

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

Thursday, November 9, 2023

6:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting

Commissioners Present:

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

Second District: Katie Gordon, Julie Shulman, Rebecca Kaykas-Wolff

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

Fourth District: Gina Fortino Dickson (Chair)

Fifth District: Angie Dillon-Shore

Commissioners Absent:

Fifth District: Jessica Wood, Zobida McCorquodale

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

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at approximately 6:01 p.m. Roll call was conducted by the Chair.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Commissioner Blalock read the Land acknowledgement.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

No Public Comment.

4. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 12, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve the October 12, 2023 meeting minutes.

No Public Comment.

Motion: Commissioner Blalock

Ayes: 8

Noes: 0

Second: Commissioner Shulman

Absent: 2

Abstained: 3

Commissioners Wood and McCorquodale were absent. Commissioner Ofra and Kaykas-Wolff abstained. Chair Fortino Dickson abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

5. OFFICER REPORTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES

- a. Chair Fortino Dickson reminded everyone that December meeting is cancelled. The holiday party will be on December 14th at 6pm. Location will be determined later.

- b. Staff asked for a volunteer to write the Woman's History Month Gold Resolution for March to present at the BOS meeting. Commissioner Brown volunteered and will partner with staff to move it forward.

6. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENT

- a. Commissioner Blalock announced that she, commissioners Brown and Padian tabled at Our Bodies/ Ourselves Event hosted by Planned Parenthood and AAUW. Former Chair Quinn presented and will be sharing the slides from her presentation. AAUW-Petaluma would like to partner with the Commission on projects.
- b. Commissioner Blalock also announced that Human Trafficking Task Force is doing an event on January 10th from 4pm-7pm focused on human trafficking. There's no cost for the Commission and Commissioner Blalock would like to table there. She will send out more information. Commissioner Brown volunteered to table this event.
- c. Commissioner Diaz-Garcia attended the YWCA I Run event. She made connections with non-profits that focus on women and reproductive rights. She will invite them to present at a Commission regular meeting. She will email the list of contacts to Chair Fortino Dickson.
- d. Commissioner Shulman reported on the \$500 sponsorship for the book club event that was approved last month. She wanted to confirm that that sponsorship funds could be used for the location expense. The Commissioners agreed.

7. OPENINGS AND APPOINTMENTS

- a. Chair Fortino Dickson announced two openings in the 4th district. She met with Supervisor Gore and Jenny Chamberlain to inform them of the openings. They indicated that they are diligently searching for 4th District representation.
- b. The Commission welcomed Commissioner Kaykas-Wolff. Commissioner Kaykas-Wolff lived in Marin County but moved with her family to Sonoma County five years ago. She is a consultant who runs marketing programs for technology companies. She is a member of the San Francisco Ballet Auxiliary and is involved in the American Conservatory Theater and related children's activities.

8. AD HOC AND PROJECT UPDATES

- a. Voices Report Ad Hoc announced that their report is on the website. The report is located under Data and Report section. The report will be highlighted in the County HR newsletter in December. Commissioner Gordon has shared the report with organizations. Mount Saint Mary's is working on the Spanish report is coming soon. The ad hoc will meet to discuss next steps.

- b. Reproductive Rights Ad Hoc had no new information to report. Commissioner Gordon suggested that the report be added to CSW website to provide access to the Community.
- c. Junior Commission Educational Project announced that they elected their officers. They will be sharing more on their social media avenues. They picked three ad hocs and the human trafficking ad hoc will include the topic of menstrual poverty.

9. BUSINESS ITEMS

- a. Chair Fortino Dickson opened nominations for Vice Chair. Commissioner Brown nominated Commissioner Jones-Carter and she accepted the nomination. No other nominations were made. Motion to close the nomination.

No Public Comment.

Motion: Commissioner Brown Ayes: 10 Noes: 0
Second: Commissioner Isler Absent: 2 Abstained: 1
Commissioners Wood and McCorquodale were absent. Chair Fortino Dickson abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

Chair Fortino Dickson opened elections for Vice Chair. Motion to have Commissioner Jones-Carter be Vice Chair.

No Public Comment.

Motion: Commissioner Brown Ayes: 10 Noes: 0
Second: Commissioner Blalock Absent: 2 Abstained: 1
Commissioners Wood and McCorquodale were absent. Chair Fortino Dickson abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

- b. Ad-Hoc and Project Budget Requests
 - Voices Report Ad Hoc increased their budget request to \$3,103 instead of \$2,603. They are requesting more funds to complete the report in Spanish because the Mount Saint Mary's is charging \$2,500 to fix the format. The \$3,103 requested funds will cover the Spanish report formatting, printing the reports and marketing the reports.
 - Reproductive Rights Ad Hoc is requesting \$2,500. By July, they will complete the County-wide picture of access to reproductive health resources of pharmacies. They need more support from Commissioners to

reach the other Supervisorial Districts, using the survey from the First District in selected high schools and focus groups. Once this step is completed, they will compile data including pharmacy survey into a FAQ for each District. Recommendations were made to reach out to alternative schools, girls in Juvenile Hall, community health centers, Verity, with the questionnaire.

- Community Engagement Working Group described their work plan. They will create 3-month event calendars and coordinate those events. Social media was added to this ad hoc after the workplan was submitted. They are requesting \$4,000 for 3-4 Sponsorships and tabling events, Districts meet and greet, and Women's March. They are also requesting \$1,500 for marketing materials, Facebook ads, and raffle materials. A total of \$5,500 is being requested; however, due to the total budget and postponing the Women's March to 2025, the total allocation is \$4,500, which includes \$3,000 for the sponsorship and events and \$1500 for marketing materials and advertisement.

Motion to approve all the budget requests as modified (Community Engagement Working Group)

No Public Comment.

Motion: Commissioner Fortino Dickson Ayes: 10 Noes: 0
Second: Commissioner Dillon-Shore Absent: 2 Abstained: 1
Commissioners Wood and McCorquodale were absent. Chair Fortino Dickson abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

- c. The Commissioners selected their ad hoc(s), projects, and liaisons. Staff will update the roster with their selected ad hoc(s).
- d. Commissioner Gordon suggested that the Social Media Policy be revisited to align with the County Social Media Policy. She will email the policies to the Community Engagement Working Group, Commissioner Dillon-Shore.

10. AGENDA ITEMS FOR JANUARY 11, 2024 COMMISSION MEETING

- a. Women's History Month Resolution

11. ADJOURNMENT

This meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.