

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2020– 7:00 P.M.  
*City Hall 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Community Conference Room  
8300 Santa Monica Blvd, West Hollywood***

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Women's Advisory Board Meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair Deal at 7:03 PM.

**A.** Councilmember Duran Administered Oath of Office to a New Board member Timothea Tway.

**B. Roll Call**

Present: Board Member Amanda Bleich  
Board Member Karen Eyres  
Board Member Tina Moore  
Board Member Nicole Payton  
Board Member Angela de Silva  
Board Member Nadia Sutton  
Board Member Timothea Tway  
Board Vice-Chair Jenner Deal  
Board Chair Melaney Lubey

Absent: None

Also, Present: Strategic Initiatives Manager, Corri Planck  
Staff Liaison. Larissa Fooks  
Recording Secretary, Jenny Ivanova

**C. Approval of the February 27, 2020 Meeting Agenda**

Approval of the February 27, 2020 Meeting Agenda was motioned by Board Member Deal, seconded by Board Member Payton and approved unanimously.

**D. Approval of the December 11, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Approval of the December 11, 2019 Meeting Minutes was motioned by Board Member Deal, seconded by Board Member Sutton and approved unanimously.

**Approval of the January 16, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

Approval of the January 16, 2020 Meeting Minutes was motioned by Board Member Deal, seconded by Board Member Sutton with Chair Lubey, Board Member Moore and Board Member Payton abstaining.

**E. Public Comment:**

Alana Roshay, Co-Chair of the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board shared she was excited about the WAB's Movie and Pizza event. Also spoke on behalf of Stonewall Democratic Club and encouraged people to vote. Women need to Vote.

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. Climate Action Plan Working Group Appointee**

Robyn L. Eason, Senior Sustainability Planner for the City of West Hollywood presented information on the City's Climate Action Plan and City's efforts to decrease its carbon footprint and requested representatives from the Board to participate in four bi-monthly meetings.

**ACTION:** Board Member Payton volunteered to represent the board and Board Member Chair Lubey will be the alternate.

**B. Gender Balance on City Advisory Boards and Commissions**

City Clerk Yvonne Quarker facilitated a discussion with the Board on different ways to support and sustain gender balance on the City's Advisory Boards and Commissions.

**ACTION:** Board received and discussed, provided some feedback to City Clerks team.

**C. City of West Hollywood Kids Fair**

The Board discussed participation in the City's annual kid's fair which will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2020.

**ACTION:** Motion by Board Member Bleich, seconded by Board Member Eyres to form a subcommittee. Subcommittee members are Board member Bleich, Chair Lubey, and Board member Payton.

**D. National Equal Pay Day**

Board discussed ways to commemorate National Equal Pay Day, to bring awareness to pay discrepancies between women and men for the same work.

**ACTION:** Board received and discussed.

**6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. National Women's History Month Celebration 2020**

The Board reviewed and finalized plans for the City's annual commemoration of National Women's History Month held during the month of March.

**ACTION:** Board received and discussed.

**B. Women's Equality Day 2020: 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment Centennial Celebration**

The Subcommittee reported on City's annual commemoration of Women's Equality Day that takes place in August highlighting the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the United States Constitution. The Subcommittee recommended that the City commemorate the centennial with a suffrage parade down Santa Monica Boulevard followed by programming at the park.

**ACTION:** Board received and discussed.

### **C. Board Retreat Discussion Board**

Staff spoke to the Board about a recent retreat meeting and how the Board's work plan priorities and development will be implemented throughout the year.

**ACTION:** Board received and discussed.

## **7. LEGISLATION & ADVOCACY:**

### **A. Legislative and Advocacy Updates on WAB Prioritized Issues:**

#### **1. Ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment**

Board Member Eyres provided an update that the House recently passed a bill to eliminate any kind of deadline on the ratification.

## **8. BOARD AND COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS:**

### **1. LA-County Commission on Women & Girls & Women & Girls Initiative**

No update,

### **2. Association of California Women's Commissions**

No update.

### **3. City of West Hollywood Census 2020 Complete Count Committee (CCC) Report**

Board Member Eyres reported that the City is still looking for people to join as ambassadors who would get a social media kit to make sure everyone gets counted in West Hollywood.

