



Santa Cruz County Women's Commission

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, June 17, 2021
TIME: 6:00 PM
LOCATION: Remote meeting
PRESENT: Theresa Cariño (1st District), Jillian Ritter (Co-Chair, 1st District), Maria Boutell (3rd District), Jenny Sarmiento (4th District), Vanessa Quiroz-Carter (Co-Chair, 4th District), Sheila De Lany (5th District), Rachel Bickert (5th District)
EXCUSED: Jennifer Murray (2nd), Maryanne Campbell (3rd District)
ABSENT: Laurel Schonfield (2nd District)
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (*Commissions Coordinator*)
GUESTS: Sven Stafford, (Business Analyst) and no members of the public

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review

Meeting convened at 6:07 PM.

Motion to Approve Meeting Agenda

Motion/Second: De Lany/Cariño

Motion passed unanimously.

2. Review and Approve April 15, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Motion/Second: Quiroz-Carter/Cariño

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Correspondence:

Commission reviewed position description from Monterey County and the *Joint Apprenticeship Committee for Northern California*.

4. Public Comment: None

5. New Business/Action Items:

5.1. FY 2021-23 Operational Plan Development Update

Stafford updated the Commission on the status of the County's Operational Plan development including specific information on equity principles and the County's commitment to embedding equity into objectives and strategic goals.

5.2. *Association of California Commissions on the Status of Women (ACCW) Membership*

Motion to join the *Association of California Commissions on the Status of Women*

Motion/Second: Sarmiento/Boutell

Motion passed unanimously.

5.3. *National Association of Commissions for Women Membership*

Motion to join the *National Association of Commissions for Women*

Motion/Second: De Lany/Cariño

Motion passed unanimously.

6. Reports of Officers and Ad Hoc Subcommittees

6.1. Co-Chairs Report

Ritter will invite the new County Director of Housing, Dr. Robert Ratner, to speak to the Commission on County efforts to address homelessness. Quiroz-Carter shared highlights from the ACCW's Annual Bootcamp in May. Updates on legislative initiatives will be included in future *Ad Hoc Political Participation and Civic Engagement Subcommittee* reports.

6.2. *Ad Hoc 2021 Trailblazers Awards Subcommittee Report*

Cariño reported that a diverse group of nominations have been submitted. The subcommittee is considering three potential event dates in the Fall and is open to suggestions. The Commission will consider recommended awardees and review proposed event details at the August meeting.

6.3. *Ad Hoc Political Participation and Civic Engagement Subcommittee Update*

Bickert reported that the subcommittee established four priorities for the coming year, including stimulating interest in candidacy, identifying barriers to running for office, educating young women on the political process and identifying partner organizations. Commission will consider whether or not to shift the SOWAG update to political participation for this year.

6.4. *Ad Hoc Economic Justice Subcommittee Update*: None

6.5. *Ad Hoc Public Awareness Subcommittee Update*

Ritter will contact former Commissioner Beaton for access to the Instagram account.

7. Staff Report

Staff is working with IT and County Counsel to determine the best way to recommence in-person meetings with an option for the public to attend remotely.

8. Announcements: None

9. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Coordinator*