

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

**Meeting Held Through Publicly Available Link Via Zoom as well as in person at  
575 Administration Drive, Ste 117C, Santa Rosa, CA 95403**

**THURSDAY** **June 8, 2023** **6:00PM**

---

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

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

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

**Fourth District:** Marta Cruz (On LOA), Gina Fortino Dickson

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

The June 8, 2023, Commission on the Status of Women Meeting will be facilitated in person. Members of the public can watch, listen, or join the meeting using one of the three following methods:

**1. JOIN IN PERSON:**

Human Resources Large Training Room  
575 Administration Drive, Suite 117C, Santa Rosa, CA 95403  
Limited seating is available for public participants.

**2. JOIN VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM:**

Participate by computer, table, or smartphone application. Go to:

<https://sonomacounty.zoom.us/j/94202019002?pwd=V3JCazd0MFcvR2Q3c0FYK2x3ZjRpQT09>

Webinar ID: 942 0201 9002

Passcode: 252743

**3. JOIN IN ZOOM BY TELEPHONE:**

Dial +1 (669) 900 9128

Webinar ID: 942 0201 9002

Passcode: 252743

**Instructions for the Public:**

In accordance with AB 361, Governor Newsom's March 4, 2020 State of Emergency due to COVID-19 pandemic, Sonoma County Public Health Officer's Recommendation for Teleconference Meetings, and the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors Resolution 21-0399, the Commission on the Status of Women meetings will be facilitated using a dual format with listening and participation available through Zoom and in person.

### **Agendas and Materials:**

Agendas and most supporting materials are available on the Commission's website at <https://sonomacounty.ca.gov/Commission-on-Status-of-Women/Calendar/>

Due to legal, copyright, privacy or policy considerations, not all materials are posted online. **NOTE:** Due to the ongoing Covid-19 situation, materials that are not posted will be available directly from the Commission at [sococsw@sonoma-county.org](mailto:sococsw@sonoma-county.org).

### **Disabled Accommodation:**

If you have a disability which requires an accommodation, an alternative format, or requires another person to assist you while attending this meeting, please contact the Deputy Clerk at (707) 565-1851, as soon as possible to ensure arrangements for accommodation.

### **Approval of the Consent Calendar:**

The Consent Calendar includes routine financial and administrative actions that are usually approved by a single majority vote. There will be no discussion on these items prior to voting on the motion unless Commission Members request specific items be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Calendar.

### **Public Comment:**

Any member of the audience desiring to address the Commission on a matter on the agenda: Members of the public are invited to join this meeting in person or via Zoom teleconferencing. In order that all interested parties have an opportunity to speak, please be brief and limit your comments to the subject under discussion. Speakers will be limited to three minutes to speak; time limitations are at the discretion of the Chair. While members of the public are welcome to address the Commission, under the Brown Act, Commission members may not deliberate or take action on items not on the agenda, and generally may only listen.

## **1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL**

## **2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

The Commission on the Status of Women of Sonoma County recognizes that we are on the ancestral lands of the Pomo, Wappo, and Coast Miwok, who are the original stewards of this land. We further acknowledge that the office of the Commission on the Status of Women resides on Southern Pomo land in Santa Rosa. We respect and honor the past, present, and future generations, and are grateful for the opportunity to give our respect to the first inhabitants.

## **3. OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

At the beginning of each Commission meeting, any member of the public may address the Commission concerning any item not on the Commission's agenda. Speakers will be limited to three (3) minutes unless otherwise specified by the Chair or the Presiding Officer. The public will be given an opportunity to speak on each business item at the time it is called. The Commission may discuss and/or take action regarding any or all of the items listed below.

**4. PRESENTATION BY SUZANNE HARRIS, COMMUNITY IMPACT DIRECTOR OF UNITED WAY WINE COUNTRY**

Ms Harris will speak on the “Earn it, Keep it, Save it” program.

**5. APPROVAL OF MAY 11, 2023 MEETING MINUTES**

**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.

**7. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioners to provide any commission-related announcements, report on communications with supervisors, and announce any tabling opportunities.

