



Minutes

**Regular Meeting
Commission on the Status of Women
Wednesday, October 6, 2021
6:00 P.M.**

Commissioners Present: Valinda Bowens, Maura Harrington, Lorraine Montgomery, Beverley Morgan-Sandoz, Vanessa Rodriguez

Commissioners Absent: Charlotte Lacey (excused), Sandra Lindoerfer (unexcused), Peggy Sisson (excused)

Staff Present: Ali Everett, Tamer Sabha

1. Call to Order

Chair Morgan-Sandoz called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

2. Roll Call

Staff (Sabha) called the roll and a quorum was established for the Commission.

3. Public Comments

None

4. Approval of Minutes

After review, it was moved (Montgomery) and seconded (Bowens) to approve the Minutes of the September 1, 2021 regular meeting. (Motion carried)

In Favor: Morgan-Sandoz, Bowens, Montgomery, Harrington

Abstain: Rodriguez

5. New Business

- **Presentation about YWCA Glendale and Pasadena's programs and services for women and girls – Tara Peterson (CEO)**

The Commission received a presentation from the YWCA about their programs and services for women and girls. Questions from the Commission followed.

6. Old Business

- **Commission work plan updates and discussion**

After discussion, it was moved (Rodriguez) and seconded (Bowens) to approve Chair Morgan-Sandoz to respond on behalf of the Commission to surveys from

organizations focused on women's issues about the work of the Commission.
(Motion unanimously carried)

In Favor: Morgan-Sandoz, Bowens, Montgomery, Rodriguez, Harrington

After discussion, it was moved (Harrington) and seconded (Montgomery) to approve the work plan updates as discussed. (Motion unanimously carried)

In Favor: Morgan-Sandoz, Bowens, Montgomery, Rodriguez, Harrington

7. Reports/Comments from the Chair

Chair Morgan-Sandoz provided the following comments:

- Reminded the Commission about the current At Large vacancy and asked Commissioners to encourage interested people to submit an application; and
- Attended virtual meetings on subjects related to the work of the Commission including meetings hosted by Women in Leadership Vital Voices and the National Council of Negro Women encouraging women to take leadership roles in government by running for public office.

8. Comments from Commissioners

Vice-Chair Bowens commented that she will facilitate a virtual workshop for the City of Hope Young Professionals Network on the topic of mindfulness on Thursday, October 7.

Commissioner Harrington commented that she is serving on the City of Hope Community Benefit Committee, which focuses on community reinvestment, and is also involved in a project with the City of Hope, Huntington Hospital, Methodist Hospital, and Kaiser Permanente Baldwin Park about addressing food insecurity.

9. Staff Comments

Staff (Everett) commented that City Council approved Committees and Commissions receiving live public comment during virtual meetings so new public comment instructions will appear in the Commission's November meeting agenda packet.

10. Upcoming Meeting Agenda Items

- Health equity for women and girls

11. Adjournment

It was moved (Bowens) and seconded (Harrington) to adjourn the regular meeting. (Motion unanimously carried) The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM.

/s/ Beverley Morgan-Sandoz

Beverley Morgan-Sandoz, Chair
Commission on the Status of Women

/s/ Tamer Sabha

Tamer Sabha, Recording Secretary
Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department