

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 9, 2002

The regular meeting of the Los Angeles County Commission for Women was held on December 9, 2002 in Room 830, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California.

President Jernigan called the meeting to order at 10:15 a.m., followed by introductions. The following Commissioners were present for the roll call:

President Jernigan
Vice President Mariajimenez
Treasurer Lesser
Commissioner Creary
Commissioner Cooperman
Commissioner Dunbar
Commissioner Morgan
Commissioner Mummey
Commissioner Perkins
Commissioner Rodriguez

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Treasurer Lesser, seconded by Commissioner Morgan, and duly carried, with Commissioner Perkins abstaining, the minutes of November 25, 2002 were approved with the following changes in italics:

(Commissioners Cooperman and Creary joined the meeting *during the President's Report*, constituting a quorum.)

Under attendance, mark Commissioner Perkins excused.

STAFF REPORT

Jim Corbett, Executive Office, reported on a Los Angeles Times article on Marzia Basei, one of the female Afghan Judges that met with Commissioners in October. The Afghan press criticized her when she returned to Afghanistan for not wearing her chador, a scarf many Muslim women use to cover their hair, during her trip to the United States.

SCHEDULING OF MONTHLY COMMITTEE DATES

Commissioner Creary, chair of the Health Committee, reported that she will meet with Commissioners Rodriguez and Dunbar to schedule meeting dates.

Vice President Mariajimenez, chair of the Legislative Committee, reported that the committee will discuss scheduling meeting dates on a conference call on December 20, 2002.

Commissioner Morgan, chair of the Media/Public Relations Committee, announced that the committee will meet on January 28, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. Additional meetings in 2003 will be held the 4th Monday of each month.

Commissioner Mummey, chair of the Older Women's Issues Committee, announced that the committee will meet on February 12, 2003 in the afternoon. The exact time will be determined later. Future committee meetings will be held the second Wednesdays of the month.

Commissioner Perkins reported that the printing of the Commission's Status Report is being finalized by the Metropolitan Water District. She requested that a presentation on the report be placed on the next Commission agenda. She also requested Commissioner Morgan to assist in writing the press release. In addition, she requested that the video presentation on women in Afghanistan be placed on a future agenda.

UPDATE ON 2003 AWARDS LUNCHEON

Vice President Mariajimenez, Chair of the Awards Luncheon Committee, reported that sponsorship letters have been sent and that the deadline for nominations for awardees is January 8, 2003. The next Committee meeting will be January 13, 2003 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 374, Conference Room L. Commissioners requested staff to provide contact information for potential corporate sponsors.

APPROVE EXPENDITURE TO CO-SPONSOR AAUW EVENT

On motion of Commissioner Dunbar, seconded by Commissioner Mummey, and unanimously carried, the Commission approved the expenditure of \$100.00 to support the AAUW Harbor Area's Women History Event on March 9, 2003.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Health Committee

Commissioner Creary reported that the Commission received a Certificate of Appreciation for its contribution to the City of Los Angeles Senior and Caregiver Fair on October 26, 2002.

Legislative Committee

Vice President Mariajimenez reported that Measure B passed in the November 2002 elections with 70% of voter approval and 85% of voter approval in some Northeast San Fernando Valley precincts. This measure will increase property taxes in order to sustain funding for County trauma centers. President Jernigan also reported that Senator Mary Landrieu of Louisiana won reelection to a second term in the U.S. Senate.

Media/Public Relations Committee

Commissioner Morgan reported that she will submit a newsletter proposal to the Commission by the January 28, 2003 Commission meeting.

Older Women's Issues Committee

Commissioner Mummey reported that the committee will be looking into the problem of elder abuse and fraud. Commissioner Dunbar reported on the need for durable power of attorney for health care and finances for elderly parents.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Perkins reported that she attended the Women's Community Action Awards Dinner at U.C.L.A. on November 14, 2002. She also attended the Mahogany Awards in Beverly Hills.

Commissioner Cooperman reported that she was a participant in the Catholic Jewish Women's Dialogue and reported on training programs for African-American preachers. Other events she attended include the swearing-in ceremony of Mark Ridley-Thomas to the California State Assembly and a meeting of the Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

(Commissioner Carpenter-McMillan joined the meeting).

Commissioner Mummey reported that KFWB broadcasted remarks that President Jernigan and Lisa Love, Senior Associate Athletics Director from U.S.C., made at the last Commission meeting.

Commissioner Creary reported on her participation in a feeding the homeless drive in Hollywood on Thanksgiving.

Vice President Mariajimenez announced a training on the Violence Against Women Act on December 12, 2002 in El Monte. The fee is \$35.00. For more information contact Commission staff.

Commissioner Rodriguez reported that the name for Proposition 10 funding has changed to First 5 L.A.

Commissioner Dunbar reported that staff is researching information on the California State Children's Trust Fund.

STAFF REPORT

Jim Corbett, Executive Office, reported the following:

- The December 23, 2002 meeting will be postponed to January 13, 2003.
- On December 2, 2002 Supervisor Burke assumed the Chair of the Board of Supervisors. President Jernigan offered congratulations to Supervisor Burke.
- On a motion by Supervisor Knabe, the Board of Supervisors voted to require all County vehicles to display bumper stickers of the Safe Haven hotline, 1-877-BABY-SAFE.

President Jernigan then thanked Commissioners, staff and other participants for their work and involvement in the Commission during the past year.

MATTERS NOT ON THE POSTED AGENDA

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Commission adjourned to the Holiday Gathering at 11:10 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

COMMISSIONERS

Ruth Jernigan, President
Yvonne Mariajimenez, Esq., Vice President
Charlotte Lesser, Treasurer
Susan Carpenter-McMillan
Roslyn Cooperman
Ruth Creary, Ph.D
June Dunbar
Lila Morgan
Janet Mummey, Esq
Barbara Perkins
Olivia Rodriguez

EXCUSED

Yolanda Becerra-Jones
Reiko Duba

UNEXCUSED

Sophia Esparza
Brenda C. Smith, M.D.

COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES

Renita Bowlin, Second District
Adinah Solomon, Third District
Gail Tierney, Fourth District
Raine Ritchey, Fifth District
Khanh Nguyen, Executive Office
Jim Corbett, Executive Office
Twila Kerr, Executive Office
Steve Erickson, Executive Office
Audra Galang, Executive Office
Albert Estrada, Probation Department
Chris Gomez, Probation Department
Flora Galoostian, Office of Affirmative Action Compliance
Karen M. Johnson, Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

GUESTS

Maria Acevedo, Antelope Valley Domestic Violence Council
Manuela Cerruti, 1736 Family Crisis Center
Lena Cole Dennis, Jenesse Center

Pauline Field
Norma Harris
Lorraine Hines, Antelope Valley Domestic Violence Council
Kiywhanna Kellup, Peace & Joy Care Center
Adrienne Lamar, Jenesse Center
Debra Suh, Center for the Pacific Asian Family