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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 held virtually.

Governor Newsom signed Assembly Bill 361 (AB 361) on September 16, 2021, which amends the Ralph M. Brown Act to provide additional provisions that allow meetings of legislative bodies to continue to be conducted via teleconference. This Resolution makes the findings to confirm the current conditions allow teleconference meetings pursuant to AB 361 for the Board of Supervisors and on behalf of all of the commissions and committees created by the Board of Supervisors pursuant to Government Code section 54952(b). This will allow members of the public to safely observe and participate in local government meetings during the continued pandemic.

The following are key provisions of the Executive Order with the substantive changes from the prior order identified in bold below:

- Allows public agencies to hold public meetings via teleconference and to make the meeting accessible electronically or telephonically to all members of the public seeking to attend and address the Board.
- The requirement that each teleconference location be publicly accessible is suspended.
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- The requirement that at least a quorum be present in the boundaries of the jurisdiction is suspended.
- Notice must still be given 72 hours in advance for regular meetings and 24 hours in advance for special meetings.
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- If a meeting is held telephonically or otherwise electronically, agencies must implement a procedure for receiving and swiftly resolving requests for reasonable modification or accommodations from individuals with disabilities, consistent with the ADA. The procedure must be advertised each time notice of the meeting is given.
- Agencies are encouraged to use sound discretion and to make reasonable efforts to adhere to the Brown Act as closely as possible.

Agendas and Materials:

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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. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 8, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

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.

6. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

- a. Report on Women in Conversation event
- b. Report on Athena House event

7. OPENINGS AND APPOINTMENTS

Chair will report out on current openings.

- a. Chair Blalock will introduce 5th District Commissioner Zobida McCorquodale
- b. We currently have an opening in the 4th district.

8. BUSINESS ITEMS

- a. Discussion and possible vote on the budget for Junior Commission Project
- b. Discussion and possible vote on funding for Sonoma County Human Trafficking Task Force Bus back project
- c. Discussion and possible vote on canceling our December meeting and holding a Holiday dinner or?
- d. **Presentation of Sonoma County Spirit Awards.** Commissioner Quinn will lead the presentation of awards to this year's recipients. Discussion and possible vote on approving recipients.

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

10. PRESENTATION by SONOMA COUNTY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

A non-partisan and unbiased look at pros & cons of the seven state ballot propositions on your November ballot including existing law, proposed changes and fiscal impact

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 NOVEMBER 10, 2022 COMMISSION MEETING

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

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

Thursday, September 8, 2022

6:00 PM

Hybrid Meeting

Commissioners Present:

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

Second District: Caitlin Quinn

Third District: Ana Diaz

Fourth District: Gina Fortino Dickson

Fifth District: Jessica Wood (Vice Chair)

Commissioners Absent:

Second District:, Katie Gordon, Julie Shulman,

Third District:, Ofra Isler, Amber Lucas (LOA);

Fourth District: Marta Cruz-Concepción

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.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Vice Chair Wood read the land acknowledgement.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

No members of the public addressed the commission.

4. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 11, 2022 MEETING MINUTES

Motion to approve the August 11, 2022 minutes.

Motion to approve budget: Commissioner Wood

2nd: Commissioner Brown

Ayes: Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Padian, Commissioner Quinn,
Commissioner Diaz Garcia, Commissioner Wood

Absent: Commissioner Gordon, Commissioner Shulman, Commissioner Isler,
Commissioner Cruz-Concepción, Commissioner Dillon-Shore

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 reported on the on Women's Equality Day Proclamations from the County of Sonoma, Town of Windsor, City of Santa Rosa, Cloverdale and Sonoma.
- b. Chair Blalock reported on the unveiling of Historical Marker in Sebastopol. This is the first marker in the State of California. There was an event that occurred at the Odd Fellows Hall that was of significant importance to the Women's Suffrage Movement.
- c. Report on Wednesday Night Market tabling
- d. Commissioner Brown was invited by Congressman Thompson to be on a panel regarding the impact of ROE on Women's Reproductive Rights.
- e. Announcement by Chair Blalock that Athena House will continue. Very good news.
- f. Vice Chair Wood asked the Commissioners to send her ideas and requests for speakers and field trips for the next 6 months.

6. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners to provide any commission-related announcements, report on communications with supervisors, and also announce any tabling opportunities. Commissioner Diaz Garcia announced that she will be on the ballot for the Roseland School District.

Commissioner Quinn announced that she will be on the Board for the Petaluma School District.

Commissioner Fortino Dickson will be on the ballot for the Windsor Town Council. Her hope is to have an all women council this year.

Commissioner Padian spoke about supporting a meeting on Monday, Sept. 12, 2022 to promote voting by High School Students.

7. OPENINGS AND APPOINTMENTS

Chair Blalock reported out on current openings.

