

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

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2023  
6:00 PM**

**West Hollywood Library Community Meeting Room  
625 N San Vicente Boulevard  
West Hollywood, California 90069**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Women's Advisory Board Meeting was called to order by Chair Lazarus at 6:23 pm.
2. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT:** Read by Chair Lazarus.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Lead by Chair Lazarus.
4. **ROLL CALL:**  
  
PRESENT: Boardmember Lane, Boardmember Wilbourne, Chair Lazarus, Boardmember Torok, Boardmember Goode, Vice Chair Lockwood, Boardmember de Silva  
  
ABSENT: Boardmember Shari, Boardmember Elman  
  
ALSO PRESENT: Staff Liaison, Larissa Fooks  
Recording Secretary, Amy Valdepeña
5. **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**  
Approval of the Meeting agenda for December 6, 2023. Motion by Boardmember de Silva, seconded by Boardmember Torok.
6. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**  
Approval of Meeting minutes for October 26, 2023. Motion by Boardmember de Silva, seconded by Boardmember Torok.  
\*Boardmember Goode, Boardmember de Silva and Vice Chair Lazarus abstained\*
7. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**  
None.
8. **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - A. **BEYOND ROE: INTERSECTION OF ABORTION ACCESS, ECONOMIC JUSTICE AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY**

The Board discussed their participation in “BEYOND ROE: Intersection of Abortion Access, Economic Justice and Religious Liberty”, an event presented by NCJW|LA in partnership with the City about reproductive rights and abortion access, to be held January 28, 2024 virtually.

**ACTION:** Boardmember Wilbourne made a motion for the Board to host a virtual discussion at “BEYOND ROE: Intersection of Abortion Access, Economic Justice and Religious Liberty”, on Sunday, January 28, 2024, seconded by Boardmember de Silva and approved. Boardmembers Wilbourne and de Silva were designated as liaisons.

## **B. GENDER JUSTICE AND DEMOCRACY TOWNHALL**

The Board was briefed by Karen Eyres from Hollywood NOW and staff about an upcoming City co-sponsored event in development organized by the National Organization for Women, NOW about voter engagement and participation to be held January 24, 2024.

**ACTION:** Chair Lazarus made a motion to co-sponsor/endorse the NOW Gender Justice and Democracy Townhall, seconded by Boardmember Torok and approved.

## **9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

### **A. NATIONAL WOMEN’S HISTORY MONTH 2024**

The Board discussed programming for the City’s annual celebration of National Women’s History Month held during the month of March, including women’s history month banners and the WAB party event now scheduled Friday, March 15, 2024.

**ACTION:** The Board agreed by consensus to select banner honorees at their January meeting.

### **B. SEXUAL ASSAULT RESPONSE TEAMS**

Boardmember de Silva gave a brief update regarding the Board’s advocacy efforts supporting Sexual Assault Response Teams (SARTs), which help survivors through the maze of community services available to them and uses the experiences of survivors to improve those services.

**ACTION:** Received and filed.

## **10. SUBCOMMITTEE AND LIAISON REPORTS:**

1. The Board discussed designating liaisons to other City Advisory Boards and Commissions as appropriate.

**ACTION:** Boardmember Lane and Boardmember Torok both will attend and alternate as liaisons to the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission Meetings. Boardmember Goode, is planning on attending either the Planning Commission Meetings or the Russian-Speaking Advisory Board Meetings.

2.A brief report from Board liaisons to the 8th Annual Southern California Commission for Women Annual Conference convened by the Los Angeles County Commission for Women on October 2, 2023. Boardmember Torok and Boardmember Lane both attended and were pleased with the LA Metro presentation which included data, information and safety measures that are taking place. LA is the first city to implement studies on transit from a women’s point of view.

**ACTION:** Received and filed.

3.Association of California Commissions for Women (ACCW) Meetings.

**ACTION:** No report.

**11. BOARD RETREAT DISCUSSION**

The Board segued to a facilitated, interactive retreat format for in-depth discussion regarding workplan priorities and implementation.

**ACTION:** Further discussion tabled by consensus to the Board’s January meeting.

**12. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**13. ITEMS FROM THE BOARD:**

Boardmember de Silva informed the Board she got pet chickens.

**14. ITEMS FROM STAFF:**

Larissa Fooks thanked the Board for their hard work and will follow up with emails. Happy Holidays.

**15. ADJOURNMENT:**

The Women’s Advisory Board adjourned at 9:17 pm its next regular meeting, which will be on January 25, 2024, at 7:00 pm at West Hollywood City Hall, 1st Floor Community Conference Room at 8300 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90069.

**APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE WOMEN’S ADVISORY BOARD ON THIS 25<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2024.**

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**KAT LOCKWOOD, VICE CHAIR**

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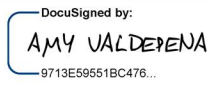
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