

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

Thursday, February 9, 2023

6:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting

Commissioners Present:

First District: Jan Blalock (Chair), Nancy Padian*

Second District: Caitlin Quinn, Katie Gordon, Julie Shulman*

Third District: Ana Diaz-Garcia, Ofra Isler

Fourth District: Marta Cruz-Concepción*, Gina Fortino Dickson

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

Commissioners Absent:

First District: Joanne M. Brown (OAL)

Third District: Amber Lucas (LOA)

*Commissioner Cruz-Concepción arrived approximately at 6:30pm

*Commissioner Padian arrived approximately at 6:36pm

*Commissioner Shulman left approximately at 6:53pm

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

Vice Chair Wood read the Land acknowledgement.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

- Lisa Marie

4. APPROVAL OF JANUARY 12, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Commissioner Fortino Dickson

Ayes: 9

Noes: 0

Second: Commissioner Wood

Absent: 4

Abstained: 1

Commissioner Lucas (on leave) and Brown were absent. Commissioner Cruz-Concepción and Padian arrived late. 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 announced that Petaluma Valley Hospital- the Women Birthing Center is being shut down due to Providence pulling the funding. Commissioner Padian and Brown are writing letters as individuals who happen to be a commissioner. She also invited the Commissioners to attend the rally, but will provide more info later
- b. Vice- Chair Wood reminded Commissioners to attend the Commission meeting in-person next month, but the hybrid option will still be available

6. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. No Announcements

7. OPENINGS AND APPOINTMENTS

- a. Chair announced two opening in the 2nd district and one in the 4th district.

8. BUSINESS ITEMS

- a. **Review of budget for fiscal year 2022/23**

Chair Blalock reviewed the budget and reminded that end of June is the deadline to spend the money. The Junior Commission and Women and Girls Reproductive Health have not spent their allocated budget.

- b. **Discussion and possible vote on proposed Antisemitism Resolution**

Commissioner Quinn introduce the Antisemitism Resolution. Chair Blalock clarified Commissioner Wood's question about how this resolution is a draft and language might be changed. Commissioner Quinn will inform the Commission if this resolution goes to the Board of Supervisors. Motion to approve the resolution.

Motion: Commissioner Dillon-Shore

Ayes: 9

Noes: 0

Second: Commissioner Gordon

Absent: 4

Abstained: 1

Commissioner Lucas (on leave) and Brown were absent. Commissioner Cruz-Concepción and Padian arrived late. Chair Blalock abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

- c. **Discussion and possible vote on sponsoring up to three Commissioners to attend the Women's Policy Summit in San Francisco, being held April 13, 2023**

Commissioner Quinn led the discussion to sponsor Commissioners to attend the Women's Policy Summit in San Francisco. Commissioner Gordon added that the department of the Status of Women in San Francisco is a leader in the state and nationwide. They were the first to pass the CEDAW resolution and implemented the ordinance. Vice-Chair Wood supports to approve up to \$500. Commissioner Gordon and Fortino-Dickson suggested to attend the summit to gain knowledge of what other Commissions are doing and to connect with them. Motion to approve the \$750 that Commissioner Quinn proposed.

Motion: Commissioner Gordon	Ayes: 10	Noes: 0
Second: Commissioner Fortino-Dickson	Absent: 3	Abstained: 1

Commissioner Lucas (on leave) and Brown were absent. Commissioner Padian arrived late. Chair Blalock abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

d. Discussion and possible vote on purchasing a Canva subscription for Marketing

Vice-Chair Wood proposed to purchase a Canva subscription for up to 5 accounts. Discussion between the Commissioners on the pros of purchasing the license versus using the free Canva option. All ad hocs can use Canva for their marketing materials. Motion to purchase Canva for \$150 for 1 year.

Motion: Commissioner Dillon-Shore	Ayes: 10	Noes: 0
Second: Commissioner Fortino-Dickson	Absent: 2	Abstained: 2

Commissioner Lucas (on leave) and Brown were absent. Commissioner Padian abstained due to the lack of information. Chair Blalock abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

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 announced that the career panel will be virtual and will try to do another event or a meeting in-person. She will check in with the Jr. Commission on their budgets to see where they are at. They will update the website with staff next month.
- b. Sonoma County Spirit Award Project- Commissioner Dillon-Shore announced that they received 12 unique nominations when you exclude the duplicates. They will meet with the judges on February 20th and they will have one week to look at all the nominations. There was a discussion on clarification on the language of the application. The winners will be announced in March CSW meeting.
- c. Women's Recovery Response- Commissioner Gordon reported that the Voices report will be integrated to the report that they normally do for other

organizations. The data from Voices is not representative data and they are working to see how they can incorporate that data into the report.

- d. Women and Girls Reproductive Health- Commissioner Padian reported on the Women's March. They have interviewed staff from Sonoma Valley High School wellness center and there's a pharmacy access plan available to the whole state, but it's not being used well. They wrote a letter to the Press regarding the cuts at the Petaluma Valley Hospital Birth Center.

10. COMMUNITY ISSUES, LIAISONS, AND COORDINATORS

Commissioners to provide brief updates or ideas on the following:

- a. Association of California Commissions for Women (ACCW)- didn't have any new information to report
- b. Human Trafficking Task Force- Chair Blalock reported out on the event in Rohnert Park last month. Many partners from the task force participated and many new ones will join the task force
- c. Legislative Advisory Group -didn't have anything to report, but Commissioner Fortino- Dickson would like to join this group
- d. National Association of Commissions for Women (NACW) didn't have anything to report
- e. YWCA – Vice Chair Wood would like to be removed from being a lead. She invites someone else to take the lead.

11. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY 9, 2023 COMMISSION MEETING

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

- a. New Liaisons: First 5, California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls, Verity, and perhaps FJC

12. ADJOURNMENT 7:15 p.m.