

**Sacramento County Commission on the Status of Women & Girls**

**Inaugural Commission Meeting Minutes**

**November 9, 2021 from 6 pm – 8 pm**

**Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting (Open to the Public)**

Drisana Bhatia	P	Isabelle Kim	A	Timiza Wash	P
Yating Campbell	P	Danielle Metzinger	P	Anya-Jael Woods	P
Jinky Dolar	P	Tina Reynolds	P	Angelina Woodberry	P
Jane Einhorn	P	Rachel Rios	P	Hailee Makin (alt)	A
Linda Farley	P	Erin Saberi	P		
Shayne Corriea-Fernandez	P	Kate Saunders	P		

*Membership Attendance (P=Present; A=Absent)*

**Call to Order**

Commissioner Erin Saberi called the meeting to order at 6:01pm. Quorum was established. Members and guests were invited to introduce themselves via the chat box.

**I. Welcome & Introductions**

Welcome and Opening Remarks were shared by Commissioner Saberi. Mary Tarango of Wilton Miwok Tribe led a ceremonial opening and welcome to the inaugural commission. Supervisor Phil Serna welcomed the new Commissioners and thanked the Blue Ribbon Commission, presenting them with a resolution from the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors in recognition of their contributions to the establishment of the new Commission. The following County leaders, local elected officials, representatives from other women’s commissions, and other notable community champions also shared a few words in support and excitement for the new Commission:

- California Congresswoman Doris Matsui
- Sacramento County Board of Supervisor Chair Sue Frost
- Sacramento County Supervisor Rich Desmond
- Elk Grove Mayor Bobbi Singh-Allen
- Elk Grove City Council Member Pat Hume
- Elk Grove City Council Member Darren Suen
- Sacramento County Executive Ann Edwards
- Former Sacramento County Supervisor Sandra Smoley
- California Commission on the Status of Women & Girls (CSSWG) Chair Lauren Babb
- Association of CA Commissions on the Status of Women and Girls (ACCW) President Margs Fitzwilliam who offered the Women’s Commission a 6 month courtesy membership through June 2022
- Former ACCW Chair and former Chair of the San Diego Commission on the Status of Women Jenni Prisk
- ACCW Former President Tracy Beard

The Commissioners introduced themselves and shared a few words about their experience and interest in serving as a Commissioner.

**Public Comment on Item 1**

The following members of the public voiced excitement and support for the Women’s Commission.

- Janice Blalock, Chair of the Sonoma County Commission on the Status of Women and Girls
- Holly Martinez, Executive Director, CCSWG

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- Suzanne Doty, former ACCW Chair and former Chair of the Santa Clara County Commission on the Status of Women and Girls
- Charlotte-Bland, former ACCW Vice-Chair and former Chair of the City of Pasadena Commission on the Status of Women
- Edie Thomas, Chair of the Solano County Commission for Women & Girls
- Mer Curry, Chair of the Santa Clara County Commission on the Status of Women
- Esther Peralez-Dieckmann, Executive Director Next Door Solutions and former Executive Director, Office of Women's Policy for Santa Clara County
- Parisa Ijadi-Maghsoodi, Vice-Chair San Diego County Commission on the Status of Women and Girls
- Verna Liza Antonio-Caba, Executive Director, San Francisco Friends of the Commission on the Status of Women
- Nancy Kirshner-Rodriguez, former Executive Director CCSWG and former Chair of the San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women
- Lisa Kaplan, Trustee Natomas School Board

## II. Blue Ribbon Commission (BRC) Welcome & Presentation

BRC Representatives Dr. Bernice Bass de Martinez & Maya Howard welcomed the Commission on behalf of the BRC and provided history on the grass-roots initiative and the BRC work to establish a Sacramento County Women's Commission [See Attachment A]. The BRC report to the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors can be located [here](#).

Dr. Ali Lichtenstein, member of the BRC and Executive Director of Women's Wisdom Art (WWA) introduced the BRC/WWA quilt project that was incorporated into the BRC Listening Circles. Commissioners and BRC members were asked to participate in this project for this inaugural meeting and were asked by Dr. Lichtenstein to share the panels they created which will be sewn into a quilt to reflect this special moment. The Commission hopes to hang the quilt at the County Board of Supervisor chambers. Dr. Bass de Martinez shared that she would like commissioners to review the BRC PowerPoint presentation and information and consider any questions to be addressed in a future meeting.

**Commissioner Q & A with the BRC:** No questions were raised.

**Public Comment on Item 2:** None.

## III. Overview of Commission Next Steps

Commissioner Erin Saberi provided an overview and the Commission discussed its next steps in developing its structure.

- Establish an ad hoc committee to draft Commission bylaws
- December 2021 Meeting (2 hour meeting)
  - Brown Act Training
  - Ad hoc committee on Bylaws presents their recommendations to the Commission
  - Determine Commission schedule of meetings for 2022
  - Discussion and vote on the Bylaws
  - Discussion and vote on Commission ad hoc committees

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- December-January
  - Ad hoc committees begin their work
  - Schedule opportunity for review of meeting procedures
- January 2022 Meeting (1.5 hour meeting)
  - Nominations and vote on Commission officers/executive committee
  - Discuss ad hoc committee priorities/work plans
  - Discuss priorities for 2022-2024 work plan

Women’s Commission Staff Kristi Baumbach will poll the Commission to determine the December meeting date and standing meetings for 2022. Meetings will be held virtually until determined otherwise.

**IV. Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee**

As a first order of business, Commissioner Erin Saberi proposed that the Commission form an Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee to develop the Commission’s bylaws and present them to the Commission for consideration at the December meeting. Commissioners Angelina Woodberry, Shayne Corriea-Fernandez and Kate Saunders volunteered to be on the committee. **Motion was made by Commissioner Yating Campbell, and was seconded by Commissioner Jinky Dolar to form an Ad Hoc Bylaws Committee and appoint Angelina Woodberry, Shayne Corriea-Fernandez and Kate Saunders.** (Public comment on motion: none. Vote: none opposed.) **Motion carried.**

As a second order of business, to be discussed at the December meeting, Commissioner Erin Saberi proposed the formation of additional ad hoc committees to work on other foundational projects for the Commission. Some potential other committees might include: Commission Communications, Data & Information, and Commission Work Plan. Commissioners were asked to consider these and/or other potential committees and be prepared to discuss at the December meeting.

**General public comment: None**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:28pm**