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MINUTES

April 5, 2024

Hybrid Meeting

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Chair Melinda Vásquez: Meeting was called to order at 12:11PM

Commissioner Roll Call:

Members Present In-person:

Melinda Vásquez	Amy Nantkes
Mary Davis	Rohida Khan
Lindsay Riedel Ruther	Lauren Welty
Kristine Custodio Suero – arrived @ 12:21pm	

Members Present Virtually (AB2449):

Leah Goodwin (-Emergency)

Members Absent:

Nadia Farjood	Deja Hartley
Vernita Gutierrez	

Approval to Teleconference:

Approval of the request by Comm. Leah Goodwin to teleconference from a remote location due to medical emergency circumstances. Comm. Khan made a motion, Vice Chair (VC) Comm. Nantkes seconded. Motion carries with a vote of 6-0 (Comm. Goodwin did not vote; Comm. Custodio Suero not present for the vote).

Approval of Minutes:

No additions, deletions, or modifications. VC Comm. Nantkes moved to approve the February 10, 2024, Special Meeting Minutes. Comm. Davis seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carries with 7-0 vote (Comm. Custodio Suero not present for the vote).

No additions, deletions, or modifications. Comm. Davis moved to approve the March 1, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes. Comm. Riedel Reuther seconded the motion. No discussion. Motion carries with 6-0 vote, 1 abstention from Comm. Goodwin who was not present for the March 1, 2024, meeting (Comm. Custodio Suero not present for the vote).

Public Comments:

None

Business:

Agenda Item #5 – Decided to move the agenda item to be heard right before the Committee Reports (item#7) to give time for VC Comm. Custodio Suero arrival.

VC Comm. Nantkes and VC Custodio Suero shared their experiences at the 68th United Nations Commission on the Status of Women and provided a presentation (attachment A). Former Chair Ijadi-Maghsoodi presented at the event. The 2025 event will be held March 10-21, 2025, in New York City at the United Nations Headquarters. The theme will be Journey to Beijing+30 (anniversary milestone).

Agenda Item #6 – To reconsider the April 28, 2024, Strategic Planning (SP) Meeting for another date due to Comms. Farjood, Hartley and Riedel Reuther will not be able to attend. The intent of the SP Meeting is to have all commissioners present at the meeting. Comm. Nantkes moved to reconsider the Special meeting scheduled on April 28th. Comm. Welty seconded the motion. VC Comm. Nantkes in favor of reconsideration because the commission would like all commissioners present, moving it to another date would all for that. No more discussion. Motion carries with 7-0 vote, 1 abstention by VC Comm. Custodio Suero who walked in while discussing point of information.

The intent is to reschedule the SP meeting for right after the regularly schedule commission meeting. Comm. Davis moved to schedule the SP meeting on September 6, 2024. VC Comm. Nantkes seconded the motion. Motion carries with 8-0 vote.

Comm. Davis moved to hold the SP meeting immediately after as just discussed. Comm. Davis withdrawals her motion. VC Comm. Custodio Suero moved to hold the SP meeting on Friday, September 6, 2024 from 2:00pm to 5:00pm based on the parking at the County Administration Building. Comm. VC Comm. Nantkes seconded the motion. Motion carries with 8-0 vote.

Agenda Item #7 –

- Civic Engagement: VC Comm. Custodio Suero has not been able to schedule a meeting with Comm. Hartley and Comm. Goodwin. Influx with website, more information to come.
- Policy: VC Comm. Nantkes thanked all commissioners for their work on the Know Your Rights Symposium. Event went smoothly with about 70+ attendees and 4 panels: housing, healthcare, immigration and employment rights.
- Governance: Chair Vasquez shared on behalf of VC Gutierrez that if you have not completed your orientation training and ethics training, to please do so as soon as possible. Once the finances and invoices are in the Governance committee can complete the grant report.
- Executive: Chair Vasquez echoed the thank you to all commissioners. The KYR Symposium was a monumental event, first of its kind reaching out to community members. The next steps are executing the next 2 events under the CSW Phase II grant: KYR on Human Trafficking and KYR at Las Colinas. A new county commission website is being created by Staff Assistant Garcia to help eliminate the fees for the external .org website.

Agenda Item # 8 –

- **CEDAW Advisor:** (heard before item #7) Chair Emeritus Ijadi-Maghsoodi shared the San Diego County's Ordinance Integrating the CEDAW Principles: Implementation summary

(attachment B). Currently at Conduct a Baseline Intersectional Gender Analysis. Pursuant to section 32.833 of the CEDAW Ordinance, the County has hired a qualified expert to conduct the gender analysis (H&R Advisors Inc, in Los Angeles). Next steps, consultant is in the process of completing the gender analysis which will be provided at a County Board of Supervisors meeting. Guest Nancy Breneau mentioned the San Diego Ordinance is the gold standard that is taken across the county across the state. Commends former Chair Ijadi-Maghsoodi on her worker with the CDEAW Ordinance.

- **Women's Hall of Fame (WHOF):** The event will take place on April 13, 2024 at 10am. You can access it through the state website and the commissions .org website.
- **Association of California Commission for Women (ACCW):** Open position for a commissioner liaison. If interested, please connect with Chair Vasquez.

Agenda Item #9 – Comm. Davis suggested to purchase the .org domain and have it redirect to the new county commission website. Would like to explore an Instagram account for the San Diego County Commission on the Status of Women and Girls. Comm. Khan mentioned she's been working on Human Trafficking events at high schools. Has already reached 1,500 students. Provided prevention information and letting them know what their rights are. Comm. Goodwin shared the website cost can be raised/covered through grants like the Community Enhancement Grant which the commission received while she was former Chair. Senior County Counsel confirmed that receiving grants are authorized, but received donations is prohibited. Comm. Davis wanted to put on commissioners' radar that there is a regular scheduled commission meeting scheduled on July 5th with is right after the July 4th holiday. Some families might take an extended holiday so it would be a good idea change maybe change the regular meeting to July 12th. Senior County Counsel Rogers mentioned it could be added as an action item for the next meeting.

Information Items:

- **2024 Meetings:** May 3, June 7, July 5, August 2, September 6, October 4, November 1, December 6
- **2024 WHOF:** April 13, 2024, Joan Kroc Center

ADJOURN:

- a. There be no further business, this meeting is closed at 1:28pm.

NOTE: The Commission on the Status of Women and Girls jurisdiction is established by action of the Board of Supervisors as follows: The Board of Supervisors of the County of San Diego declares that it is the policy of the County to take action to identify needs and problems of women in the County that are affected by public policy decisions; and furthermore, to eliminate the practice of discrimination and prejudice on the basis of sex within the County. In order to promote this policy and to provide an open forum for discussion and action, there is hereby established a San Diego County Commission on the Status of Women in the Chief Administrative Office. County Code of Administrative Ordinances, Section 85.