

**WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
MINUTES
THURSDAY APRIL 22, 2021
7:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Women's Advisory Board Meeting was called to order by Chair Jenner Deal at 7:02 p.m.

PRESENT: Jenner Deal, Keely Field, Angela de Silva, Danielle Nisim, Nicole Payton, Melissa Purner, Timothea Tway

ABSENT: Tina Moore

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Lindsey P. Horvath, Mayor Pro Tempore Lauren Meister, Larissa Fooks, Staff Liaison and Jenny Ivanova, Recording Secretary

2. INSTALLATION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS:

The oath was administered to Melissa Purner by Mayor Pro Tempore Meister. The oath was administered to Danielle Nisim by Mayor Horvath.

3. BOARDMEMBER INTRODUCTIONS:

Newly appointed Board Member Nisim and Board Member Purner introduced themselves and made remarks. Members of the Board welcomed Board Member Nisim and Board Member Purner and introduced themselves.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA FOR APRIL 22, 2021

ACTION: Approval of the April 22, 2021 Meeting Agenda **was motioned by Board Member de Silva, seconded by Board Member Payton, and approved unanimously.**

5. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FOR MARCH 30, 2021

ACTION: Approval of the March 30, 2021 Meeting Minutes **was motioned by Board Member Field, seconded by Board Member Tway, and approved unanimously with Board Member Nisim and Board Member Purner abstaining.**

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Renee Sotile, WEST HOLLYWOOD, introduced herself to the Women Advisory Board as the liaison from the Lesbian and Gay Advisory Board, spoke about domestic violence and intimate partner violence and invited WAB to join their efforts.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY

The Women's Advisory Board discussed planning for the City's celebration of Women's Equality Day, the anniversary of women winning the right to vote in the United States.

ACTION: Motion by Vice Chair de Silva to form a subcommittee, seconded by Chair Deal. Subcommittee Members: Chair Deal, Vice Chair de Silva, and Board Member Nisim.

B. UPCOMING WAB MEETINGS

The Women's Advisory Board reviewed upcoming meetings for the remainder of the year.

ACTION: Annual Board Retreat Meeting tentatively scheduled for July 28, 2021 by consensus.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH 2021

Brief feedback discussion about the City's annual commemoration of National Women's History Month that is held during the month of March. Staff to send an evaluation form to the Board.

ACTION: No Action.

B. WAB COMMUNICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

The Board received a report from the ad hoc Women's Communications Subcommittee regarding ways to maximize visibility, outreach, and community engagement.

ACTION: Received and filed.

9. LEGISLATION & ADVOCACY:

Staff gave an overview about the Board's process for reviewing state legislation. The Board gave feedback on a short list issues and topics to prioritize. The legislative subcommittee was directed to follow up. Brief discussion of legislative and advocacy updates on the following WAB prioritized issues.

1. Ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment

Staff provided an update on upcoming events.

2. AB 935, the Mothers and Children Mental Health Support Act of 2021:

Telehealth: Mental Health Consultation

Board Member Payton informed that Mel Lubey, Mom's Congress, will attend a future WAB meeting to discuss this bill.

ACTION: Board Member Field and Board Member Nisim joined the legislative subcommittee.

10. BOARD AND COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS:

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Updates and information from liaisons.

1. LA-County Commission on Women & LA County Women & Girls Initiative - No Report
2. WeHo Climate Action Plan – No Report
3. City Board & Commission Reports- No Report
4. California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls- Board Member Field and Staff Liaison Fooks reported about the recent meeting.

ACTION: The Women’s Advisory Board reviewed the most recent roster of Women’s Advisory Board liaison assignments and updated assignments.

11. MONTHLY REPORTS TO CITY COUNCIL:

ACTION: Chair Deal to report back to the City Council for April 2021.

12. SUBCOMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS:

1. **WOMEN IN FILM SPEAKER SERIES** – Vice Chair de Silva reported their next event will take place next Thursday called *Producing: A How-to*.
2. **WAB CLUB: WOMEN AND BOOKS** – Chair Deal shared upcoming months book title is "Betty" by Tiffany McDaniel.
3. **WAB WOMEN’S SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE** – Vice Chair de Silva shared meeting notes from the subcommittee meeting on April 8, 2021.
4. **IVY BOTTINI DAY** – Vice Chair de Silva spoke at the LGAB’s last meeting.

ACTION: No Update.

13. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Anny Semonco, WEST HOLLYWOOD, introduced herself to the Women Advisory Board as their liaison from the Disabilities Advisory Board.

14. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD:

Board Member Payton announced that she is officially on maternity leave.

Board Member Tway shared about her lack of sleep (as a new mother) and welcomed new board members.

Board Member Nisim expressed her excitement of being on the Board.

Board Member Field stated that she is assisting in phone banking for a special a election for Sydney Kamlager District 54. She attended political board meetings. She welcomed the new commissioners.

Board Member Purner shared that she looked forward to working with this Board.

Vice Chair de Silva provided information about her non-profit.

Chair Deal welcomed the new board members. She shared her excitement to work with everyone.

15. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

Staff Liaison Larissa Fooks thanked the Board for their contributions, support, and participation. She congratulated Board Member Payton.

16. ADJOURNMENT

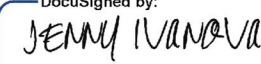
The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 9:21 pm to their next Teleconference meeting on Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 7pm.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 27th DAY OF MAY 2021.

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