- a. We currently have one opening in the 4th district.

8. BUSINESS ITEMS

- a. Discussion and possible vote on the workplan and budget for Women's Recovery Response ad hoc. Chair Blalock presented.
Motion to approve budget: Commissioner Wood

2nd: Commissioner Quinn

Ayes: Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Padian, Commissioner Quinn,
Commissioner Diaz Garcia, Commissioner Wood

Absent: Commissioner Gordon, Commissioner Shulman, Commissioner Isler,
Commissioner Cruz-Concepción, Commissioner Dillon-Shore

- b. Discussion and possible vote on the workplan and budget for Sonoma County Spirit Award Project. Commissioner Quinn presented.

Motion to approve plan and budget: Commissioner Fortino-Dickson

2nd: Commissioner: Diaz Garcia

Ayes: Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Padian, Commissioner Quinn,
Commissioner Diaz Garcia, Commissioner Wood

Absent: Commissioner Gordon, Commissioner Shulman, Commissioner Isler,
Commissioner Cruz-Concepción, Commissioner Dillon-Shore

- c. Discussion and possible vote on workplan and budget for Women & Girls Reproductive Health ad hoc. Commissioner Brown and Commissioner Padian presented.

Commissioner Wood questioned the “paid” internship, and whether or not it would be allowed. Commissioner Brown will speak to HR staff to discuss with County Counsel.

Commissioner Quinn moved to remove the reference to the Marketing Ad-Hoc, as there is no Marketing Ad-Hoc for the commission at this time.

Motion to approve plan and budget: Commissioner Quinn

2nd: Commissioner Wood

Ayes: Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Padian, Commissioner Quinn,
Commissioner Diaz Garcia, Commissioner Wood

Absent: Commissioner Gordon, Commissioner Shulman, Commissioner Isler,
Commissioner Cruz-Concepción, Commissioner Dillon-Shore

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 Quinn reported that the first mentor meeting went well.
- b. Sonoma County Spirit Award Project- Commissioner Quinn reported that the nominations are closed. Great candidates.
- c. Women’s Recovery Response- No updates at this time.

10. 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- Bus backs in Petaluma and Sonoma County Transit are ready to be voted on. Meeting is in a few weeks.
- c. Legislative Advisory Group- Commissioner Brown will report in October.
- d. National Association of Commissions for Women (NACW)- No report.
- e. YWCA – No report

11. AGENDA ITEMS FOR October 13, 2022 COMMISSION MEETING

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

12. ADJOURNMENT 7:11 p.m.



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

REPORT DATE: August 26, 2022

MEETING DATE: October 13, 2022

TO: Fellow Commissioners on the Commission of the Status of Women
FROM: Commissioner Isler: Junior Commission Project Leader
SUBJECT: 2022-2023 Work Plan

RECOMMENDED ACTION

We are requesting budget approval for the 2022-2023 term activities.

BACKGROUND

The Junior Commission Project has been in existence since 1993 and it has become one of the Commission on the Status of Women's most visible projects. Since taking over this project the last few months, I have learned a great deal and am receiving valuable advice from fellow commissioners. The processes in place are designed to provide meaningful mentorship and guidance to the juniors, while allowing them the autonomy to create and execute community-based projects that are important to them. I look forward to working with a passionate group of juniors this year.

DISCUSSION

We will review the purpose of the Junior Commission:

The purpose of the Junior Commission on the Status of Women of Sonoma County is to mentor high school youth for future leadership roles in our community. Participants are exposed to issues regarding women and girls through assigned ad hoc topics. By allowing each group to create a project based on a specific topic, the junior commissioners gain experience in advocating and actively using their voices to create a positive impact in our community. During roundtable group discussions, junior commissioners are able to voice their concerns and share their views on issues impacting not just our community but the world - with their peer group and in a safe space. This engaging and empowering environment exposes them to participants

from other parts of the county and allows them to develop their leadership skills. At the end of the program the projects will be presented to the Board of Supervisors (in-person or virtually) and the junior commissioners will be celebrated for their positive achievements.

FISCAL IMPACT

This work plan and budget reflect a program operating with pandemic restrictions in mind.