- a. Commissioners McCorquodale and Diaz will report on recent FJC tour and Community Summit
- b. Commissioners Wood and more will report on tabling at Wednesday Night Market and Sonoma County Pride

**8. OPENINGS AND APPOINTMENTS**

Chair will report out on current openings.

- a. We currently have an opening in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> districts.

**9. BUSINESS ITEMS**

- a. Discussion and possible vote regarding potential interest in creating a Bylaws ad hoc committee. Commissioner Gordon

**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
- b. Sonoma County Spirit Award Project
- c. Women’s Recovery Response
- d. Women & Girls Reproductive Health

**11. COMMUNITY ISSUES, LIAISONS, AND COORDINATORS**

Commissioners to provide brief updates or ideas on the following:

- a. Association of California Commissions for Women (ACCW)
- b. Human Trafficking Task Force
- c. Legislative Advisory Group
- d. National Association of Commissions for Women (NACW)
- e. YWCA

**12. AGENDA ITEMS FOR JULY 13, 2023 COMMISSION MEETING**

Proposal, discussion, and possible action items for next Commission meeting. (No action required by commissioners for this section). Note: this will be our strategic planning meeting for fiscal year 2023/2024.

### **13. ADJOURNMENT**

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

---

**Thursday, May 11, 2023**

**6:00 PM**

**Hybrid Meeting**

---

**Commissioners Present:**

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

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

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

**Fourth District:** Gina Fortino Dickson

**Fifth District:** Jessica Wood (Vice Chair), Zobida McCorquodale

**Commissioners Absent:**

**Fourth District:** Marta Cruz-Concepción (LOA)

**Fifth District:** Angie Dillon-Shore

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL**

Meeting called to order at approximately 6:05 p.m. Roll call was conducted by the Chair.

- a. Chair Blalock was surprised with gifts and words of appreciation were expressed by the Commission members for her many years as Chair.

**2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Vice Chair Wood read the Land acknowledgement.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS**

No public comment

**4. APPROVAL OF APRIL 20, 2023 MEETING MINUTES**

No Public Comment.

Motion: Commissioner Quinn

Ayes: 9

Noes: 0

Second: Commissioner Shulman

Absent: 2

Abstained: 3

Commissioner Cruz-Concepción (LOA) and Dillon-Shore were absent.

Commissioner Gordon and Fortino Dickson had not been present at the prior meeting and abstained. 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. Staff reminded everyone to submit all invoices and reimbursements by June 9<sup>th</sup> due to the end of the fiscal year.

## **6. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. Chair Blalock announced tabling opportunity at the Wednesday Night Market on May 31st. She will email out details to Commissioner Wood and Isler who volunteered.
- b. Chair Blalock announced tabling opportunity at Sonoma County PRIDE on June 3rd from 10am-4pm and opportunity to participate in PRIDE march. Volunteers are still needed.
- c. Vice Chair Wood reminded Commissioners about attending the Family Justice Center on Wednesday, May 17th at 6pm.
- d. Carla Rodriguez, Sonoma County District Attorney invited the Commission to attend the Family Justice Center Sonoma County Community Summit on Thursday, May 24th to the 2023 Family Justice Center Summit, via email. Reservations required.
- e. Commissioner Fortino Dickson met with Jenny Chamberlain from Supervisor Gore's office and discussed funds for the Voices report translation and recruitment to fill the Commissioner vacancy District 4.
- f. Commissioner Gordon wrote to Supervisor Rabbitt to support the Commission's request for a budget increase for the next fiscal year.
- g. Commissioner Diaz-Garcia met with Supervisor Coursey and encouraged him to support the budget increase for the Commission for the next fiscal year.

## **7. OPENINGS AND APPOINTMENTS**

- a. Chair announced two openings in the 2<sup>nd</sup> district and in the 4<sup>th</sup> district.

## **8. BUSINESS ITEMS**

- a. Chair Blalock read the descriptions of the Officer roles. Discussion on duties and roles of the Officers followed.
- b. Nominations for Chair, Vice Chair and Officer at Large were taken last meeting and no additional nominations were made this meeting.

