



Santa Cruz County Women's Commission

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Meeting Minutes

DATE: Thursday, November 21, 2021
TIME: 6:00 PM
LOCATION: Remote meeting
PRESENT: Jillian Ritter (*Co-Chair, 1st District*), Jennifer Murray (*2nd District*), Maryanne Campbell (*3rd District*), Maria Boutell (*3rd District*), Vanessa Quiroz-Carter (*Co-Chair, 4th District*), Jenny Sarmiento (*4th District*), Sheila De Lany (*5th District*), Rachel Bickert (*5th District*)
EXCUSED: Laurel Schonfield (*2nd District*)
ABSENT: Theresa Cariño (*1st District*)
STAFF: Kaite McGrew (*Commissions Manager*)
GUESTS: Melissa Hartman (Santa Cruz Sentinel) and 2 members of the public were present.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Agenda Review

Meeting convened at 6:03 PM.

Motion to Approve Meeting Agenda

Motion/Second: De Lany/Quiroz-Carter

Motion passed unanimously.

2. Review and Approve October 21, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Motion/Second: De Lany/Campbell

Motion passed unanimously.

3. Correspondence:

Commission reviewed Santa Cruz County position descriptions.

4. Public Comment: None

5. New Business/Action Items:

5.1. Consider Advocating for Menstrual Equity

Commission discussed recent legislation (AB 367) mandating the provision of menstrual products in California public schools and discussed advocating for similar provisions in County facilities. Hartman, author of a recent Sentinel article on menstrual equity in Santa Cruz County, advised the Commission that Santa Clara County collaborated with community agencies to fund implementation of menstrual equity in their county. Murray will research the specifics that would be involved to be included in an initial advocacy letter to the Board of Supervisors as correspondence at the January 11, 2022 with a long term view to advocating for Supervisor sponsorship elevating the topic to the consent agenda eventually.

Motion authorizing Chairs to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors advocating for menstrual equity in County facilities.

Motion/Second: Boutell/De Lany

Motion passed unanimously.

- 5.2. Consider Women in Leadership for Diverse Representation (WILDR) Partnership Commission reviewed elements of a proposed partnership between the Commission and WILDR. The Political Participation and Civic Engagement Subcommittee would primarily be involved with implementing such a partnership. It was determined that subcommittee membership should be considered during this discussion.

Motion to continue item to the January 2022 meeting and invite representation from WILDR to speak.

Motion/Second: Ritter/Quiroz-Carter

Motion passed unanimously

- 5.3. Consider Assembly Bill 361 Statement of Findings

Motion to approve statement of findings authorizing the Commission to hold their next meeting remotely under the provisions of Assembly Bill 361

Motion/Second: Campbell/Boutell

Motion passed unanimously.

6. Reports of Officers and Ad Hoc Subcommittees

6.1. Co-Chairs Report:

Ritter reported that the County is anticipating a mask mandate in response to a recent upswing in COVID-19 cases.

6.2. *2021 Trailblazers Subcommittee* Update: No Report

6.3. *Political Participation and Civic Engagement Subcommittee* Update: No Report

6.3.1. *Political Participation SOWAG Report* Update: No Report

6.4. *Public Awareness Subcommittee* Update:

Staff reported that Instagram has 460 followers and Facebook has 453 followers.

7. Staff Report

Staff reported that the Equal Employment Opportunity and Cultural Competence Plan is being updated with current data and now includes gender-specific data across all race/ethnicity groups as recommended by the Commission during review.

8. Announcements: None

9. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted by: Kaite McGrew, *Commissions Manager*