



**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.lacounty.gov>**

**Monday, May 11, 2015**

**10:00 AM**

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (15-2119)

**Attachments:** [AUDIO](#)

Present: Vice President Alice S. Petrossian, Treasurer Ana Maria Garcia, Commissioner Maria Calix, Commissioner Hilda Cohen, Commissioner Barbara Kappos, LCSW, Commissioner Gerda Govine Ed.D., Commissioner Karrienne Farrell Hinds, Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez and Commissioner Veda E. Ward, Ph.D.

Absent: Commissioner Dora de la Rosa,

Excused: President Becky A. Shevlin, Commissioner Charlotte Lesser, Commissioner Carolyn Aoki-Hyatt and Commissioner Reiko Duba

Call to Order. (15-2002)

**Vice President Alice S. Petrossian called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m., and welcomed the Commissioners and guests to the meeting.**

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER**

1. Approval of Minutes for the meeting of April 13, 2015 Minutes. (15-2004)

**On motion of Commissioner Olivia Rodriguez, seconded by Treasurer Ana Maria Garcia and unanimously carried, this item was approved.**

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**II. REPORTS**

2. President's Report for May 11, 2015. (15-2104)

**There was no report presented.**

3. Domestic Violence Report for May 11, 2015. (15-2106)

**Commissioner Rodriguez reported that the CW Domestic Violence (DV) Breakfast Briefing for the shelter agencies and other domestic violence service providers to dialogue with Board of Supervisor Deputies, regarding the impact of the loss of City funding for crisis shelters has been moved to June 19, 2015. This will allow enough time for the invitees to RSVP because the invitation letter was still in the review process.**

**She introduced a brief discussion regarding the DV Committee's request for CW to approve funds to purchase refreshments for the briefing. The Commission concurred that funds be allocated to host the briefing and staff was requested to place the request on the June 8, 2015 agenda for approval.**

**She also reported that members of the DV Committee plan to attend the California Partnership to End Domestic Violence Conference scheduled to take place in September 2015. A request for funds to attend the conference will be place on the June 8, 2015 agenda for approval.**

**4. Education Committee Report for May 11, 2015. (15-2107)**

**Commissioner Rodriguez reported that the 2015 CW Scholarship application has been distributed and it is also available on the Commission website. The deadline for the application submission is May 29, 2015.**

**5. Executive Committee Report for May 11, 2015. (15-2109)**

**Vice President Petrossian reported that the CW Executive Committee had a teleconference meeting on April 21, 2015. The Committee recommended President Shevlin to meet with the new Commissioners to orient them on the meeting protocols and the business of the Commission. A meeting was scheduled for May 11, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. but was cancelled due to President Shevlin's family emergency.**

**Other discussions by the Committee included inviting a representative from Mt. St. Mary's University to come and present on the 2015 Report on the Status of Women and Girls in California prepared by the University at the June 8, 2015 meeting; and sending CW representative to the ACCW Conference on June 26, 2015 in San Diego and NACW Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana on July 19 – 23. President Shevlin requested Treasurer Ana Maria Garcia and Vice President Alice Petrossian to represent the Commission at the conferences respectively.**

**The Committee also made inquiries into the Commission's request to have social media. Staff was requested to follow up on the social media request and also to contact Mt. St. Mary's University accordingly.**

6. Health Committee Report for May 11, 2015. (15-2110)

**There was no report presented.**

7. Women of the Year Luncheon Committee Report for May 11, 2015. (15-2111)

**Vice President Petrossian, Chair, WOY Committee reported that the Commission realized a net gain of \$25,327.96 from the 2015 Women of the Year Awards, Scholarship and 40th Anniversary Luncheon. She advised that the Committee will be looking at other venue options with less charge and restrictions for the 2016 Luncheon. She further reported that the WOY Committee will not convene until after a new Committee is formed to begin the planning processes for 2016 Luncheon.**

8. Status report on the preparations for the Commission for Women's Summit scheduled for June 8, 2015.  
(15-2112)

**Commissioner Garcia reported that the 2015 womens' Commission Summit invitation has been distributed and the conference will be held on June 8, 2015 immediately following the regular CW meeting. The Summit Committee will be meeting to discuss the agenda items for the summit.**

