



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION FOR
WOMEN
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 372
LOS ANGELES, CA 90012
<http://LACCW.info>**

Monday, October 22, 2012

10:00 AM

AUDIO LINKS FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (12-4972)

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Call to order. (12-4239)

President Veda E. Ward, Ph.D. called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Present: President Veda E. Ward Ph.D., Vice President Becky A. Shevlin, Treasurer Martha E. Escandón M.B.A., Commissioner Ruth V. Creary Ph.D., Commissioner Reiko Duba, Commissioner Norma L. Gallegos, Commissioner Gerda Govine Ed.D., Commissioner Charlotte Lesser, Commissioner Alice S. Petrossian and Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez

Absent: Commissioner Michelle Piñedo

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of September 10, 2012. (12-4537)

On motion of Commissioner Reiko Duba, seconded by Vice President Becky A. Shevlin, unanimously carried, the regular meeting minutes of September 10, 2012 were approved.

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2. Recommendation and approval to close the Commission for Women's Bank of America Checking Account, and deposit the remaining balance of \$999.34 into the Commission for Women's Trust Fund Account. (12-4560)

Emma De Jesus, staff member, gave an overview of how the account was established and its history.

On motion of Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Charlotte Lesser, moved to approve and open the item for discussion, the closure of the Bank of America account. During discussion the Commissioners agreed to close the Bank of America account and directed staff to coordinate the deposit of the remaining balance of \$999.34 into the Undesignated Funds of the Commission for Women's Trust Fund Account.

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was unanimously approved.

(Commissioners Ruth Creary, Ph.D. and Alice Petrossian joined the meeting at 10:10 a.m., and were recognized by President Ward)

3. Approval to move the regular meeting of November 12, 2012 to November 19, 2012 in observance of the Veteran's Day Memorial Holiday. (12-4893)

Vice President Becky A. Shevlin, seconded by Commissioner Gerda Govine, Ed.D., moved to approve and opened the item for discussion. During discussion the Commissioners agreed to reschedule the November 12, 2012 meeting to November 19, 2012 in observance of the Veteran's Day Memorial Holiday.

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was unanimously approved.

II. SET MATTERS

4. Set Item - 10:30 a.m.
Discussion and approval to donate an amount not to exceed \$1500 to the Department of Gender and Women's Studies, California State University at Northridge, to offset cost and co-sponsorship of the "Phenomenal Women" event, as requested by President Ward. (12-4538)

Professor Sheena Malhotra, Chair, Department of Gender and Women's Studies and Ms. Shira Brown, Director of the Research and Resource Center of the Department of Gender and Women's Studies, California State University at Northridge, gave a brief presentation on the Tenth Biennial "Phenomenal Women Awards" event to be held on November 3, 2012 at California State University Northridge. She also informed the Commission that co-sponsorship includes four complimentary tickets to the event, as well as the Commission's name and logo appearing in the event's program. Dr. Malhotra responded to questions posed by the Commission.

President Veda E. Ward, Ph.D. thanked Dr. Malhotra and Ms. Brown for their informative presentation.

Commissioner Reiko Duba, seconded by Commissioner Norma L. Gallegos, moved to approve and opened the item for discussion.

During discussion, Commissioner Ruth V. Creary, Ph.D., seconded by Commissioner Alice Petrossian, moved to use the Undesignated Funds of the Commission's Trust Fund for the \$1500.00 donation.

Following discussion, by common consent, there being no objection, this item was unanimously approved.

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5. Set Item - 10:45 a.m.

Discussion on content management for the Commission for Women's website by Rony Wirtz, Manager, Executive Office Information Resource Management Division, as requested by the Public Relations Committee. (12-4842)

Rony Wirtz, Manager of the Executive Office Information Resource Management Division, and Angie Johnson, Chief, Commission Services, discussed the content management for the Commission for Women's website, as requested by the Public Relations Committee; and responded to additional questions posed by Commissioners.

President Veda E. Ward, Ph.D. thanked Mr. Wirtz and Ms. Johnson for the valuable information provided.

Following discussion, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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III. REPORTS

6. President's Report for September 2012. (12-4545)

President Veda E. Ward, Ph.D. gave the following report: Commissioners increasing documentation and participation on the Commission events. The US EEOC Mandalay Beach, California Seminar will be held on November 8, 2012 at the Embassy Suites Mandalay Beach Hotel in Oxnard, CA. The Citizens of Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Compton will have

breakfast on October 27, 2012. She also reported the Women in Leisure Services - enhance leadership within sport and recreation.

