

San Luis Obispo County Commission on the Status of Women Regular Meeting Minutes

A meeting of the San Luis Obispo County Commission on the Status of Women was held on July 6, 2021. This meeting was held by Zoom, and Paula Ufferheide, Chair called the meeting to order at 5:34 pm.

Guests – Kris Roudebush, Special Projects Administrator – First 5 San Luis Obispo County

Members of the Commission Present or Absent:

Roll Call

Commissioner (Initials)	District	Present	Excused	Absent
Nancy Fiske	1	X		
Meghan Madsen	1	X		
OPEN SEAT	1			
Paula Ufferheide	2		X	
Dixie Walker	2	X		
OPEN SEAT	2			
Beverly Abrah Younger	3		X	
Andrea Chmelik	3	X		
Victoria Condor-Williams	3		X	
Kathy Veder	4		X	
Stacy Meko	4	X		
Deb Geaslen	4	X		
Franny Arenas	5		X	
Shirley Summers	5	X		
OPEN SEAT	5			

Speaker/Presentations

We are the Care initiative – Kris Roudebush, Special Projects Administrator – First 5 San Luis Obispo County

Public Comment Period

No Comments reported

Approval of Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Stacy Meko and seconded by Dixie Walker to approve the May and June 2021 minutes as amended.

Motion Passes

Treasurer’s Report

A Motion was made by Deb Geaslen and seconded by Nancy Fiske to approve the financial reports provided by Treasurer, Shirley Summers. See Attached Reports

Motion Passes

Commissioner Vacancies

District 1 – Supervisor John Peschong: One (1) Vacancy
District 2 – Supervisor Bruce Gibson: One (1) Vacancy
District 5 – Supervisor Debbie Arnold: One (1) Vacancy
Receive and file

Commissioners

A motion was made by Deb Geaslen and seconded by Dixie Walker to approve a three month leave of absence for District 3 Commissioner ~~Young~~ Younger. The leave will begin on July 1, 2021 and will be revisited at the end of the three month leave if further action is needed.

In-Person Commission Meetings

The Commission will continue to meet by Zoom meetings for August and September. The Governors executive action will be resended on September 30, 2021. Andrea Chmelik will keep the Commission updated on any changes in the legislation.

Vice Chair Open Position

This position was inadvertently omitted from the regular election slate in June 2021. Andrea Chemlik will contact Commissioner Veder and ask if she is interested in the position. If she is not interested in assuming the position, the normal process of the nominations and election will take place at the next meetings.

Bylaws and Policies & Procedures

The Commissioners had discussion regarding the bylaws and the policies and procedure documents. Andrea Chemlik will send these to the Commissioners.

Update – Board of Supervisor Meetings

Andrea Chemlik reported on the meetings that the Commissioners had with each Supervisor. The Commissioners met with Supervisors Arnold and Gibson in person and with Supervisor Compton by Video Chat. The Commissioners discussed the current issues on Child Care, Mental Health, Equal Pay and Criminal Justice Reform along with various topics. Each Supervisor gave their ideas and opinions in regards to how this impacts their districts and the county as a whole.

Committees

A motion was made by Stacy Meko and seconded by Nancy Fiske to adopt the Women’s Wall of Fame as a committee of the commission. Meghan Madsen District 1 Commissioner will be the Chair.
Motion Passes

A Motion was made by Dixie Walker and seconded by Stacy Meko to adopt the Period Product Drive as a committee of the commission. Kathy Veder District 4 Commissioner and Shirley Summers District 5 Commissioner will CO-Chair the committee.
Motion Passes

Discussion: The Commission will consider other committees in the future as the need arises. The Commission will also discuss a “Point of Contact” for each committee to be the liaison between all parties associated.

National Association of Commissions for Women (NACW) – July 18-22, 2021

Andrea Chmelik will verify with Commissioner Veder if she is planning to attend the conference.

2022 Women’s Wall of Fame

No report

End Period Poverty Hygiene Drive

Commissioner Walker reported that 24-30 bins were secured. The committee will have to paint over the Toys for Tots logos.

It was discussed that each will have a bin at the county library. Commissioner Summers is working on securing the county libraries. It is recommended that there be at least one Commissioner from each district to be in-charge of the process. Commissioner Summers will reach out to a Supervisor to give the Public Service Announcement.

Panel

Commissioner Chmelik has set the date of August 18, 2021 at 5:30 pm to hold the panel discussion on the End Period Poverty topic. Panel members may include Christina Garcia - AB367 The Menstrual Equity for All Act and Wendy Lewis, Echo President & CEO. Commissioner Chmelik will reach out to Cal Poly.

Resolution to add “GIRLS” to the SLO County Commission on the Status of Women title

Commissioner Fiske is working with District 1 Legislative Assistant, Vicki Janssen to finalize the resolution. When the resolution has been finalized, it will be sent through the proper process for adoption by the Board of Supervisors.

Resource Page

Commissioner Walker reminded the commissioners to verify the information in the group that they were assigned. Changes should be sent to Commissioner Arenas to update the website.

Website

Commissioner Meko requested the secretary upload the previous minutes to the Gdrive.

Newsletter

Commissioner Chmelik will send out the next newsletter to the email contacts on file. It was suggested that the newsletter be placed in the Gdrive.

Board of Supervisor’s Agenda Highlights

No report for Board of Supervisors Agendas

Commissioner Walker shared articles from the Tribune dated 6/14/2021 regarding Kids Aren’t Alright and Pandemic Mental Health and an article from 7/2/2021 regarding the merger of RISE and Stand Strong.

Other Business

The Commission recordings will be placed on the Gdrive

Regular Meeting Adjourned at 7:28 pm

Respectfully submitted by *Deb Geaslen*, Secretary

Adopted by the Board of Directors in the meeting of _____

Signature of Presiding Officer _____