

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD
CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2023
7:00 P.M.**

TELECONFERENCE MEETING*

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Women's Advisory Board Meeting was called to order by Chair Field at 7:07pm
2. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT:** Read by Chair Field
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Lead by Chair Field.
4. **ROLL CALL:**

PRESENT: Angela de Silva, Keely Field, Sajji Lazarus, Tina Moore, Nicole Payton, Olivia Lane, Melissa Purner and Kat Lockwood

ABSENT: Clara Juhn

ALSO PRESENT: Staff Liaison, Larissa Fooks
Recording Secretary, Amy Valdepeña

5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**
Approved the Meeting agenda for February 23, 2023. Motion by Board Member Moore, seconded by Chair Lazarus and approved.
6. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**
Approved the Meeting minutes for January 26, 2023. Motion by Board Member Angela de Silva, seconded by Board Member Payton and approved.
7. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
Karen Eyres is a West Hollywood resident and was a form Boardmemeber of WAB and president of The Hollywood Chapter of the National Organization for Women. She thanked the board for including Hollywood Nows Herstory Award with Women's History month. She informed the board the event will take place on Wednesday, March 15th at the CMR. They will be honoring Jane Robinson Flint who is the CEO and co-founder for black women for wellness. She also announced that the California Chapter of NOW will beholding it state capital conference in the City of West Hollywood. The conference will be held on Saturday May 20th and are currently working with City Staff on locations where the event can take place. She asked if the board would agendize next month a consideration to co-sponsor of the conference.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

A. STATUS OF THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT (ERA)

Kamala Lopez, Founder/President, Equal Means Equal gave a presentation regarding the current status of the Equal Rights Amendment and the upcoming 100th anniversary of the ERA. They are setting up Happy Birthday Parties for the ERA across the nation on March 22nd. They will bring out educational materials. Alice Crenshaw is the Director of Communications, she shared few advertisement videos and graphic designs for the 100th anniversary of ERA. Boardmemeber Moore asked for a one sheet that will show the benefits.

ACTION: Received and filed.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

Boardmemeber Moore informed the Board while meeting with Hernan the Women's Caucus meets every year and they will bring recommendations after their next meeting, and they will be able to share during the March or April meeting. They reviewed a few bills. He wants the bills to go through the committee first and then decided in April, May, and June.

ACTION: Received and filed.

B. SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE TEAMS

Board discussed advocacy for Sexual Assault Response Teams. Sexual Assault Response Teams (SARTs) help survivors through the maze of community services available to them and uses the experiences of survivors to improve those services. Sheron Shelton discussed with board on the next steps and provided suggestions.

ACTION: Motion to move forward with the analysis of what the actual needs are to then know how the board can joint advocates by Boardmemeber Payton, seconded by Boardmemeber De Silva.

Motion to look into who they can partner with by Boardmemeber Payton, seconded by Boardmemeber De Silva.

Motion to look into the legislation portion and see how they can move it forward by Boardmemeber Payton, seconded by Chair Lazarus.

Motion to have WAB partner with YWCA and SARTs to get materials out for April during national sexual awareness month by Chair Field, seconded by Boardmemeber De Silva.

C. NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH

The Board discussed the plan for an outreach activity for the City's participation in National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month during the month of April 2023. The following dates will be looked into for the reach out April 1st, 13th and 22nd.

ACTION: Reviewed and discussed date options.

D. NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH 2023

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

ACTION: Reviewed and discussed WAB Boardmembers confirmed dates of participation.

E. V-DAY COMMEMORATION 2023

Updates regarding the City's annual commemoration and participation in V-Day, the global activist movement to end violence against all women (cisgender and transgender), those who hold fluid identities, nonbinary people, girls and the planet, which will include the launch of the City's participation in the Silent Witness Initiative, an exhibit commemorating victims of domestic/intimate partner violence. Discussion of Boardmember roles and participation. Locations have moved due to the weather. Now it will be at the Council Chamber at West Hollywood Park 2-4pm.

ACTION: Received and filed.

***Item 9F was tabled.*

F. WORKPLAN REVIEW AND UPDATES

The Board will review their new workplan and discuss implementation.
Item tabled for future meeting.

***Item 10A was tabled.*

10. SUBCOMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS:

The Board will receive feedback and updates regarding the following Board initiated and or/co-sponsored activities.

A. ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA COMMISSIONS FOR WOMEN, ACCW

Monthly meeting report from the Board's ACCW liaison.
Item tabled for future meeting.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

12. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD:

Vice Chair Lazarus is looking forward to the whole month of activities.

Board Member De Silva is excited for next month and can't wait to see everyone.

Board Member Lockwood is also excited about the awesome programming coming up.

Board Member Purner thanked the board for all their hard work. She hopes her schedule will open up in March so she can attend some of the activities coming up.

Board Member Payton, excited to see the Board in March for Women's History month. She was also excited about the conversation with SARTs and can't wait to see where that goes.

Board Member Lane is also excited. She asked the board if they needed any gifts from Women owned businesses in her salon environment for the March 25th event. She will bring a few as give aways or for raffles.

Board Member Moore thanked the board for a great meeting and feels energized about the ERA. She is grateful that Kamala Lopez joined the meeting. She is looking forward to help spread this message. She is also excited this weekends event as well as all of March's events.

Board Member Keely, excited about the event on Sunday. She's happy that we dedicate a month to domestic violence in the city. Thanked Larissa for her help with project silhouette. She is also excited to partner with Kamala Lopez.

13. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

Larissa Fooks informed the board that during the April meeting Jamie Bell from Free to Thrive which is a human trafficking advocacy organization will share what they do.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 9:28pm to its regular meeting, which will be on Thursday, March 23, 2023, at 7:00pm at Plummer Park Community Center located at 7377 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90046.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE WOMEN'S ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 23RD DAY OF FEBRUARY 2023.

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