



Commission for Women

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting
February 4, 2015**

I. Call to Order

A. Roll Call

Chair Capps called the meeting to order at 5:01 P.M. The meeting was held at City Hall/Council Chambers, City of Solvang, and was wheelchair accessible. Roll call followed and it was determined that a quorum was present.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

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First District: (No Vacancies)

Laura Burton Capps (Chair)
Gina Fischer
Victoria Juarez

Second District: (No Vacancies)

Suzanne Peck
Sigrid Wright

Gail Teton-Landis

Third District: (No Vacancies)

Tracy Beard
Fran Clow (Vice Chair)
Deborah Dawicki

Fourth District: (One Vacancy)

Martha Hight
Cindy Litzinger

Fifth District: (Two Vacancies)

Gayle Pratt

B. Welcome and Introductions of Commissioners and Guests

Chair Capps welcomed everyone present and the new Second District Commissioner, Sigrid Wright. Ms. Wright has over twenty-five (25) years' experience as staff or Board in the non-profit sector, including the following organizations: the Community Environmental Council and Leading From Within. The Commissioners also provided introductions.

C. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

II. Regular Business

A. Approve: January 4, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Clow made the motion to approve the amended meeting minutes. Commissioner Peck seconded the motion. The motion carried.

B. Announcements–All

-Commissioner Peck invited Commissioners to attend the UC presentation of Status of Women; UCSB Chancellor Henry T. Yang will be in attendance.

-Commissioner Hight announced that AAUW Lompoc-Vanderburg will be presenting a Human Sex Trafficking event, with Carissa Phelps, April 7, at Dick DeWees Community and Senior Center. Ms. Phelps also wrote the book *Runaway Girls*.

-Commissioner Peck informed the Commissioners of a PBS documentary, *Half the Sky, A Path Appears*.

-Chair Capps informed the Commissioners of legislation by Senators Amy Klobuchar and John Cornyn on Sex Trafficking, Stop Exploitation Through Trafficking (SETT) Act.

-Commissioner Fischer announced that the County of Santa Barbara Human Trafficking Task Force meeting has been postponed to February 19.

C. Accept Chair Report–Burton Capps

Chair Capps reported that she received great feedback from County leaders regarding the January meeting.

D. Review, Discuss & Act: SF Department on Status of Women–Beard

a. Commissioner Beard attended the San Francisco Department on Status of Women meeting, January 30, San Francisco. There was discussion about Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), and getting the County to support the initiative.

Commissioner Pratt made the motion to approve \$664.00 reimbursement to Commissioner Beard for hotel, parking, mileage, expenses. Vice Chair Clow seconded the motion. The motion carried.

b. Commissioners Beard and Teton-Landis attended the ACCW meeting, January 31, San Francisco. Commissioner Beard handed out brochures from other Commissions (including Santa Monica, Pasadena) detailing their work. UC Davis completed a *2014-2015 Study of California Women Business Leaders*.

c. Commissioner Beard also reported on the Women's Policy Summit meeting, January 14, Sacramento. Commissioner Fischer was also in attendance and reported on the discussion about Family Paid Leave and the policy's priority to eliminate the cap on CalWORKS grants to recipients. Senate Pro Tem Kevin De Leon spoke during the summit.

E. Review, Discuss & Act: Women's Literary Festival–All

No action taken.

F. Review, Discuss & Act: ACCW Membership–All
Commissioner Fischer made the motion to approve \$100.00 payment for membership to ACCW. Commissioner Peck seconded the motion. The motion carried.

G. Review, Discuss & Act: NACW Membership–All
Commissioner Fischer made the motion to approve \$100.00 payment for membership to NACW. Commissioner Hight seconded the motion. The motion carried.

H. Review, Discuss & Act: Service Awards–All
The date for the service award presentation is April 21, Santa Barbara. Commissioner Beard discussed having a wall within County Administration building dedicated to the service awards.

I. Update: Gender Composition Report–Burton Capps
Chair Capps discussed the report and the roll-out of the report. She provided the following recommendations for the sequence: a. Let your supervisor know that the report is finalized; b. Present the report to the Board of Supervisors; and c. Also advise municipalities that the report is being published.

Commissioner Pratt made the motion to follow the above protocol. Commissioner Peck seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chair Capps also recommended that they have a press release, and after the report is released in March, share the report with stakeholders. Commissioner Wright suggested that Orfalea Foundation be provided notification prior to the presentation at the board meeting.

J. Review, Discuss and Act : Committee Updates–All

1. Women in Leadership:

2. Mental Health:

Chair Capps distributed a handout from the County's Mental Health Plan and discussed some of the items under Guiding Principles: Cultural competence, diversity and inclusivity; and an item specific to females, Girls Resiliency Restoration and Reintegration alliance (GRRRL). There was a suggestion that CFW provide a response to Dr. Alice Gleghorn, Director, Alcohol Drug Mental Health Services, and either write a letter or invite her to come back for further discussion about services for women.

3. Events:

4. Executive:

K. Meetings With Supervisors–All

L. Other Business – All

-International Women's Day, Butler Center, March 8

-Santa Barbara Business Expo, April 25

M. Agenda Items for next meeting-All

Service Awards

Speaker-Donna Brown, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)

III. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on March 4, 2015, City of Solvang.