

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

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 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 7:04pm
2. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT:** Read by Chair Field
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** None.
4. **ROLL CALL:**

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Staff Liaison, Larissa Fooks
Recording Secretaries, Jasmine Duckworth and Amy Valdepeña

5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**
ACTION: Approved the Meeting agenda for January 26, 2023. Motion by Board Member Moore, seconded by Board Member De Silva and approved.
6. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**
ACTION: Approved the Meeting minutes for December 12, 2022. Motion by Chair Field, seconded by Board Member Moore and approved.
7. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**
Renee Sotile greeted WAB and sent well wishes for Boardmemeber Lane. She thanked the Board for their support on the Silent Witness Project. She reminded the Board of the Rainbow Key Award and informed them that the deadline for nominations is Jan 31st.
8. **NEW BUSINESS:**
A. LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

The Board reviewed an initial list of state bills on prioritized issues compiled by the City's Legislative Analyst.

ACTION: Motion to create a legislative subcommittee to define priorities and review legislative bills by Board Member Moore, seconded by Board Member Payton and approved.

Chair Field, Board Member De Silva, Board Member Lockwood, and Board Member Moore volunteered to be on the subcommittee.

B. NATIONAL SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION MONTH

The Board discussed planning for an outreach activity for the City's participation in National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month during the month of April 2023.

ACTION: Motion to invite WeHo Life to participate in the WAB's outreach activity during National Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month by Chair Field, seconded by Board Member Lane and approved.

Staff liaison, Larissa Fooks, will look for possible dates and circle back to the Board.

C. HOLLYWOOD NOW HERSTORY AWARDS 2023

The Board considered official endorsement of the annual Herstory Awards honoring a local women leader, presented by the Hollywood Chapter of the National Organization for Women during the month of March as part of National Women's History Month.

ACTION: Motion to support the Hollywood Now Herstory Awards for 2023 by Board Member De Silva, seconded by Chair Field, and approved.

D. BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE

The WAB confirmed their monthly meeting schedule for 2023.

ACTION: Motion to approve the WAB's 2023 monthly meeting schedule by Board Member De Silva and seconded by Board Member Purner and approved.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. WORKPLAN REVIEW AND UPDATES

The Board reviewed their current workplan and discussed updates and implementation.

B. NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH 2023

The Board continued the planning process for the City's annual celebration of National Women's History Month held during the month of March. Staff provided an update.

ACTION: Motion to approve calendar of events and encourage Board Members to attend in person events and activities by Chair Field, seconded by Vice Chair Lazarus and approved.

C. SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE TEAMS

The Board discussed next steps regarding 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.

D. V-DAY COMMEMORATION 2023

Staff liaison, Larissa Fooks, provided an update regarding the Board's recommendation to endorse the City's support of Project Blackbird, a film and discussion program about eating disorders and mental health. The event took place on Saturday, December 3, 2022. The Board debriefed about the event.

E. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN IN WEST HOLLYWOOD REVIEW

The Board continued their review and discussion on The Report on the Status of Women in West Hollywood.

10. SUBCOMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS:

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

A. ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA COMMISSIONS FOR WOMEN, ACCW

B. CALIFORNIA COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN & GIRLS

The Board received a brief report about the CCSWG's recent convening of local commissions regarding their Blueprint for Women's Economic Recovery and the new Women's Recovery Response Grant funding opportunity for organizations serving women economically impacted by the pandemic.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

12. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD:

Board Member De Silva thanked the Board for their service and expressed gratitude to the Board Members for their continued work and efforts.

Board Member Moore encouraged the board to stop by Plummer Park or West Hollywood Park and collect an Athens Services Kitchen Pail Giveaways for Food Scrap Collection. Distribution will be 9am-12pm at West Hollywood Park and 1pm-3pm at Plummer Park.

Board Member Payton informed the Board of Luskin's School of Public Affairs 5th annual Summit on April 19th shared information on what will be discussed.

Board Member Purner wished the Board a Happy New Year and thanked the Board Members for their continued work and efforts.

Board Member Jun thanked the Board for their work and efforts and expressed gratitude for being a member of the WAB.

Board Member Lockwood thanked the Board for a great meeting.

Chair Field shared her gratitude in being recognized in the LA times and local publications for her work and advocacy for survivors of assault. Chair Field also shared that she is working with UC Davis. Chair field thanked the Board for their work and efforts and expressed gratitude for being a member of the WAB.

Board Member Lane expressed excitement about the WAB's upcoming environmental items and Women's History Month in March. She also wished the Board a Happy New Year.

13. ITEMS FROM STAFF:

Staff notified the Board that additional information regarding Women's History Month will be shared on the City's website. Staff also informed the Board that the reappointment and appointment process will be on the February 21st City Council agenda.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

The Women's Advisory Board adjourned at 9:38pm to its next meeting on Thursday, February 23, 2023, at 7 pm, which will be held via teleconference.

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

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Keely Field

KEELY FIELD, CHAIR

ATTEST:

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