



**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, October 5, 2015**

**10:00 AM**

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (15-4871)

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

**Present:** President Becky A. Shevlin, Treasurer Ana Maria Garcia, Commissioner Carolyn Aoki-Hyatt, Commissioner Nancy Cohen Ph.D., Commissioner Karriann Farrell Hinds, Commissioner Gerda Govine Ed.D., Commissioner Barbara Kappos LCSW, Commissioner Imelda Padilla and Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez

**Absent:** Commissioner Maria Calix and Commissioner Dora de la Rosa,

**Excused:** Vice President Alice S. Petrossian, Commissioner Reiko Duba and Commissioner Charlotte Lesser

**Call to Order.** (15-4550)

**President Becky A. Shevlin called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. She welcomed newly appointed Third District Commissioner Imelda Padilla, CW interns Ellen Galstyan and Dulce Ramirez.**

**Commissioner Imelda Padilla stated that she remains very active working with organizations that are addressing environmental and labor management issues. She also works in the community advocating on behalf of youth. She is excited about her appointment to the CW and is looking forward to working with the Commissioners.**

**I. PRESENTATION**

- 1. Presentation LA County HR/CEO Compensation Unit. (15-4556)**

**This item was continued to the December 14, 2015 meeting without discussion.**

**II. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

2. Approval of Minutes for the regular meeting of September 14, 2015 Minutes. (15-4551)

**On motion of Commissioner Gerda Govine, Ed.D., seconded by Commissioner Karriann Farrell Hinds, this item was approved with the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 7 - President Becky A. Shevlin, Treasurer Ana Maria Garcia, Commissioner Carolyn Aoki-Hyatt, Commissioner Karriann Farrell Hinds, Commissioner Gerda Govine Ed.D., Commissioner Barbara Kappos LCSW and Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez

**Abstentions:** 2 - Commissioner Nancy Cohen Ph.D. and Commissioner Imelda Padilla

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Maria Calix and Commissioner Dora de la Rosa,

**Excused:** 3 - Vice President Alice S. Petrossian, Commissioner Reiko Duba and Commissioner Charlotte Lesser

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3. Consideration and approval of funds from the President funds up to \$150.00 to pay for refreshment to host a breakfast meeting with the CW Scholarship Program Partners. (15-4554)

**Without any objection from the Commission, President Shevlin approved \$150 from the President's fund to purchase refreshments for the CW breakfast meeting with the CW Scholarship Program Partners.**

4. Consideration and approval to allocate funds in the budget to purchase the Commission's promotional items. (15-4558)

**After a brief discussion, Commissioner Kappos was asked to research the cost of promotional items such as bags, chap sticks, cups and pens and provide the Commission an update at the November 9, 2015 CW meeting.**

5. Discussion and approval to pay City Fare Catering Services \$94.18 from the President funds, for providing snacks and refreshments for the CW meeting with the delegates from Afghanistan, held on September 24, 2015. (15-4559)

**Without any objection from the Commission, President Shevlin approved \$94.18 from the President's Fund to pay City Fare Catering Services for the refreshments provided at the September 24, 2015 CW meeting with the Afghanistan delegates.**

### **III. REPORTS**

6. President's Report for October 5, 2015. (15-4694)

**President Shevlin reported that she attended multiple meetings during the month of September 2015 regarding transportation. She also announced that October 2015 is Breast Cancer awareness month.**

7. Executive Committee Report for October 5, 2015. (15-4695)

**President Shevlin reported that the Executive Committee did not meet, however, she was able to review the agenda with staff.**

8. Education Committee Report for October 5, 2015. (15-4696)

**Treasurer Garcia reported that she will forward the Scholarship application to the Education Committee members. Commissioner Padilla expressed interest to serve on the Education Committee.**

**Responding to Treasurer Garcia's inquiry into how the Scholarship Program Partners are selected, Commissioner Rodriguez stated that the Education committee in the past vetted agencies and made recommendations to the Commission as a whole to consider those agencies as partners.**

