCA was made and seconded.

No Public Comment.

Motion: Commissioner Gordon	Ayes: 8	Noes: 0
Second: Commissioner Schulman	Absent: 4	Abstained: 1

Commissioner Ofra, Wood, Dillon-Shore, and McCorquodale were absent. Chair Quinn abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

- g. SCHTTF Education and Outreach Project for Human Trafficking Awareness Month. The request was to approve \$350 for the awareness campaign in January. The exact scope of the project has not yet been determined but follows a general format each year. Motion to approve \$350 to the SCHTTF Education and Outreach project for Human Trafficking Awareness Month was made and seconded.

No Public Comment.

Motion: Commissioner Gordon

Ayes: 8

Noes: 0

Second: Commissioner Diaz Garcia

Absent: 4

Abstained: 1

Commissioner Ofra, Wood, Dillon-Shore, and McCorquodale were absent. Chair Quinn abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

11. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NOVEMBER 9, 2023 COMMISSION MEETING

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

- a. Special Election for Vice-Chair- Nominations
- b. Work plans and budget requests
- c. Party for Chair Quinn
- d. Holiday Party

12. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m.