



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 24, 2023, 6:00-8:00pm

1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

2. Roll Call

a. **Commissioners Present:**

b. Aileen Cassinetto, Dayna Chung, Trish Erwin, Ann Girard, La Saundra Gutter, Susan Kokores, Ellen Tafeen, Susan Takalo, Anisha Weber, Amani Shroff, Joy Zou, Aysha Pamukcu (arrived late, with vote counting on item #9)

Staff: Jacki Rigoni (on Zoom)

c. Absent: Sue Datta, Julissa Acosta, Jess Hudson, Melissa Lukin, Nirmala Bandrapalli, Rosie Tejada

3. Public Comment – Natalie Handel on Zoom as a member of the public.

4. Action to Set Agenda and Approve Consent Agenda Items

Motion to move agenda #8 to follow agenda #6 with the Financial Learnings group to present first by Anisha Weber, seconded by Susan Takalo. Approved.

CONSENT AGENDA

5. Approval of September Minutes – Motion to approve the consent agenda by Trish Erwin, seconded by Anisha Weber. Approved.

REGULAR AGENDA

6. Icebreaker with Youth Commissioner Introductions; Share name, where you live, how long you have been on the CSW, which subcommittee you sit on.

7. President's Report – Susan Kokores

- Met with Jacki Speier 1:1; shared what the CSW was working on
- JS Foundation is planning a Child Care Summit in Spring 2024
- Baby Bonus pilot
- Susan invited her to speak to the Commission; we pick a topic for her to speak to. Wants to sit with us and chat. She asked what we do to sit down and talk with the community.
- 2 Vacancies: Anya Drabkin has resigned; Sue Datta gave notice of Dec 1.

8. Sub-Committees

- Childcare & Early Childhood Education – Dayna Chung
 - i. Close to 400 survey responses; listening session in SSF on Measure DD
 - ii. Next Steps: collaboration with child care allies
 - iii. Please refer to CC PPT file.
- Financial Learnings – LaSaundra Gutter, Ellen Tafeen
 - i. Interviews of local groups. 14 completed interviews. Meeting with banks, colleges, community members, etc.
 - ii. Survey information: close to 200 responses

- iii. Primary drivers: gender discrimination, lower-paying employment, caregiving interrupts employment, lack of affordable childcare
- iv. Please refer to “Long Survey” file for specific data points.

9. Director’s Report

- Liaison to Domestic Violence Council (action) is needed. Motion to make Trish Erwin the liaison to the Domestic Violence Council from the CSW by Anisha Weber, seconded by Susan Kokores. Approved.
- Women’s Hall of Fame & Young Women of Excellence nominations submitted. Seeking Judges from Santa Clara County so if you have referrals, please send them to me.
- Officer elections with November meeting. Self nominations from Susan Kokores and Ann Girard. Others can email me.
- November meeting: potluck before the meeting begins & flower making demonstration.
- If you want to meet up socially, perhaps early January would work for you?

10. RISE 2024 Women’s Leadership Conference (Director’s Report)

- Lauren Babb, VP for Public Affairs for Planned Parenthood confirmed
- Emcee search
- Sponsorship will support food, beverage and any speaker travel costs. Please share any other groups who you think would want to sponsor
- Short discussion regarding end of conference
- Remember that RISE 2024 is the start of collecting feedback on your recommendations.

11. Commissioner Announcements

12. Adjournment