Following discussion, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

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 [Fall 2012 Luncheon SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

7. Report by the Women of the Year Committee. (12-4542)

Martha Escandon, M.B.A., Events Committee Chair reported that they are nearing completion of all correspondence and forms for distribution and added the Committee hopes to have sponsorship letters distributed by the end of the week. Commissioners were asked to submit names to her and to staff to add to the current sponsorship list. She noted the luncheon ticket price was increased to \$95.00, to offset price changes with the hotel and other event vendors.

Following discussion, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

8. Commissioners' announcements for October 2012. (12-4543)

The following announcements were reported:

- a. Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez announced that she and Vice President Shevlin attended the Public Works Women's Leadership Legacy Conference which was held on October 18, 2012 at the Pasadena Convention Center.

Commissioners were urged to include a Commissioner to speak at the next year's Public Works Women's Leadership Legacy Conference.

- b. Commissioner Ruth V. Creary, Ph.D. announced that she attended the funeral service for Mervyn M. Dymally, former State Lieutenant Governor and Lawmaker on October 17, 2012 at the Holy Cross in Culver City. She also announced that she will attend the California Women's Conference scheduled for October 24, 2012 in Long Beach, CA.

- c. Commissioner Alice Petrossian announced that she will attend

the California Women's Conference on October 24, 2012 in Long Beach, CA. She noticed in the past years, the conference has entertained more and more sales vendors. She spoke with Sparks Basketball Player, Cheryl Miller, now an inspirational speaker for Women to possibly speak before a Community meeting held by the Commission.

- d. Vice President Becky A. Shevlin announced that she attended the Girl Power event for girls grade 5 to early 20's. Olympic Medalist Kim Rodie was highlighted on her report as an inspiring speaker. She also attended the Set For Life event at the Second Baptist Church in Monrovia, CA where five women were able to obtain free mammograms. Commissioner Gerda Govine added that Vice President Becky A. Shevlin was honored at the Annual Business Life Magazine Award Ceremony for Women held in September.
- e. Commissioner Gerda Govine announced at the end of the month she will publish her first book of Poetry Art Book entitled "Oh, Where is my Candle Hat?" in both English and Spanish, by International Publishing Company Asterisco*, Mexico. The book took her approximately a year and a half to finish.
- f. Commissioner Reiko Duba announced that she participated in a Swim competition for seniors 50 years and older, in Utah. She won a silver medal in the 100-meter competition and a bronze medal in free-style. This competition hosted over 10,000 participants from all over the world.
- g. Commissioner Charlotte Lesser announced that the City of Manhattan Beach held a 10K Health Run, where more women than men participated. She also continues to work with the Blue Zone project. She will work with Commissioner Olivia Rodriguez on possible collaboration with the Association for California Commission for Women.
- h. Commissioner Norma L. Gallegos announced the 3rd District Opening of the Community Center and Gymnasium at El Carriso Park will be held on October 27, 2012. She announced this is the 10th year she will participate in the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society light the night walk.

On October 7, 2012, she attended the Mary Magdalene Dinner Ceremony where Los Angeles City Councilmember Richard Alarcon was honored.

- i. President Veda E. Ward, Ph.D., announced a session was held on the topic of Los Angeles City Recreation and Park department's 50 parks initiative at the national recreation and Park Association Annual Congress held in Anaheim, California last week. Parks may be used by girls and women in the communities for health and fitness.**
- j. Commissioner Martha E. Escandon, M.B.A., announced October 22, 2012 is the last day to register in order to vote during the November 6, 2012 general election. She also noted the ballot initiatives presented by the League of Women Voters and AARP, and urged the Commissioners to keep an eye for them.**

During discussion, staff was instructed to coordinate the following items:

- 1. Commissioner Ruth Creary, Ph.D. requested to reserve a conference call for November 7, 2012 during lunch for a Health Committee meeting.**
- 2. Commissioner Gallegos informed staff that her parking pass has expired, and requested a replacement.**
- 3. Commissioner Alice Petrossian requested an updated 2012 Commission for Women's Roster and possible inclusion of the Commission's Calendar on the Commission's website.**

Dr. Genevieve Clavreul addressed the Commission on the California Women's Conference previously held.

Following discussion, there being no objection, this item was received and filed.

Matters Not Posted

9. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting of the Committee, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (12-4546)

No matters were posted.

Public Comment

10. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (12-4544)

Dr. Genevieve Glavreul addressed the Commission on the Domestic Violence article by Sandy Banks of Los Angeles Times and commented on SB863.

Adjournment

11. Adjournment for the meeting of Monday, October 15, 2012. (12-4052)

On motion of Vice President Becky A. Shevlin, seconded by Commissioner Olivia Rodriguez, unanimously carried, the meeting of October 22, 2012 was adjourned at 11:54 a.m.