

**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.