

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

Thursday, March 9, 2023

6:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting

Commissioners Present:

First District: Jan Blalock (Chair)

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

Third District: Ana Diaz-Garcia

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), Nancy Padian

Third District: Ofra Isler

*Commissioner Shulman via zoom

*Commissioner Cruz-Concepción arrived approximately at 6:10pm via zoom

*Commissioner Diaz-Garcia left early approximately at 7:06pm

*Commissioner Cruz-Concepción left early approximately at 7:014pm

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

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

Meeting called to order at approximately 6:02 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

No public comment

4. SPIRIT AWARD PRESENTATION

Members of the Spirit Award Committee announced the 2023 recipients of the Sonoma County CSW Spirit Awards. The recipients are:

District 1: Maite Iturri, for her career as an educator and for the creation of Food For All/Comida Para Todos which provided nutritious and culturally relevant food to disenfranchised families and farmworkers in Sonoma Valley reaching into the county.

District 2: Dra. Mariana G. Martinez, for her leadership as an SRJC Trustee, as a researcher, consultant around increasing access to education and as a personal mentor to many first-generation Latina college students in our community.

District 3: Alegria De La Cruz, for her meaningful work at the Office of Equity Department and her involvement in the County's American Rescue Plan Act program; that is creating change from within our local government and the community at large.

District 4: Letitia Hanke, for her dedication in expanding horizons for youths, especially female youth of color, access to traditionally male dominated careers.

District 5: MaDonna Feather-Cruz, her advocacy for communities of color and for women. Her involvement in many Boards have helped articulate voices for the needs and history of Indigenous Californians and to help create a clear path to healing.

5. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 9, 2023 MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Commissioner Quinn Ayes: 9 Noes: 0
Second: Commissioner Wood Absent: 3 Abstained: 1
Brown, Padian, and Isler were absent. Chair Blalock abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

6. 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. Staff reported on the Community Investment Fund Grant. It is being reviewed and the Commission should hear back within a month on their application. She also announced that the Commission is presenting to the BOS on March 14, 2023 at around 1pm and invited all the Commissioners to attend. In honor of Women's History Month, a gold resolution is going in front of the BOS to honor Women's History Month on March 21, 2023.
- b. Chair announced that she will be interviewed from a station in Sacramento on Women's History Month. Also reported on a field trip that they too to the Boys and Girls Club.

7. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Commissioner Cruz reported that she is going on leave. Staff will help her contact with Supervisor Gore's office.

- b. Commissioner Quinn reported that she attended the American Associate of University Women event that posed a lot of discussion on reproductive freedom.

8. OPENINGS AND APPOINTMENTS

- a. Chair announced three openings in the 2nd district, 3rd district and in the 4th district.

9. BUSINESS ITEMS

- a. **Discussion and possible vote to move \$1000 from the Women & Girl's Reproductive Health budget to the general fund.**

On behalf of Women & Girl's Reproductive Health, Chair Blalock proposed to move \$1,000 back to the general fund.

Motion: Commissioner Quinn Ayes: 9 Noes: 0
Second: Commissioner Diaz-Garcia Absent: 3 Abstained: 1
Brown, Padian, and Isler were absent. Chair Blalock abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

- b. **Discussion and possible vote on sponsoring 4 C's 50th Anniversary event**
Commissioner Wood proposed sponsorship for 4C's 50th Anniversary event for \$1,050. The approval of the funding will not reflect this fiscal year's budget. The Commission reviewed the 22/23 budget. Motion to approve the \$1,050 sponsorship.

Motion: Commissioner Quinn Ayes: 9 Noes: 0
Second: Commissioner Dillon-Shore Absent: 3 Abstained: 1
Brown, Padian, and Isler were absent. Chair Blalock abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

- c. **Discussion and possible vote on sponsoring Sonoma County Pride 2023**
Chair Blalock provided a brief overview of the Sonoma County Pride and proposed sponsorship for the event. It will be on Saturday, June 3rd. Motion to approve \$500 for sponsoring Sonoma County Pride 2023.

Motion: Commissioner Gordon Ayes: 9 Noes: 0
Second: Commissioner Wood Absent: 3 Abstained: 1
Brown, Padian, and Isler were absent. Chair Blalock abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

10. 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- Chair Blalock reported out on behalf of Commissioner Isler. She asked for help with graduation gifts, and they might not use all their allocated budget. Brook who is a Jr. Commissioner reported on Reproductive & Health Rights ad hoc. They are putting posters everywhere and they are having a presentation at Chops regarding teen reproductive, birth control, STDs, etc.
- b. Sonoma County Spirit Award Project- Commissioner Fortino-Dickson provided a future vision of the Project. They would like to create the award ceremony in an event in March 2024. They will ask to increase their budget due to overspending this year.
- c. Women’s Recovery Response- Commissioner Gordon reported on the ongoing administrative part the project. There’s a second draft report being done and then to be reviewed. They are trying to see how they can incorporate the data from the survey into the report.
- d. Women and Girls Reproductive Health-didn’t have anyone to report out.

11. 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 anything to report out.
- b. Human Trafficking Task Force- Chair Blalock reported out that they are partnering up with Verity to show a video during Sexual Assault Awareness Month
- c. Legislative Advisory Group -didn’t have anything to report
- d. National Association of Commissions for Women (NACW) didn’t have anything to report
- e. YWCA –Commissioner Diaz-Garcia will start to report out for YWCA

12. AGENDA ITEMS FOR APRIL 13, 2023 COMMISSION MEETING

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

- a. Tabling at the Wednesday Night Market
- b. Strategic Planning Retreat

13. ADJOURNMENT 7:34 p.m.