### **4. City Board & Commission Reports**

Board Member Payton attended Public Facilities which discussed Arbor Day, as well as no smoking at the parks.

Board Member Eyres attended Transgender Advisory Board and the board was excited about The Vagina Monologues and representation of LGBT community in the production. The Board was also excited for the upcoming TransVagina Diaries production

Board Member de Silva attended the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission briefly who discussed a recent gift to the City of a statue.

## **9. MONTHLY REPORTS TO CITY COUNCIL:**

Board Member Eyres was designated to report to the City Council in February 2020.

## **10. SUBCOMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS:**

### **1. Human Trafficking Awareness Community Screening**

Board Member Bleich reported the movie screening of "Nona" was successful and well attended. Kate Bosworth and her husband attended and spoke. Board member Bleich moderated a panel discussion with actors from the movie.

### **2. Roe At 47 – Brave Past, Endangered Future**

Board Member Payton recapped the Roe at 47 event and shared that it was a nice event and well attended.

Chair Lubey shared that she was impressed with the movie screening and surprised on how well attended the event was. Board Member Tway shared she was also in attendance and was really moved of energy of the room and the film. Board Member Sutton shared how important and inspiring to keep the fight and be diligent of what is happening in other states. We need to be aware and keep an eye of what is taking place in other States. Board member Eyres pointed out that WAB participates in this event yearly and that she is proud of this event and suggests for board members who have not been a part of a stirring committee to sign-up. Staff shared that the filmmaker has since reach out and will provide her contact information with the Board to share with their affiliated groups to promote the film.

3. **West Hollywood V-Day/The Vagina Monologues**

Board Member Eyres reported how successful the event was (both days). She encouraged the Board to participate in the future to be part of the cast. Board Member Lubey also expressed her experience and how wonderful the event was and her bonding with the crew on the show. This event will be one of Chair Lubey's highlights of her year and a creative way to talk about a heavy subject. Board Member Sutton share how important this subject was and congratulated Board member Eyres on a job well done.

4. **National Council of Jewish Women Advocacy Training Project (ATP)**

Board Member de Silva reported that it went well topic was Media coverage.

5. **TransVagina Diaries**

No update

11. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

12. **ITEMS FROM THE BOARD:**

Board Bleich welcomed new member Tway and was looking forward to work together.

Vice-chair Deal also welcomed new Board Member Tway. Happy Black History Month, as well as Happy Pisces month. She announced that the Scottish Parliament approved free feminine hygiene products in the entire country for all women.

Board Member Eyres shared that the Hammer Museum was hosting a Suffrage Film Festival going on for Women's History Month. During the month of March, the museum would be showing different movies between 1pm-4pm to celebrate the 19th Centennial Celebration. Invited the board to join last Sunday of the month.

Board Member Moore welcomed Board Member Tway to the team.

Board Member Payton welcomed Board Member Tway and shared she was happy she was no longer the newest member of the team. Shared that she was honored to me Denise Armstrong from Community LA, they have an amazing resource book and app

called “What I need” for those experiencing homelessness with information where services were offered.

Board Member Tway thanked the board how excited and happy she was to join this board. She expressed that she received positive feedback from the community when she shared, she was joining the board.

Chair Lubey had couple of things to share it was nice to have a full board again we are whole and welcomed Board Member Timmi Tway. On a personal note she attended Maternal mental health summit and got to facilitate a connection. Acting planning for Mom Congress which is bringing maternal health advocates together across the country in DC. She was planning legislative visit with a group called Herd on the Hill. She missed everyone last month, and happy to be back.

**13. ITEMS FROM STAFF:**

Community Events Coordinator, Larissa Fooks, shared with the board that Women’s Leadership conference date will be July 10-11 and the conference will be aligned with National League of Cities Women in Municipal Government Conference.

Strategic Initiatives Manager, Corri Planck, shared with the board that the City will be hosting Homeless Connect day at West Hollywood Park for our homeless community members providing free haircuts and variety different services.

**14. Adjournment:**

The Women’s Advisory Board adjourned at 9:20pm to their next Meeting on Thursday, March 26, 2020 at 7pm in the West Hollywood City Hall Community Conference Room, located at 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE WOMEN’S ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 30<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY 2020.



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MEL LUBEY, CHAIR

ATTEST:



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JENNY IVANOVA,  
RECORDING SECRETARY