



*Commission  
for Women*

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting  
November 4, 2015**

**I. Call to Order**

**A. Roll Call**

Chair Beard called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M. The meeting was held at Antioch College, Santa Barbara, and was wheelchair accessible. Roll call followed and it was determined that a quorum was present.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

**First District: (No Vacancies)**

Gina Fischer  
Victoria Juarez

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT**

Laura Burton Capps

**Second District: (No Vacancies)**

Gail Teton-Landis  
Suzanne Peck  
Sigrid Wright

**Third District: (No Vacancies)**

Tracy Beard (Chair)  
Fran Clow  
Marianne Partridge

**Fourth District: (Two Vacancies)**

Cindy Litzinger

**Fifth District: (Two Vacancies)**

Gayle Pratt (Vice Chair)

**B. Welcome and Introduction of Commissioners and Guests**

Chair Beard welcomed everyone present. Diana Goodrow, former Commissioner, Ventura County Commission of Women, Alicia Journey, Conflict Resolution, Yolanda Salgado-Tovar, County of Santa Barbara, and Susan Rose, were in attendance.

### **C. Public Comment**

Joseph Toney, Fiscal and Policy Analyst, County of Santa Barbara, addressed the Commissioners about the request from the County's Legislative Program Committee. Mr. Toney informed the Commission that the County's Legislative Program Committee would like a draft by December 1 and the deadline for submissions to the County is December 7. The County's Legislative Program Committee is planning to take the proposals before the Board of Supervisors for adoption in January 2016. Commissioners Fischer and Teton-Landis indicated that they are working on the draft.

## **II. Regular Business**

### **A. Speaker: Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women— Junemaria Justus**

Junemaria Justus provided the Commission with background information about the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) including a global perspective. In 1979, CEDAW was adopted by the U.N. General Assembly, but not ratified, and it is considered an international bill of rights for women. One of CEDAW's goals is to bring women's equality to 100 U.S. cities and towns by 2016.

Ms. Justus indicated that Congresswomen Carolyn Maloney (D-NY) and Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) called for the Senate to ratify H.Res.145. In California, San Francisco has led the way with some of the following initiatives and statistics: 44 Months Without a Single Domestic Violence Homicide; Family Violence Council; Family Friendly Workplace Ordinance. There are an additional 40 cities, towns, and over 20 state legislatures that have passed legislation or resolutions, including Salt Lake City, Louisville and Los Angeles.

Ms. Justus indicated that there is a Handbook/Resource Kit to assist cities and counties with getting started. She stated that a few next steps would be to, (1) establish a committee; (2) use the Resource Kit; and (3) advise Supervisors. Ms. Justus stated that another goal is #50-50 by 2030.

### **B. Approve: September 2, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes**

**Vice Chair Pratt made the motion to approve the meeting minutes. Commissioner Peck seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### **C. Approve: October 21, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes**

**Commissioner Peck made the motion to approve the meeting minutes. Commissioner Wright seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

### **D. Accept Chair Report—Beard**

Chair Beard did not provide a report.

### **E. Update: Board of Supervisor's Presentation, November 10—All**

Vice Chair Pratt updated the Commission's annual PowerPoint presentation and she informed the Commissioners that those attending the meeting will be given appropriate assignments.

**F. Update: Veterans Stand Down–Pratt**

Vice Chair Pratt indicated that the services provided by the Commission are appreciated by the women veterans and all veterans. Vice Chair Pratt provided the following update: Direct Relief delivered 72 essential kits; 4 resumes were written with assistance of a veteran; massages were provided; Martha Hight, former Commissioner, brought 9 volunteers from AAUW, and provided 18 alterations, 5 mending, and 9 other forms of tailoring (buttons, etc...); and Commissioner Litzinger brought volunteers.

**G. Review, Discuss and Act: Women’s Policy Meeting, Sacramento, January–All  
Commissioner Wright made the motion to approve Commissioner Fischer’s attendance at the Women’s Policy Summit, Sacramento, January 14, 2016, up to \$300.00. Commissioner Clow seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

**Vice Chair Pratt made the motion to fund two Commissioners to attend the ACCW Meeting in Sacramento, January 2016, not to exceed \$600.00. Commissioner Wright seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

**H. Update: Budget–All**

**I. Review, Discuss and Act : Committee Updates–All**

**1. Leadership Development:**

Commissioner Wright indicated that approximately 70-80 women attended the Women’s Leadership Forum at Antioch College, November 4. She stated that the intent of the Committee was to activate the conversation and their vision is to get women activated in non-profit work and on commissions. The Commissioners applauded Commissioner Wright’s work and the event.

**2. Veterans:**

**3. Public Policy Advocacy:**

Commissioner Fischer indicated that regarding Mr. Toney’s request during Public Comment, draft language will be submitted to the Commissioners for review and comment before submitting it to the County’s Legislative Program Committee.

**4. CEDAW Adoption:**

Chair Beard indicated that she would provide additional CEDAW documents for the Commissioners in Dropbox.

**5. Executive:**

**J. Announcements–All**

**K. Meetings with Supervisors–All**

**L. Other Business – All**

**M. Agenda Items for next meeting-All**

Speaker-Charles Anderson, Executive Director, Domestic Violence Solutions

**III. Adjourn**

**The meeting adjourned at 4:00 P.M.**  
The next scheduled meeting will be held on December 2, 2015, City Hall, Solvang.