9. Staff Report for May 11, 2015. (15-2113)

**Responding to Vice Chair Pertrossian's inquiries regarding social media, HR report and CW Interns, staff reported that the Commission's request for social media has been advanced through the Executive Office chain of command and the request is being reviewed. Staff is following up on the request for HR report and the CW intern job description has been posted on the County's HR website.**

### **III. PRESENTATION**

10. A short film trailer and presentation on "The Pioneering Vision and Leadership of the Los Angeles County for the Women in the United States"
- Kamala Lopez, Executive Director of the ERA Education Project (15-1290)

**Ms. Kamala Lopez, Executive Director of the ERA Education Project, showed a short film trailer and presentation on "The Pioneering Vision and Leadership of the Los Angeles County for Women in the United States," urging the Commission to join the "Equal Means Equal" movement. She stated that the movement encourages individuals to take a stance for women's full equality under law. Ms. Lopez urged the Commission to pledge their support for this critical measure to level the playing fields for women. Ms. Lopez expressed that she would like to see the Commission named a partner at the Los Angeles Premiere and have a Commissioner or staff from the Commission present at post-screening panels. Ms. Lopez recommended that combining the power of the Commission with entertainment industry organizations, companies or sponsors would put the right idea out to the public.**

**The Commission thanked Ms. Lopez for her presentation and advised that they will deliberate further on the subject matter and decide on the next course of action.**

#### **IV. DISCUSSIONS**

- 11. Los Angeles County 2015 Women's Leadership Conference. (15-2118)**

**The Commission reviewed the sponsorship request received from the Los Angeles County 2015 Women's Leadership Conference. After a brief conversation the Commission concurred that additional information about the conference is needed in order to determine the level of sponsorship that the Commission provide. Additionally, the Commission expressed interest in participating in the actual program i.e. sending CW representative to be one of the conference presenters in addition to sponsoring the conference. Commissioner Rodriguez will make appropriate contact and gather more information and also relay the Commission's interest.**

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- 12. Discussion and consideration for approval of the revised donation request from Zonta Club of Santa Clarita Valley in the amount of \$800 for refreshment costs and flowers for the award winners to be honored at the Zonta Scholarship and grant awards event scheduled for May 13, 2015. (15-2102)**

**After a review and brief discussion regarding this request, on motion of Commissioner Olivia Rodriguez, seconded by Treasurer Ana Maria Garcia and duly carried by the following vote, the Commission approved the donation request in the amount of \$800 to Zonta Club of Santa Clarita Valley:**

**Ayes:** 3 - Treasurer Ana Maria Garcia and Commissioners Maria Calix, Hilda Cohen, Karrienne Farrell Hinds, Barbara Kappos, LCSW and Olivia G. Rodriguez and Veda E. Ward Ph.D.

**Abstentions:** 2 - Vice President Alice S. Petrossian and Commissioner Gerda Govine Ed.D.

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Dora de la Rosa,

**Excused:** 4 - President Becky A. Shevlin, Commissioner Charlotte Lesser, Commissioner Carolyn Aoki-Hyatt and Commissioner Reiko Duba

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#### **V. MISCELLANEOUS**

**13. Commissioners' Announcements for May 11, 2015. (15-2114)**

**Commissioner Govine reported that Commissioner Kappos' bio has been revised to meet the 100 words specification for the website posting. She also reported that she received an email from camps Scott and Scudder and she will be returning to visit on July 15, 2015.**

**Commissioner Cohen reported that the Union Station will be hosting a National Campaign for manufacturing jobs, to encourage women to work in that field.**

**Commissioner Calix reported that she attended the ICAN meeting.**

**Commissioner Kappos reported that she is involved with task force against assault. She will be attending a meeting on May 26, 2015 at Los Angeles County USC Medical Center and the National Conference against assault will be held in September 2015.**

**Commissioner Ward reported that former Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky received an award at Cal State University Northridge.**

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#### **Matters Not Posted**

**14. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters**

requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (15-2115)

**There were no matters presented for a future agenda.**

**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. (15-2116)

**Members of Safe Kids International addressed the Commission and shared their experiences. Dr. Genevieve Clavreul also addressed the Commission and shared a few articles.**

**Adjournment**

16. Adjournment for the meeting of Monday, May, 11, 2015. (15-2117)

**There being no further business, Vice President Petrossian adjourned the meeting of May 11, 2015 at 12:15 p.m.**