**Chair:** Commissioner Dillon-Shore nominated Commissioner Quinn for Chair; Quinn accepted.

**Vice Chair:** Commissioner Dillon-Shore nominated Commissioner Fortino Dickson; Fortino Dickson accepted.

**Officer-At-Large:** Commissioner Gordon nominated Commissioner Brown; Brown accepted.

Motion to approve the slate of Officers.

No Public Comment.

Motion: Commissioner Gordon	Ayes: 10	Noes: 0
Second: Commissioner Isler	Absent: 2	Abstained: 2

Commissioner Cruz-Concepción (LOA) and Dillon-Shore were absent. Commissioner Jones-Carter abstained. Chair Blalock abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

- c. Chair Blalock led the discussion on the date and time for the strategic planning meeting. It will be on July 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm during their regular meeting date. Chair Blalock reminded everyone to bring ideas of projects for ad hocs and she will share previous work plans via email.
- d. Chair Blalock led the discussion about moving any remaining unspent funds from ad hocs into general fund. Motion to move \$500 from Women & Girls Reproductive Health made by Commissioner Brown.

No Public Comment.

Motion: Commissioner Brown	Ayes: 11	Noes: 0
Second: Commissioner Quinn	Absent: 2	Abstained: 1

Commissioner Cruz-Concepción (LOA) and Dillon-Shore were absent. Chair Blalock abstained as Chair. Motion passed.

- e. Chair Blalock led the discussion on spending \$800-\$1000 on custom canopy for tabling. Motion to approve up to \$800 on a canopy.

No Public Comment.

Motion: Commissioner Gordon	Ayes: 10	Noes: 0
Second: Commissioner Isler	Absent: 3	Abstained: 1

Commissioner Cruz-Concepción (LOA) and Dillon-Shore were absent. Commissioner Shulman left the room. 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 had their graduation on May 8<sup>th</sup>. Supervisor Coursey and Jenny Chamberlain from Supervisor Gore's office attended the graduation. Interviews for the 2023/24 cohort will begin the end of May and signups for interview slots was emailed out to applicants and Commissioners.
- b. Sonoma County Spirit Award Project had no updates.
- c. Women's Recovery Response reported on the report process; the report is in the design phase. Data from other sources is being integrated into the report. The report will be about 60 pages. Grant funds expires July 1<sup>st</sup> for the translation of the report.
- d. Women and Girls Reproductive Health reported on their progress with focus groups in SVUSD high schools. They found out that teachers are the source of information and the go to person for students. Supervisor Gorin granted them TOT money in partnership with a non-profit the Phoenix Teen Health Clinic for interns during the summer for a pharmacy access project. The interns will do *mystery shopping* to see if Pharmacies are providing over-the-counter reproductive products.

## **10. COMMUNITY ISSUES, LIAISONS, AND COORDINATORS**

Commissioners to provide brief updates or ideas on the following:

- a. Association of California Commissions for Women (ACCW): No new activity.
- b. Human Trafficking Task Force (SCHTTF)- Chair Blalock reported out that HHTF partnered with Verity for the film showing of "Survivors: Living Beyond Sexual Assault". The 4 main characters in the film attended, and they talked about their lives and answered questions from the public. It was a safe space to discuss their life's experience.
- c. Legislative Advisory Group reported on 5 bills that they are monitoring. Bill 487 Protecting Reproductive Health Providers in California, AB 352 Abortion Medical Privacy- an addition to HIPPA, AB 1646 Guest Medical Student & Physician Rotations in California Medical Training Programs, AB 576 Medication Abortion to be aligned with evidence based, and the Community Mental Wellness and Resilience Act to provide grant funding through the CDC to allow local governments to establish or add resources for stress from natural disaster.
- d. National Association of Commissions for Women (NACW): No new activity.
- e. YWCA's recent meeting focused on the complex question around legalizing prostitution in some North Bay cities.



## **11. AGENDA ITEMS FOR MAY 11, 2023 COMMISSION MEETING**

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

- a. Presentation from The United Way President in June
- b. Presentation on Pros and Cons on legalizing prostitution
- c. Pride stickers
- d. Update the CSW flyer
- e. Bylaws revisions, modify the mission statement and define the term “women”

## **12. ADJOURNMENT**

This meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.