



# COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

## COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

### Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 15, 2022, 6:30-8:30pm

**1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement**

**2. Roll Call**

- a. **Commissioners Present:** Nirmala Bandrapalli, Aileen Cassinetto, Sue Datta, Anya Drabkin, Cheryl Fama, Ann Girard, Natalie Handel, Kelly Keele, Susan Kokores, Melissa Lukin, Christine Padilla, Karen Pyles, Ellen Tafteen, Maya Tussing, Anisha Weber, Candra Williams  
Staff: Tanya Beat  
Absent: Cate Warden, Juda Tolmasoff

**3. Public Comment – Ligia Andrade Zuniga**

**4. Action to Set Agenda and Approve Consent Agenda Items**

Motion by Nirmala Bandrapalli. Seconded by Sue Datta. Approved.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- 5. Adopt a resolution finding that, as a result of the continuing COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency, meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.**  
**6. Approval of October 2022 Minutes** (action under Consent)

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**7. Women’s Hall of Fame website:** <https://whof.smcgov.org/>

- The graphic designer who created this is no longer with us. Any additional feedback and revisions will be done by the new person hired in this position.
- Great feedback was provided on images, accessibility

**8. Officer Elections:**

- **President: Maya Tussing** Motion by Anisha Weber; second by Susan Kokores. Approved.
- **Vice-President: Susan Kokores** Motion by Nirmala Bandrapalli; second by Ann Girard. Approved.

**9. Retreat Planning – Susan Kokores**

- Sub Committee reports presented through the fall – great accomplishments
- Mission Review presented through the fall
  - Awareness Building
  - Advocacy
  - Advisory
- Tremendous potential for 2023: start with meeting with each commissioner (Maya & Susan)
- Engagement with each other, with the new Supervisor, and with the community. They will be asking:  
What are you most passionate about regarding the County and the CSW?  
What specific value or skill sets do you think you bring to the CSW & community

In what ways can you increase your involvement?

Questions from commissioners:

1. How are the engagement questions related to planning for the retreat?

2. Are current sub-committees going to continue into 2023?

Not sure yet and it will depend on the feedback from commissioners

3. What about 5 new commissioners?

We hope that the new commissioners will be appointed and onboarded before the retreat. If we all contribute to outreach, it will be a successful recruitment.

4. Will this retreat be focused on short term project goals or long term vision for the next 3 years?

Long-term vision for the next 3 years is the retreat goal.

Request:

Helpful to have past CSW accomplishments sent for review.

Send reports from other commissions for review.

Update on reproductive rights plan from CEO.

**10. REPORTS:**

- Youth Commission: (Natalie Handel) working on final work plans. Immigrant Rights cards distribution at SMC community colleges.
- CSW Director's Report:
  - i. Alliance for Girls membership. We are now a member and representing women and girls from San Mateo County.
    - 1. Benefits: training and series of workshops; data; advocacy tools
  - ii. 2023 Calendar: approve it at Jan 2023 mtg. If you want a summer break, you will decide that then.
  - iii. Meeting in person starting in March: please send Tanya your meeting location suggestions and contacts. It needs to be open to the public until 8:45pm.

**11. Commissioner Announcements:** Cheryl Fama is retiring in early April 2023 (CEO Peninsula Healthcare District) – congratulations Cheryl!

**12. Adjournment**

The **Commission on the Status of Women Group** agree to arrive on time/start on time; take turns speaking; speak loud enough for everyone to hear; be courteous of other opinions; listen to hear a different perspective than your own; mute phones; allow the chair to guide the process; Chair will check in about remaining time at 8:15 PM.

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