



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION FOR
WOMEN**

**500 WEST TEMPLE STREET
CONFERENCE ROOM 374-A
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
<http://LACCW.lacounty.gov>**

Monday, December 9, 2019

9:30 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (19-7983)

Attachments: [AUDIO](#)

1. Call to Order. (19-7721)

President Ana Maria Garcia called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

2. Roll Call. (19-7722)

Roll Call was performed by staff.

Present: President Ana Maria Garcia, Vice President Karriann Farrell Hinds, Treasurer Barbara Kappos, LCSW, Commissioner Irma Archuleta, Commissioner Maria Calix, Commissioner Julie Friedman, Commissioner Alice S. Petrossian, Commissioner Becky A. Shevlin, Dr. Regina Smith, Vanessa Thompson and Commissioner Elizabeth Warren

Excused: Commissioner Bridgett L. Amis and Commissioner Amy Howorth

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

3. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of November 4, 2019. (19-7723)

On motion of Commissioner Dr. Regina Smith, seconded by Commissioner Alice S. Petrossian, this item was approved with the following vote:

Ayes: 9 - President Ana Maria Garcia, Vice President Karriann Farrell Hinds, Treasurer Barbara Kappos, LCSW, Commissioner Irma Archuleta, Commissioner Maria Calix, Commissioner Julie Friedman, Commissioner Alice S. Petrossian, Dr. Regina Smith and Commissioner Elizabeth Warren

Abstentions: 2 - Commissioner Becky A. Shevlin and Vanessa Thompson

Excused: 2 - Commissioner Bridgett L. Amis and Amy Howorth

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4. Presentation and discussion regarding the local implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), and Briefing Paper.

- Professor Mary Hansel, University of California, Irvine (19-7789)

Professor Mary Hansel, University of California, Irvine, provided a brief self-introduction and introduced Mr. Dylan Gera as the presenter on CEDAW.

Mr. Gera stated that he is a law student at the University of California, Irvine. He also stated that CEDAW is referred to as the “International Bill of Rights for Women – and is the authoritative global legal instrument on gender equity and 1 of 9 core international human rights treaties. CEDAW was adopted by the United Nations in 1979 and went into effect in 1981. CEDAW is overseen by the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women, comprised of 23 experts on gender equity from across the globe. He also stated that calls for and promotes local CEDAW implementation across the state Acknowledges a need to strengthen effective national and local mechanisms, institutions, and procedures and to provide adequate resources, commitment, and authority to advise on the impact of all government policies on women and girls, to monitor the situation of women comprehensively, and to help formulate new policies and effectively carry out strategies and measures to eliminate discrimination.

He further stated that its recognizes that there is a need to work toward implementing the principles of the CEDAW in the private sector” to support the implementation of the principles underlying CEDAW “by addressing discrimination against women and girls in areas including, but not limited to, economic development, education, employment practices, violence against women and girls, and health care.

President Garcia, Esq., thanked Ms. Mary Hansel and Mr. Dylan Gera for taking the time to come and provide a wonderful and useful presentation, and addressing the Commissioners questions. The Commission will continue the dialogue regarding CEDAW.

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5. Discussion and approval to collaborate with the Women and Girls Initiative (WGI) and the Human Relations Commission (HRC) to work on a joint recommendation to present to the Board of Supervisors, in support of the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). (19-7724)

The Commission held a discussion regarding creating an Ad-Hoc Committee that would work with the Human Relations Commission and Women and Girls Initiative Council, on possibly supporting CEDAW.

After discussion, on motion by Commissioner Alice S. Petrossian, seconded by Commissioner Dr. Regina Smith, unanimously carried, the LACCW approved creating an Ad-Hoc Committee that will work with the Women and Girls Initiative (WGI) and the Human Relations Commission (HRC), regarding recommendations in support of the Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). The Ad-Hoc Committee is to report its findings and recommendations to the LACCW for consideration.

Abbe Land, Executive Director, WGI, provided public comment on this item.

Ayes: 11 - President Ana Maria Garcia, Vice President Karriann Farrell Hinds, Treasurer Barbara Kappos, LCSW, Commissioner Irma Archuleta, Commissioner Maria Calix, Commissioner Julie Friedman, Commissioner Alice S. Petrossian, Commissioner Becky A. Shevlin, Dr. Regina Smith, Vanessa Thompson and Commissioner Elizabeth Warren

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II. REPORTS

6. President. (19-7725)

President Garcia, Esq., reported that a number of the LACCW Commissioners attended the City and State of California joint meeting. She also urged the Commissioners to cognizant of responding to staff timely regarding their request for quorum.

7. Staff update. (19-7726)

Staff announced that as part of the County's Annual Audit review, Commissioners are being asked to sign the Audit Review acknowledgement form.

8. Education (EC).

- Commissioner Irma Archuleta (19-7727)

No report was presented.

9. Health (HC).

- Commissioner Julie Friedman (19-7728)

Commissioner Friedman reported that the “Narrowing the Health-Wealth Gap for Women in Los Angeles County” breakfast meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, June 17th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., at the Federal Reserve Bank in downtown Los Angeles. The next HC next meeting will be held on Monday, January 13, 2020.

10. Policy and Legislation (PL).

- Commissioner Amy Howorth (19-7729)

No report was presented.

11. Public Relations and Social Media (PRSM).

- Commissioner Vanessa Thompson (19-7730)

Commissioner Thompson reported that the PRSM Committee met on December 9, 2019 and reviewed the Commissioners bios and photos. The Centennial link has been approved for inclusion on the LACCW website. The quarterly newsletter will begin appearing on the LACCW website in January of 2020.

12. Suffragette Ad Hoc Committee (SC):

- President Ana Maria Garcia, Esq. (19-7731)

President Garcia, Esq., reported that the Suffragette Committee will meet on December 13, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in conference room 525, in the Hall of Administration. The list of 100 Suffragettes is almost complete.

13. Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG).

- Commissioner Barbara Kappos, LCSW (19-7732)

Commissioner Kappos, LCSW, reported that the VAWG will meeting on Monday, December 9, 2019, immediately following the LACCW regular meeting. The Domestic Violence Council Breakfast Briefing will be held in February 2020. The invitation letter is being finalized and will be sent out

within the next week.

The California Partnership to End Domestic Violence will attend and do a presentation, and Elizabeth Eastland will do a presentation on homelessness.

14. Women of the Year Luncheon Committee (WOY).

- Vice President Karriann Farrell Hinds, Esq. (19-7733)

Vice President Hinds, Esq., reported that the WOY held a teleconference call on October 31, 2019. The deadline to submit WOY Nomination applications is December 29, 2019. The Centennial celebration was incorporated into the Luncheon theme. Letters regarding sponsorship will go out to the Board of Supervisors after January 1, 2020.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Public Comment

15. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (19-7735)

Dr. Genevieve Clavreul provided comment on this item.

Adjournment

16. Adjournment for the meeting of Monday, December 9, 2019. (19-7736)

There being no further business, President Garcia adjourned the meeting at 11:33 a.m.