



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 28, 2021, 6:30-8:30pm

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

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

3. Adopt a resolution finding that, as a result of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

Motion to approve by Nirmala Bandrapalli. Seconded by Becky Abens. Approved.

4. Public Comment

5. Approval and Adoption of Agenda (Action)

Motion to approve by Susan Kokores. Seconded by Anisha Weber. Approved.

6. Approval of September Meeting Minutes (Action)

Motion to approve by Susan Kokores. Seconded by Anya Drabkin. Approved.

7. New Business

- **Redistricting Process** – presentation by Nirmala Bandrapalli. Please see meeting materials for presentation information. The considered maps will be assessed and decided up at the November 9th BOS meeting.
- **ACCW** – presentation by Margaret Fitzwilliam; the ACCW is a liaison organization between local commissions in CA and the State commission. They appreciate our participation with them.
- **Institutional Recognition** –
 - i. Propose to start a **Professional** recognition that elevates businesses, organizations who support women in San Mateo County (build prestige). This would be part of the Women's Hall of Fame. Creation of the award that lists year by year the org who is recognized. They have it at their location for the time in between Hall of Fames.
 - ii. This would be in tandem with the individual nominations; have to create the assessment process; and outreach to get nominations.
 - iii. Next Steps: develop criteria and qualifications. We open this process to all commissioners and the Leadership Committee to join us.
 - iv. Goal is to bring a motion to the November 16 CSW meeting.

- **Youth Commission** – They will bring more information to the next meeting about the San Francisco Youth Commission resolution regarding sexual assault in San Francisco City/County
- **RISE 2022: Event Agenda & Women’s Hall of Fame**
 - i. Registration will remain with Eventbrite
 - ii. Whova - conference platform; you have to create an account to sign in and gain access.
 - iii. Attendee Profile – Tanya will send CSW an invitation code to create your account.
 - iv. Agenda: Large group plenaries, sessions, exhibit hall, networking sessions
 - v. Speaker info deadline Nov 10. Need that for the website launch in December.
 - vi. Send in suggestions (if you can provide contact info) to Tanya
 - vii. Women’s Hall of Fame: please outreach for nominations (due Jan 7)
 - viii. Young Women of Excellence: \$500 scholarship
 - ix. Hall of Fame is in-person on May 11.

8. Old Business

- **Director’s Report**
 - DKG/Beto Rho Chapter presentation, Nov 4 at 5:30pm. Any commissioners available to join me to co-present? Potentially Anisha Weber.
 - Officer nominations: Maya Tussing as President. Deadline Nov 4
 - EE presentation on Nov 4, 11:30am-1:00pm
 - SMC Transit District: community meetings on harassment on transit.
- **December Break**
 - Holiday informal gathering; send suggestions to Nirmala.

9. 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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