



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 22, 2021, 6:30-8:30pm

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call & Introductions

- a. **Commissioners Present:** Becky Abens, Nirmala Bandrapalli, Sue Datta, Anya Drabkin, Ann Girard, Kelly Keele, Susan Kokores, Dana Linda, Marguerite Machen, Christine Padilla, Maya Tussing, Candra Williams
Staff: Tanya Beat, Juda Tolmasoff
- b. **Absent:** Cheryl Fama, Melissa Lukin, Karen Pyles, Ellen Tafeen, Anisha Weber

3. Public Comment

4. Approval and Adoption of Agenda (Action)

Motion to approve moving agenda item #8 to immediately follow item #6 by Becky Abens. Seconded by Sue Datta. All Approved.

5. Approval of May Meeting Minutes (Action)

Motion to approve amended minutes to include a complete statement of the YPAR project made by Susan Kokores, seconded by Becky Abens. All Approved.

6. CuriOdyssey STEAM Presentation (presentation)

Lee Cauble, CuriOdyssey Science Playground & Zoo

- a. 65+ years; learner directed STEM & wildlife experiences for youth; collaborative team of volunteers and staff
- b. STEMCorps with a focus on equity access. Mentors are the key to support, inclusion and impact on STEM identity
 - i. Two 1 hour video sessions per month; coach & extend science learning; role model
 - ii. Mentor training in August, September
 - iii. Learn more: <https://StemCorps.CuriOdyssey.org>

7. Women's Leadership: Women's Equality Day Networking Event

- a. History: WCLN celebrates Women's Equality Day (annually August 26th).
- b. Please refer to the Women's Leadership Committee report for details.
- c. Request for your help: suggestions for women's caterers; your time to attend and help with roles during the event; create a list of women-owned businesses that we can post on website and update regularly.

8. August CSW Meeting Proposal

Motion to approve cancelling the August CSW meeting due to the Women’s Equality Day Event made by Nirmala Bandrapalli. Seconded by Maya Tussing. All Approved.

9. Mental Health Month – Update on Call to Action Project (Mental Health, Nirmala Bandrapalli)

- a. They invited the “Lived Experience Education Workgroup” to do a roundtable so that the mental health group could listen to their priorities.
- b. Shared suggested questions with the CSW and asked for feedback. Please share by June 25.
- c. The roundtable is Monday, July 19 at 5:00pm. Please join us.

10. Economic Empowerment (please see attached report for details)

- a. Topics of focus include Childcare and Early Learning; Financial Wellbeing; Procurement; and Councilperson Compensation
- b. Seeking to present learnings to Supervisor Carole Groom and get her feedback
- c. Plan to share the results of the meeting with the CSW

11. Women’s Hall of Fame 2022 Nominations

- a. Form being revised and a deadline set for January because the event date will be later in April or May
- b. Eligibility: Must live or work in San Mateo County and Board of Supervisors and current commissioners cannot be nominated.
- c. Active recruitment and effort to nominate people under your committee topics of women’s leadership, economic empowerment, mental health.

12. Announcements (updates)

- a. **Director report** – Tanya Beat
 - i. Please refer to the Director’s Report for details
- b. **Human Trafficking report** – Becky Abens
 - i. View meetings at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/SMCSheriff/videos>

13. 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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