

**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 9th 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 2nd district and in the 4th 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.

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| 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 13th 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.

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| 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.

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| 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 8th. 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 1st 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.