

## **Minutes: Alameda County Commission on the Status of Women**

3/10/21

6:32 Call to Order Chair Dominguez (CD)

Introductions:

Name, Occupation

Present:

- Vice Chair Orly Greenwood, D1
- Chair Dominguez, D3
- Linda Tangren, D4
- Lucy Hernandez, D2
- RocQuel Johnson, (HRC)
- Martha Kreeger, D1
- Meredith Walker, D2
- Marie Gilmore, D3
- Nina Senn, Mayor's Conference Representative
- Susan Gonzales, D3
- Olga Borjon, D2

Absent:

- Erin Scott, D5
- Yasi Safinya-Davies, D1
- Jaclyn Coleman, D4
- Amy Levine, D4
- Courtney Welch, D5
- Ge'Nell Gary, D5

Quorum in MET

Chair makes motion to approve minutes, Kreeger seconds

Vice Chair Greenwood calls the roll call vote

- 7 Ayes, 4 abstentions
- Motion Passes

NOTE: Check Bylaws to confirm majority of quorum is enough to get passing vote

Ask for Public Comment, no visitors present

Treasurer Commissioner Borjon makes Report

- Allow 3-4 months for the approval process
- We will need to approve each request in the meantime with a lag

- Make sure all projects/events align with priorities for County (Vision 2026 Alignment w/ 10x goals)
- Each request must be submitted on its own and be judged on merits
- No budget for commissions is currently approved.
- Forms are in the Google Drive
- C Marie Gilmore --- looking at 6-month lead time for any projects
  - We are cautioned to make requests with the realization that no budget currently exists
- C Johnson, consider partnerships with HRC and other commissions, or outside agencies for collaboration / funding

Added to Agenda Building from C Hernandez, Johnson, Dominguez, Gilmore and Kreeger

- COSW Retreat
- COSW calendar meeting at retreat or at another meeting, positive support from commission

Item brought to a close.

Women's History Month Proclamation March 16, Chair Dominguez will attend to accept on behalf of the COSW

- Will be shared on our FB
- Any of us can attend

Item 5 - April request for time, to present to BOS on concerns of the COSW

- Topics of Concern
  - Shelter in Place, status of women and girls during shelter in place
  - Economic, social, health impacts
  - Pushing to include women, girls, non-binary as a priority
  - C Johnson reminds COSW we presented in 2020 to BOS (specific members who are also belong to the SSA Committee)
  - C Kreeger, Scott and Johnson spoke of multiple part time jobs, mental health impacts & domestic violence, undocumented, breakouts to include zip code - education - gender - age - household info if possible
    - Reach out to <18 organizations w/ policy committees also
- Admin KFogel noted it is important to send to the Agency timely as scheduling is in advance
- Motion Chair Dominguez, seconded Vice Chair Greenwood
  - C Greenwood calls roll, UNANIMOUS
  - Members to work on presentation: NSenn, LHernandez, OGreenwood, LTangren, MKreeger, MDominguez

SelfCare Break - couple minutes

CJohnson HRC Report:

- New Members until June, C RocQuel Johnson is now Chair of HRC
  - Policy Advocacy, Health and Safety, Community Engagement (Program w/ Certificates of Appreciation at 5th Annual Excellence in Human Relations Awards 1 per district --- Asm. Rob Bonta is speaking)
  - Received funding from East Bay Economic Development Alliance to help get this event done
  - Looking at Partnerships to work together, looking into Health Disparities in the County (Can COSW partner w/ us? Also looking at Incarceration)

#### Committee Chairs

1. Chair Marie Gilmore - Bylaws Committee: No New Information, hoping to update and pass out a redlined version of the Bylaws
  - a. Formed Ad Hoc Comm, met in person, presented in draft form to COSW on what to accept, reject or table
2. Chair MDominguez - Communications Committee
3. Chair Hernandez stepping down from leadership with covid vaccinations/impact, C Johnson will host a meeting and see if it works - Education & Employment Committee
4. Chair Borjon - Events Committee
  - a. C Walker is this committee a logistics team to assist with events?
  - b. C Gonzales does not want the lead, tough pandemic moment
  - c. C Hernandez / C Borjon - should we retire this committee that has no focus and may be a holdover from earlier COSW roster
  - d. Motion to retire this committee in favor of events in committees being planned within that committee - C Borjon, second C Gilmore
    - i. Roll Call VChair, unanimous yes
5. Chair Hernandez Health & Wellness Committee,
  - a. Should we place this into Policy & Advocacy?
  - b. C Dominguez
6. Chair MKreeger Policy & Advocacy Committee
  - a. Working on Data Requests for OPEP leading to a Report on the Status of Women / Non-Binary Folks in Alameda County
  - b. Purpose to write report for Women / Girls / Non-Binary in Alameda County
  - c. Send Kim Fogel any agenda, information of updates, meetings

#### Retreat Ideas

- C Johnson, HRC: 2 sessions, virtual, consecutive meetings 2 hrs each
- C Gilmore, loves virtual 90 min 2 sessions, consecutive weeks or in the same week
- C Greenwood Motion to create an Ad Hoc Committee, second C Hernandez, UNANIMOUS Yes

Women's Hall of Fame, not sure if it is scheduled or online - Nominations are now open!

Covid related (work is very active getting all vaccinated and taken care of) and joy related with new professional opportunities!

Lucy Hernandez shared that she will not be continuing at the end of term in June.

Maria Dominguez shared with us that she will not be able to continue after May - her job is amazing and she is the chair of some wonderful organizations,