

**WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD  
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD**

**MINUTES  
THURSDAY JULY 22, 2021  
6:00 p.m.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Women's Advisory Board Meeting was called to order by Chair Jenner Deal at 6:04 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL:**

**PRESENT:** Jenner Deal, Keely Field, Angela de Silva, Nicole Payton, Tina Moore, Sajji Lazarus, Danielle Nisim, Melissa Purner, and Timothea Tway

**ABSENT:** None

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

**3. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING AGENDA FOR JULY 22, 2021**

**ACTION:** Approval of the July 22, 2021, Meeting Agenda was **motioned by Vice Chair de Silva, seconded by Chair Deal, and approved consensus.**

**4. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 24, 2021**

**ACTION:** Motion made by Chair Deal to table the item, seconded by Boardmember Payton, and approved consensus.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Eugene Maysky, Tenant Outreach Organizer for the Coalition for Economic Survival (CES), shared information about free tenants' rights Zoom clinics for West Hollywood Community Members. Tenants' rights attorneys from CES hold Zoom clinics every Saturday at 10am and can provide language support in English, Russian, Spanish, Farsi, and Hebrew. For more information, [helpingwehorenters@gmail.com](mailto:helpingwehorenters@gmail.com) or contact Eugene directly at [emaysky@cesinaction.org](mailto:emaysky@cesinaction.org).

**6. NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. NCJW/LA ADVOCACY TRAINING PROJECT**

Nabila Sosa, Advocacy Program Manager, National Council of Jewish Women/LA gave a presentation on the newly revamped Advocacy Training Project (ATP), a series of advocacy workshops held annually, which is co-sponsored by the WAB and the City of West Hollywood Women's Leadership Conference & Network.

**ACTION: Boardmember Field volunteered to be an ATP liaison.**

**B. BOARD ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

The Board conducted their annual elections for a new chair and vice chair as follows:

**ACTION:** Chair Deal opened the nominations for Chair. Boardmember Payton nominated vice chair de Silva as chair. There were no other nominations. **Boardmember Moore moved to close nominations for Chair and Boardmember Deal seconded the motion. Vice Chair de Silva was unanimously elected as Chair by roll call vote.**

**ACTION:** Chair Deal opened the nominations for Vice-Chair. Vice-Chair de Silva nominated Chair Deal and Boardmember Moore nominated Boardmember Field for Vice-Chair. **Vice Chair de Silva moved to close nominations for Vice-Chair and Boardmember Purner seconded the motion. Chair Deal was elected as Vice Chair by roll call vote 6-3.**

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**A. IVY BOTTINI DAY**

Boardmembers from the Ivy Bottini Day Joint Planning Subcommittee reported updates about plans for the Ivy Bottini Day commemoration activities on August 16 and 18, 2021.

**ACTION:** Received and filed.

**B. WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY**

Updates from the Women's Equality Day subcommittee and staff about the City's annual Women's Equality Day commemoration featuring the Women's Equality Day- WeHo Takeover activity in development for Saturday, August 28, 2021, as outlined in the staff report.

**ACTION:** Board member confirmed their availability.

**8. BOARD ANNUAL RETREAT MEETING:**

The Board segued to a retreat format to discuss communication, policies, procedures, and the current work plan. The Board discussed their work plan goals, intentions, measurable outcomes, and implementation strategies.

**ACTION:** Adjustments and revisions to the work plan tasks were made by consensus.

**9. LEGISLATION & ADVOCACY:**

Staff provided a very brief about the status of Equal Rights Amendment ratification campaigns.

**ACTION: Motion made by Board Member Moore to table further discussion of the item, seconded by Board Member Field, the motion passed consensus.**

**10. BOARD AND COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS**

1. LA-County Commission on Women & LA County Women & Girls Initiative
2. WeHo Climate Action Plan
3. City Board & Commission Reports
4. California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls
5. Association of California Commissions for Women

**ACTION: Motion made by Board Member Moore to table the item, seconded by Chair Deal, the motion passed consensus.**

**11. MONTHLY REPORTS TO CITY COUNCIL:**

A Board Member is designated to report.

**ACTION: Board Member Purner will report back to the City Council for July 2021.**

**12. BOARD AND COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS:**

**i. WOMEN IN FILM SPEAKER SERIES**

No report.

**ii. WAB CLUB: WOMEN AND BOOKS**

Vice Chair de Silva reported the book for August is "A Burning" by Megha Majumdar.

**iii. WAB COMMUNICATION SUBCOMMITTEE**

No report.

**iv. WAB WOMEN'S SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT**

Women's Safety Subcommittee provided background information as outlined in the report.

**ACTION: Received and filed. Boardmember Lazarus joined Women's Safety Subcommittee and Vice Chair de Silva stepped down.**

**13. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

ANNY SEMONCO, WEST HOLLYWOOD, liaison from the Disabilities Advisory Board, shared that the 27th of October will be their televised meeting and that their annual Disability Service Awards event is currently accepting nominations until August 6th.

**14. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD:**

Boardmember Moore congratulated newly elected Chair de Silva and Vice Chair Deal. She thanked everyone for a great meeting.

Boardmember Lazarus congratulated newly elected Chair de Silva and Vice-Chair Deal. She thanked everyone for a productive meeting.

Board Member Field shared she attended Transgender Advisory Board meeting. She thanked everyone for a great meeting.

Boardmember Payton thanked everyone for a great meeting. She congratulated newly elected officers.

Boardmember Tway shared that it was nice to see everyone and for a productive meeting.

Boardmember Purner thanked the board for a productive meeting and congratulated newly appointed. She wished everyone to stay safe during the rising of Covid-19 numbers.

Vice Chair de Silva thanked the board and expressed her excitement for the work.

Chair Deal congratulated Vice Chair de Silva. She expressed her excitement for the upcoming work the board has in store for them. She thanked Larissa Fooks for all the work.

**15. ITEMS FROM STAFF:**

Staff reminded the Board about the mandatory training event with Dr. Robin DiAngelo focused on racial justice.

Larissa Fooks, Staff Liaison thanked the Board for support, and retreat participation. She congratulated the newly elected officers.

**16. ADJOURNMENT:**

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 9:12 pm to their next Teleconference meeting on Thursday, August 26, 2021, at 7:00pm.

**APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 31<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF AUGUST 2021.**

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**JENNY IVANOVA,  
RECORDING SECRETARY**