

Sacramento County Commission on the Status of Women & Girls

Meeting Minutes

April 26, 2022 from 5:30 pm – 7 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	A	Hailee Makin (alt)	
Linda Farley	A	Erin Saberi	P		
Shayne Corriea-Fernandez	P	Kate Saunders	P		

Membership Attendance (P=Present; A=Absent)

Welcome and Roll Call

Commissioner Erin Saberi called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm. Quorum was established. Guests were invited to use the virtual sign in sheet and introduce themselves via the chat box.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The March 22, 2022 meeting minutes were reviewed. **Motion was made by Commissioner Anya Jael Woods, and was seconded by Commissioner Jinky Dolar to approve the March 22, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion carried.**

Public Comment: None

Review March Meeting Next Steps

Agreements on next steps from the March meeting were reviewed, as a primer for discussion. Updates were provided throughout the meeting at the appropriate agenda item.

Officer Elections

Staff Abigail Nosce reviewed the slate of officers developed through Commissioner nominations and the role description for each officer position. Additional nominations from the floor were entertained. Commissioners discussed and agreed on the following officer slate:

- Chair: Commissioner Erin Saberi
- Vice Chair: Commissioner Timiza Wash
- Treasurer Secretary: Commissioner Danielle Metzinger (lead); Commissioner Anya-Jael Woods (co-Treasurer Secretary)

Motion was made by Commissioner Tina Reynolds, and was seconded by Commissioner Angelina Woodberry to approve the amended officer slate. Motion carried.

Commissioners celebrated the appointment of their first officers. Officers will begin meeting regularly to conduct Commission's pre-planning work, discuss emerging needs in between meetings of the Commission, and plan for Commission's 2022 Retreat.

Ad hoc Committee Updates

- Women on Wednesdays (WOW) Conversation Series and other Women's History Month Updates:
 - Three WOW Conversations were facilitated throughout the month of April. They were well-attended, including by local women leaders. The first conversation focused on women working on the front line throughout the pandemic. The second focused on challenges working women (in general) faced during the pandemic and how they responded to these.

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The third was a roundtable discussion with women leaders providing services to women and girls. Participants expressed appreciation for the opportunity to discuss the issues in a public forum and a desire to hold these types of conversations on an ongoing basis.

- In response to this feedback, the committee recommended holding monthly luncheons to facilitate roundtable discussion, networking, interconnectivity, and sharing of resources. Commissioners supported this idea, suggested formalizing the WOW Committee (to include members of the Friends of the Commission) as a standing committee of the Commission, and directed staff to update the bylaws accordingly. Staff will present updated bylaws for ratification at a future meeting.
- The Blue Ribbon Commission's Listening Circle quilts were displayed at the County Board of Supervisor chambers throughout April, in celebration of Women's History Month. Commissioners took photos with Supervisor Don Notolli in front of the display. Supervisor Notolli suggested other places to consider displaying the quilts. The Communications Committee was tasked to coordinate rotating the displays in other places around the County.
- Grant Committee – The work of this committee is complete and the committee has disbanded. Commission officers will continue the work of managing the grant, working with the Commission's fiscal agent, and providing periodic updates to the Commission.
- Communications Committee – The Committee met for their kick-off meeting this past month and appointed leads for various assignments. A creative brief is being developed, which will set the tone for the Commission's communication activities. The Committee recommends being formalized as a standing committee, as its activities and purposes will be needed on an ongoing basis. Commissioners supported this and directed staff to update the bylaws accordingly. The committee will present other communications-related recommendations at a future meeting.

COVID-19 Women's Impact & Recovery – Commissioners were invited to email Staff with ideas on issues to highlight related to how the pandemic has impacted the health and wellbeing of women and girls in Sacramento County. Commission will discuss this at a future meeting.

Building the Commission's Foundation

- Orientation Binders are ready for pick up. Commissioners received an email with details from Staff Abigail Nosce and were encouraged to reach out to Staff with any questions.
- The Commission's 2022 Retreat is scheduled for July 21, 2022 at Sierra Health Foundation. Commission officers and staff will plan the activities and potentially reach out to Commissioners for assistance with planning and/or facilitating.

Community Announcements

- Next Women on Wednesdays event: 11:30 to 1 pm At Uptown Studios. 2415 23rd Street - First Wednesday of every month. Details to Come.
- CA Women's Commission is offering scholarships for women's leadership programs. Reach out to Commissioner Anya-Jael Woods for details.
- May is Mental Health Month. Commissioners were encouraged to participate in the many activities being hosted in Sacramento promoting mental health and wellness.

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- May is also Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Heritage Month. There will be an [AAPI night market](#) hosted at the state capitol on May 13, 2022.
- My Sister's House is celebrating its 20th Anniversary on May 14, 2022. Commissioners were invited to join the [celebration](#).
- Jane and Linda will be hosting a women's networking event on June 8, 2022. Jane/Linda will email the details in the coming weeks.
- [National Crime Victims Rights Week](#) is April 20-30, 2022. The theme is *Rights, Access, Equity, for all victims*. The theme underscores the importance of helping crime survivors find their justice by: enforcing victims' rights, expanding access to services, and ensuring equity and inclusion for all.

Action Items/Next Steps

- Officers will begin planning the Commission's 2022 Retreat.
- Staff will work with Officers to update the bylaws to include newly identified standing committees.
- Commissioners pick up orientation binders.
- Commissioners email ideas on issues to highlight related to how the pandemic has impacted the health and wellbeing of women and girls in Sacramento County.
- Committees continue work and provide periodic updates to Commission.

Public Comment: None

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 24, 2022, 5:30 p.m. (virtual meeting)