9. Health Committee Report for October 5, 2015. (15-4697)

**As directed, staff reported on behalf of Health Committee Chair Charlotte Lesser, that the Board of Supervisors approved the proposed integration of the Departments of Health Services, Public Health and Mental Health into a single integrated health agency.**

10. Policy and Legislation Committee Report for October 5, 2015. (15-4698)

**Commissioner Cohen, Ph.D., reported that the Policy and Legislation Committee first meeting is scheduled for October 22, 2015. The focus of the meeting will be to determine the objectives and specific goals of the Committee.**

11. Public Relations and Social Media Committee Report for October 5, 2015. (15-4699)

**Commissioner Govine, Ed.D., inquired if information relative to the internship position can be linked to the CW website and what is the protocol in getting additional information on the website.**

**Staff reported that information that staff now has more access to update the CW website. However, the Executive Office Information Resource Management (IRM) division must be consulted on, and approve the more complex content as well as the amount of information being included on the site. Staff urged the Commissioners to take a look at the CW website and notify staff of any recommended changes. Staff will work with Commissioner Govine, Ed.D. to determine what information should go on the website.**

12. Violence Against Women and Girls Committee Report for October 5, 2015. (15-4700)

**There was no report presented.**

13. Women of the Year Committee Report for October 5, 2015. (15-4701)

**Commissioner Farrell-Hinds reported that the Committee met on the October 1, 2015. She also reported that after visiting the Biltmore Hotel the Committee selected the Music center as the venue to host the 2016 CW Women of the Year Awards and Scholarship Luncheon. The Save-the-date flyer will be disseminated to CW partners soon. December 11, 2015 is the deadline to submit nominations for the 2016 WOY. She also asked that Commissioners provide names and contact information of possible sponsors to staff to be included on the distribution list. She further reported that the Committee is looking to utilize the Los Angeles School of Arts for musical entertainment; the Committee agreed that a CW Commissioner should be the MC; and the Committee is seeking someone to do the invocation. She concluded by reporting that the next WOY Committee meeting will be held on either November 5, 2015 or November 9, 2015.**

**Staff was directed to contact Public Works to get a copy of their Leadership Conference distribution list so the 2016 WOY Luncheon information can be forwarded to them.**

14. Staff Report for October 5, 2015. (15-4702)

**There was no report presented.**

#### **IV. DISCUSSIONS**

15. Discussion and appropriate action regarding the conferences coming up in January 2016 - ACCW and State Commission on the Status of Women and Girls. (15-4552)

**A brief discussion was held on the cost of sending Commissioners to Sacramento, CA to attend the January 22, 2015 State of California Commission's Policy Summit and the January 23, 2015 Association of California Commission for Women (ACCW) conference.**

**President Shevlin reported that \$3,500 was earmarked for the ACCW conference in the CW 2015-16 Fiscal Year budget, to allow more Commissioners the opportunity to attend the conference.**

**Commissioners Aoki-Hyatt, Cohen, Ph.D., Farrell-Hinds, Garcia and Padilla expressed interest in attending both the ACCW conference and the State of California Commission's "Policy Summit".**

**Staff was directed to confirm the dates and agenda items of the conference and Policy Summit and find out the cost for airfare and hotel accommodations. The information will be forwarded to the Commissioners, and placed on the November 9, 2015 CW meeting agenda for discussion.**

16. Discussion and appropriate action regarding the Education Committee's recommendation to change the name of the CW Scholarship Program to "The Los Angeles County Commission for Women Resilience Scholarship Program." (15-4553)

**During discussion, Commissioner Garcia stated that the Education Committee met and discussed changing the name of the CW Scholarship Program and the Committee agreed that the name of the scholarship program should be changed to the Los Angeles County Commission for Women Resilience Scholarship Program.**

