

Commission on the Status of Women
Minutes
October 13, 2021

Call to Order at 6:34Pm

Commission Chair Amey welcomed our newest Haleema Bharoocha-Jobe who will represent D2.

Chair Amey requested a volunteer to record the minutes since we still do not have a Secretary. D4 volunteered for this meeting.

Roll Call

Present: Martha Kreeger, Vice Chair, D1
Linda Tangren, Treasurer, D4
Yasi Safinya-Davis. D1
RocQuel Johnson, Human Relations Commission
Haleema Bharoocha-Jobe, D2 (yet to be sworn in)
Meredith Walker, D2
Marie Gilmore, D3
Amy Levine, D4
Erin Scott, D5
Nina Senn, Mayor's Conference

Absent: Courtney Welch, D5
Ge'Nell Gary, D5
Aliza Kazmi, D2

A brief background of each member was done to introduce our newest member to her colleagues on the commission.

Agenda Item II

Action Item: On September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed into law Assembly Bill 361, which amended the Brown Act to allow for continued use of teleconferenced meetings by Brown Act bodies to January 31, 2024. County Counsel advised that all Commissions who continue to meet remotely must vote every 30 days in order to meet Brown Act compliance.

Unanimously approved by all present.

Agenda Item III
Approval of minutes.

The minutes were approved with a pending amendment at the next meeting to clarify the attendance or absence of one commissioner.

Approved with nine yes and one abstention. Commissioner Kreeger abstained since she was not present at the previous meeting.

Agenda Item IV
Announcements

Chair Amey announced the signing of SB 65. This Senate bill is intended to eliminate the racial disparities gap; improve healthcare outcomes and improve the birthing experience for all birthing people in California.

Commissioner Erin Scott announced a webinar presented by Family Violence Law Center on Friday, October 15, 2021. The webinar will address domestic violence and homelessness. All are invited a link was provided in the chat for interested parties.

Agenda Item V
Inquiry received from Public School Teacher

Chair Amey read a letter sent by a first-grade public-school teacher. The teacher expressed concern that her class distribution of male and female students will lead to gender inequity. Her classroom consists of 19 boys and 7 girls. Commission members felt they did not have enough information for a response.

Action:

The item will be sent to Policy and Advocacy Committee for further discussion and clarity before responding to the letter. Motion for the Policy and Advocacy Committee designate an individual to reach out to teacher, gather more information and report back to the full commission for action.

Motion: Chair Amey. Second: Commissioner Tangren

Passed: Unanimously

Reminder to keep Kim Fogel and SSA in the loop on progress and discussion with the teacher.

Agenda Item VI
Discussion development of relationships with Supervisor's Office

- a. Chair Amey gave background on this item. Also, reminded the commissioners to complete their meeting with their respective Supervisors by the end of first quarter 2022. This will be important to our future endeavors. The Commission desires to move forward seeking an increase in data collection and increased accuracy of that data in the County. D1 and D4 completed their initial meeting and are asked to continue the dialogue.

- b. Our goal is to establish a rapport with our respective supervisors and eventually meet on a monthly basis.
- c. Did not review Google Drive but discussed the need to receive a legislative update/review from SSA Policy department. Valerie Kane of SSA gave information on an end of session summary which will be completed by the end of year. It covers bills relevant to Social Services and would not cover Healthcare services, so SB65 would not be included in this review that would be covered by HCSA. She would be happy to check in, see what would be best.

Agenda Item VII

Treasurer's Report

As of June 2020, we have a trust account balance of \$10,104.20. The trust account does not collect interest. Commissioner Yasi Safinya-Davis has agreed to work with Commissioner Tangren to obtain more information on fundraising: examine the possibility of partnering with an organization that is a 501c3 as a vehicle to engage in fundraising. Also, formulate some questions that will give us a better understanding of the procedure to obtain money for events or our retreat. Commissioner Marie Gilmore offered to share historical information on the operations of the commission. Other discussion on this topic was the need to hire a facilitator for our retreat.

Agenda Item VIII

Committee Reports

Chair Amey reported that she knows committees did not have the opportunity to meet last month. However, as part of the Communications Committee she has researched some social media platforms for the purpose of keeping our presence consistent. Social Media is not something we have done in the past. Commissioner Amey found a free platform for tweets. She would like to meet with Communications Committee to explore this further.

Commissioner Senn raised the possibility of doing a survey. Chair Amey thought it would be a good time to develop clarity on what the goals are for the commission. She would like to get something on the calendar for the Communications Committee to discuss this topic.

Further discussion pointed to the need for clarification on several topics. For instance, what approval will be needed from the county, if the commission decided to develop their own website; utilize Facebook or send tweets. Commissioners seemed to remember this discussion happening before, but didn't remember what conclusions the recent discussion by the COSW to develop a social media platform reached. Chair Amey will bring this to the Communications Sub-Committee for further development.

Chair Amey asked the group if folks are interested in re-instating the events committee or bundling under another committee. Placed on hold for now.

Agenda Item IX

Strategic Planning Updates and Planning Q4

Chair Amey reported that we did not have any plans for Q4.

Agenda Item X

Public Comments

None

Agenda Item XI

Agenda Building

- a. Is there a way to place bios and photos of commissioners?
- b. Commissioner self-education folks can share their expertise and knowledge.
- c. Discuss data sources and next steps
- d. Follow-up on letter from teacher
- e. Bios and Photos
- f. Survey
- g. Meetings with Supervisors
- h. End of Session Bill Summary

This was Commissioner RocQuel Johnson's last meeting. Commissioners thanked her for her service and dedication to the Commission. We wish her well and look forward to partnering with her and HRC in the future.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 PM