



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 19, 2019
San Mateo County Office Building
455 County Center, Redwood City – Room 101
6:30 PM

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

- a. **Commissioners Present:** Becky Abens, Nirmala Bandrapalli, Sue Datta, Cheryl Fama, Melissa Lukin, Karen Pyles, Ellen Tafeen, Maya Tussing, Anisha Weber, Manufou Liaiga-Anoa'i, Marguerite Machen, Christine Padilla, Dana Linda, Aeneas Bufiy. Staff: Tanya Beat
- b. **Absent:** Anya Drabkin, Ei Ei Samai, Ann Girard, Juda Tolmasoff

3. Public Comment

4. Approval and Adoption of Agenda (Action)

Motion to approve by Cheryl Fama, seconded by Sue Datta. Unanimously approved.

5. Approval of October Meeting Minutes (Action)

Motion to approve by Nirmala Bandrapalli, seconded by Dana Linda. Unanimously approved.

6. Living the Mission & Vision

- a. Manufou Liaiga-Anoa'i: gives regards regarding serving as Vice-President and how she has benefited from serving.

7. Census 2020 Presentation

- a. Melissa Vergara, SMC Office of Community Affairs; Overview how Census can affect community resources, government, businesses, funding, and be used as a tool for one's voice to be heard.

8. Commission President

- a. Anisha Weber: overview of her term as President and grateful for this group.

9. Report from Commission Director (Update)

- a. Vote on 2020 Meeting Schedule: Motion to approve by Anisha Weber, seconded by Christine Padilla.
- b. Article on culture of the commission. Will discuss at January Meeting.
- c. Dana Linda shares from SF gathering of members from other CA commissions.

10. Youth Commission Report (Aeneas Bufiy)

- a. Update of Youth Commission meeting: environmental awareness, potable water, cannabis awareness.

11. Officer Elections for 2019

- a. Vice President: Maya Tussing. 1 abstention, Maya Tussing, all other members vote yay.
- b. President: Nirmala Bandrapalli. 1 abstention, Nirmala Bandrapalli, all other members vote yay.

12. RISE 2020: Women’s Leadership Conference & women’s Hall of Fame

- a. Four tracks focusing on Mental Health and Wellness, Women in the Workplace, Women in Government, and a Youth track
- b. Still on the lookout for sponsorships and sponsorship packet is available on [website](#).
- c. Current sponsors include Kaiser Permanente, Path Water, Skyline College
- d. If anyone has speaker referrals, please share with Tanya
- e. Nominations for Hall of Fame due Nov 25- please promote!!!!

13. Work Plan Proposals

- a. October Meeting work on goal planning hindered due absent members. Newer members did not have the information for work to be agreed upon.
 - i. Newer members were confused on what the end goal needs to be.
- b. Sue Datta motions to adopt the topic (supporting women in marginalized communities and mental health; Census 2020; Anniversary of Women’s Right to Vote) and revise the plan, seconded by Christine Padilla. Vote: 10 ays, 1 nay Maya Tussing, and 2 abstentions Ellen Tafeen, Cheryl Fama.
- c. Nirmala and Maya will work on this Topic and will create a plan for process at the January meeting.

14. Announcements - none

15. Adjournment

The **Commission on the Status of Women Group** agree to arrive on time/start on time; take turns speaking; speak loud enough for everyone to hear; be courteous of other opinions; listen to hear a different perspective than your own; mute phones, allow the chair to guide the process; Chair will check in about remaining time at 8:15 PM.

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