

**WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2021
7:00 P.M.**

SPECIAL TELECONFERENCE MEETING*

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Women's Advisory Board Meeting was called to order by Chair de Silva at 7:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Keely Field, Angela de Silva, Sajji Lazarus, Tina Moore, Nicole Payton, Danielle Nisim, Timothea Tway

ABSENT: Melissa Purner

ALSO PRESENT: Larissa Fooks, Staff Liaison and Jenny Ivanova, Recording Secretary

3. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 9, 2021, 2021

ACTION: Approve the agenda of December 9, 2021, Meeting Agenda was motioned by Boardmember Payton, seconded by Boardmember Moore, and approved unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FOR THE NOVEMBER 18, 2021

ACTION: Approve the minutes of November 18, 2021, Meeting Minutes was motioned by Boardmember Moore, seconded by Vice-Chair Field, and approved unanimously.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

None.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. BOARD RETREAT FOLLOW UP

The Board revisited some discussions from the retreat about their individual interests and passions related to the mission of the Women's Advisory Board. Staff spoke on the Board's work plan priorities and asked for

feedback regarding implementation and ways to move forward. It was suggested that staff review the Board's meeting agenda to foster more efficient and productive discussion based on action-oriented items.

B. NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION 2022

The Board discussed programming for the City's National Women's History Month celebration held during March.

ACTION: Boardmember Moore, Boardmember Lazarus, Vice-Chair Field, Chair de Silva and Vice Chair Field were designated by consensus to serve on the Women's History Month Subcommittee.

C. ANNUAL ROE V WADE COMMEMORATION

The Women's Advisory Board received an update from Larissa Fooks, Staff Liaison, detailing event plans for the City's annual commemoration of Roe v. Wade presented by the National Council of Jewish Women/Los Angeles in partnership with the City for Courageous Conversations on Abortion to be held on January 23rd at 5 pm. The event is a fundraiser that will benefit the Women's Reproductive Rights Assistance Project (WRRAP). Boardmembers expressed interest in signing up to host a virtual conversation.

ACTION: Chair de Silva made a motion to support the Board's participation in the Roe v. Wade Commemoration event "Courageous Conversations on Abortion," Vice-Chair Field seconded, approved by consensus.

8. BOARD AND COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS:

1. **LA-County Commission on Women & LA County Women & Girls Initiative**
2. **City Board & Commission Report**
3. **California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls**
4. **Association of California Commissions for Women**

ACTION: Staff provided information on an upcoming meeting that will take place on Monday of the LA County Commission on Women. She shared her attendance at a conference hosted by the Association of California Women's Commissions along with the California Commission on the Status of Women girls regarding the implementation of CEDAW (Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women), provided information, and encouraged the Board participation in future meetings.

9. MONTHLY REPORTS TO CITY COUNCIL:

ACTION: Board Member Payton will report back to the City Council for December 2021.

10. SUBCOMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS:

- i. **JOINT WOMEN'S SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE**
No Report.
- ii. **COMMUNICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**
Chair de Silva shared she saw the City's sexual assault awareness and prevention billboard campaign - Only Yes Means Yes. Boardmember Lazarus provided information on the development of visibility and outreach strategies for a marketing kit about the Equal Rights Amendment.
- iii. **LEGISLATIVE & ADVOCACY SUBCOMMITTEE**
Vice-Chair Field reported on updates regarding the planning for an activity focused on AB-1225, The Dignity for Incarcerated Women Act.
- iv. **JOINT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE SUBCOMMITTEE**
Staff stated there was no meeting held, the joint subcommittee body asked for direction for the joint subcommittee and requested a status update of all the recommendations.
- v. **WOMEN IN FILM SPEAKER SERIES**
Chair de Silva shared information on *the Black Member Forum Event: A Conversation with Dayna Lynne North* is scheduled for December 14th at 6 pm.
- vi. **WAB CLUB: WOMEN AND BOOKS**
Chair de Silva shared the book for the book for January is "Northern Spy" by Flynn Berry.
- vii. **NCJW|LA ADVOCACY TRAINING PROJECT & MONTHLY LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY GROUP**
Vice-Chair Field reported her attendance in October and the November Training workshop, last month's workshop's topic was *How to join an Advisory Board or a Commission*. She expressed how powerful the event was and great turnout.
- viii. **HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS MONTH SUBCOMMITTEE**
Larissa Fooks, Staff Liaison, provided an upcoming Staff Report going to the City Council for approval in recognition of Human Trafficking Awareness Month. She provided background informational facts.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

12. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD:

Boardmember Payton wished everyone Happy holidays and expressed that it was nice to see everyone.

Boardmember Nisim wished everyone Happy holidays and happy to be part of this Board.

Boardmember Tway, Happy holidays and thanked Chair and Vice-Chair for their leadership. She expressed her excitement in the Board's work ahead.

Boardmember Lazarus wished everyone a Happy Holiday and thanked everyone for showing up to meetings.

Boardmember Moore thanked Staff for their hard work throughout the year. She wished everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Chair de Silva thanked the Board and Staff for everything.

Vice-Chair Field expressed how proud she was to be part of this Board and looking forward to all the work we will accomplish next. She wished everyone Happy Holidays and to stay safe and reminded everyone the importance of health.

13. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

Larissa Fooks, Staff Liaison, thanked the Board for their work. She stated that staff would follow up by arranging a couple of subcommittee meetings to wrap up the year.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 8:35 pm to their next Teleconference meeting on Thursday, January 27, 2022, at 7 p.m.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 27TH DAY OF JANUARY 2022.

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