**After discussion, on motion by Commissioner Nancy Cohen, Ph.D., seconded by Commissioner Gerda Govine, Ed.D., the Commission approved changing the name of the scholarship from the Girls-At-Risk Scholarship to the Los Angeles County Commission for Women Resilience Scholarship Program, this item was approved with the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 8 - President Becky A. Shevlin, Treasurer Ana Maria Garcia, Commissioner Carolyn Aoki-Hyatt, Commissioner Nancy Cohen Ph.D., Commissioner Karriann Farrell Hinds, Commissioner Gerda Govine Ed.D., Commissioner Barbara Kappos LCSW and Commissioner Imelda Padilla

**Noes:** 1 - Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Maria Calix and Commissioner Dora de la Rosa,

**Excused:** 3 - Vice President Alice S. Petrossian, Commissioner Reiko Duba and Commissioner Charlotte Lesser

17. Review, discussion, and appropriate action regarding CW Standing Committees Mission Statements. (15-4555)

**President Shevlin directed the Committee Chairs to submit their Mission Statements to staff for inclusion on the CW website.**

18. Update, discussion and appropriate action regarding the Los Angeles County Status of Women and Girls Report (Continued from September 14, 2015 meeting). (15-4557)

**During a discussion, President Shevlin reported that she consulted with Ms. Kimberly Kinney of Mt. Saint Mary's College regarding CW preparing a Los Angeles County specific report on the Status of Women and Girls. She also reported that the cost for the report varies, ranging from \$3,000 to over \$15,000. The CW report would be more refined and personalized to reflect the mission and work of the LACCW.**

**Commissioner Farrell-Hinds recommended that the CW utilize the Mt. Saint Mary's report as a resource to identify issues and policies concerning women and girls. Include the data that is being presented by Los Angeles County Human Resources Director, Lisa Garrett, and additional information on topics such as Domestic Violence, women living in poverty and human trafficking.**

After discussion, on motion by Commissioner Cohen, Ph.D., seconded by Commissioner Padilla, the Commission agreed to have the Policy and Legislation Committee take the lead and work the other CW Standing Committees to study the issues that were identified and submitted to the CW by Mt. Saint Mary's College and provide a report of the results of their research to the CW.

19. Discussion and appropriate action regarding the Education Committee's recommendation to increase the CW Scholarship Award to \$1,500 per recipient. (15-4560)

The Commission discussed the Education Committee's recommendation on whether or not the scholarship award amount should be increased from \$1,000 to \$1,500 to help the recipients meet some of their financial obligations such as purchasing books, tuition and transportation.

During further discussion the Commission agreed to not establish a set number of scholarships that will be awarded until after determining how much money was generated from the 2016 WOY Awards and Scholarship Luncheon.

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Olivia G. Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Imelda Padilla, unanimously carried, the Commission approved increasing the scholarship award amount to \$1,500, and will determine the number of scholarships that will be awarded for the 2015-16 school year contingent upon the amount of revenue realized from the WOY Awards and Scholarship Luncheon.

20. Discussion and appropriate action regarding the Commission for Women's annual reports template. (15-4788)

Commissioner Cohen, Ph.D., provided an overview of the proposed CW Annual Reports Template. She stated that the primary purpose of the template is to make information more easily accessible. She also volunteered to work with the interns on completing the past Presidents' reports.

After discussion, on motion by Commissioner Karriann Farrell-Hinds, seconded by Commissioner Imelda Padilla, unanimously carried, the Commission approved the CW Annual Reports Template as submitted by Commissioner Cohen, Ph.D.

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**V. MISCELLANEOUS**

**Matters Not Posted**

- 21. 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. (15-4563)

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

**Public Comment**

- 22. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (15-4564)

**There were no members of the public present to address the Commission.**

**Adjournment**

- 23. Adjournment for the meeting of Monday, October 5, 2015. (15-4565)

**There being no further business, President Shevlin adjourned the meeting of October 5, 2015 at 12:12 p.m.**