OPTIONS

1. Approve the budget for the Junior Commission.
2. Amend the budget for the Junior Commission.



Junior Commission Project | Work Plan

Prepared for Strategic Planning Session, Fiscal Year 22/23

Sonoma County Commission on the Status of Women

MONTH	OBJECTIVE	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE PERSON(S)
August 2022 Orientation	To introduce the Junior Commission Project Team (Program Leader, Mentors, and Junior Commissioners)	Administer the oath of office	Program Managers/Mentors
	To give a brief overview of the year ahead	Give examples of past Ad Hoc projects	Program Managers/Mentors
	To discuss Commission expectations	Virtual binder overview, officer roles, and tips	Program Managers/Returning Junior Commissioners
September 2022	To facilitate bonding and exercise team-building skills	Icebreaker activity	Program Managers/Mentors/Junior Commissioners
	To appoint Junior Commission officer roles	Campaign speeches and the election of the commission chair, vice-chair, secretary, and officer at large	Junior Commissioners
	To break out into Ad Hoc teams	Initial discussion on potential projects	Mentors/Junior Commissioners
October 2022	To engage in group discussion	Round table discussion (topic TBD)	Junior Commissioners
	To complete Ad Hoc project agenda and final plans	Propose and share with mentors and discuss w/ Ad Hoc	Mentors/Junior Commissioners
November 2022	To engage in group discussion	Round table discussion (topic/ guest speaker TBD)	Junior Commissioners/Guest
	To present Ad Hoc Committee Updates	Share with both mentors and other groups	Mentors/Junior Commissioners
	To continue Ad Hoc project planning	Breakout into Ad Hocs to discuss	Mentors/Junior Commissioners
December 2022	To engage in group discussion	Round table discussion (topic TBD)	Junior Commissioners
	To present Ad Hoc Committee Updates	Share with both mentors and other groups	Mentors/Junior Commissioners
January 2023	To engage in group discussion	Round table discussion (topic/ guest speaker TBD)	Junior Commissioners/Guest
	To discuss the Career Panel	Propose careers for the panel and vote on five	Junior Commissioners
	To present Ad Hoc Committee Updates	Share with both mentors and other groups	Mentors/Junior Commissioners
February 2023	To plan the Career Panel	Confirm the Permit/Resource Management Office and guest attendance	JCSW Officer/Program Managers
	To begin reaching out to the Board of Supervisors	Confirm graduation attendance in May via email	JCSW Officer
	To engage in group discussion	Round table discussion (topic TBD)	Junior Commissioners
	To present Ad Hoc Committee Updates	Share with both mentors and other groups	Mentors/Junior Commissioners
March 2023	To introduce the career panel guests and engage in discussion	Guest introductions, personal career statements, and Q&A	Junior Commissioners/Career Panel Guests
April 2023	To officially submit the completion of Ad Hoc projects	Review and submit Ad Hoc presentations	Junior Commissioners
May 2023, Graduation	To officially present the Junior Commission on the Status of Women to the public and Board of Supervisors (in-person or virtual depending on	Ad Hoc project presentations to the public and Board of Supervisors	Junior Commissioners/Program Managers
		Presentation of completion certificates and graduation gifts	Board of Supervisors/Mentors

BUDGET AND RESOURCES

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Ad Hocs	\$200 per Ad Hoc	\$1,000
Snacks	In person meetings only	\$100
Graduation Gifts		\$500
Miscellaneous	In case graduation is in person or JCSW get together	\$300
		\$1,900



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

REPORT DATE: October 13, 2022
MEETING DATE: October 13, 2022

TO: Fellow Commissioners of the Commission of the Status of Women

FROM: Janice Blalock

SUBJECT: Human Trafficking Task Force Bus Backs



RECOMMENDED ACTION:

To approve the Commission's support of the annual SCHTTF Human Trafficking Awareness campaign

BACKGROUND:

January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month. The Sonoma County Human Trafficking Task Force (SCHTTF) has for many years included posting billboards throughout Sonoma County for the month of January, with a message bringing awareness to the issue in Sonoma County as part of the campaign. For 2023, the Task Force has voted to instead post signage on the backs Sonoma County Transit and inside as well as backs of Petaluma Transit buses (Sonoma County Transit buses already carry interior signage regarding human trafficking!).

DISCUSSION:

When we support the program, our logo is placed on the billboards. We will be utilizing the same graphic as 2022, but artwork will need to be reformatted to include logos of organizations supporting the new campaign, as well as resized into 3 different sizes. The signage will be on a to be determined number of buses running throughout Sonoma County for the month of January

FISCAL IMPACT:

\$350 as has been standard the past several years

OPTIONS:

Our options are to approve the funds or deny

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

REPORT DATE: September 21, 2022

MEETING DATE: October 13, 2022

TO: Fellow Commissioners of the Commission of the Status of Women

FROM: Sonoma County Spirit Award Project

SUBJECT: Presentation of Awards to the Five Winners of the 2022 Sonoma County Spirit Award

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

I would like the Commission to vote to affirm the five winners.

BACKGROUND:

The judges received 27 nominations of amazing, incredible leaders from across Sonoma County and selected 5 winners, one from each County district.

DISCUSSION:

Commissioners are welcome to share any kind words they have about any of the award winners.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Included in SCSA Project budget

OPTIONS:

1. Vote to affirm all 5 winners
2. Vote to affirm some winners but not all
3. Vote to affirm none of the winners