



Minutes

**Regular Meeting
Commission on the Status of Women
Wednesday, March 2, 2022
6:00 P.M.**

Commissioners Present: Valinda Bowens (joined at 6:04 PM), Maura Harrington, Charlotte Lacey, Sandra Lindoerfer, Beverley Morgan-Sandoz, Vanessa Rodriguez, Peggy Sisson

Commissioners Absent: Lorraine Montgomery (excused)

Staff Present: Ali Everett, Tamer Sabha

1. Call to Order

Chair Morgan-Sandoz called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

2. Roll Call

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

3. Public comments for items not on the agenda

None

4. Approval of Minutes

After review, it was moved (Lacey) and seconded (Lindoerfer) to approve the Minutes of the February 2, 2022 regular meeting. (Motion carried)

In Favor: Morgan-Sandoz, Bowens, Sisson, Lindoerfer, Harrington, Lacey
Abstain: Rodriguez

5. New Business

- **The Hidden Epidemic: Human Trafficking and its Impact on Women – Theresa Flores (Founder, Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution)**
The presentation was rescheduled to the meeting in April.

6. Old Business

- **Review and approve letter of support to the San Gabriel Valley Section of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. (SGV-NCNW) for Women's Recovery Response Grant to fund the Young Legend's STEM program**

After discussion, it was moved (Lindoefer) and seconded (Sisson) to approve the letter of support to the San Gabriel Valley Section of the National Council of Negro Women. (Motion unanimously carried)

In Favor: Morgan-Sandoz, Bowens, Sisson, Lindoefer, Harrington, Lacey, Rodriguez

- **Commission work plan updates and discussion**

After discussion, it was moved (Harrington) and seconded (Bowens) to recommend that the Commission invite the SOAP Project (Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution) to accompany the Commission during the Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness proclamation at the City Council meeting in April 2022. (Motion unanimously carried)

In Favor: Morgan-Sandoz, Bowens, Sisson, Lindoefer, Harrington, Lacey, Rodriguez

After discussion, it was moved (Lacey) and seconded (Rodriguez) to approve Commissioners Morgan-Sandoz and Harrington participating on behalf of the Commission at the Jericho Road Pasadena virtual event “Advancing Women: A Collective Impact Summit” on Tuesday, March 15. (Motion unanimously carried)

In Favor: Morgan-Sandoz, Bowens, Sisson, Lindoefer, Harrington, Lacey, Rodriguez

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

In Favor: Morgan-Sandoz, Bowens, Sisson, Lindoefer, Harrington, Lacey, Rodriguez

7. Reports/Comments from the Chair

Chair Morgan-Sandoz provided the following comments:

- Asked the Commission to refer any interested people in their networks to apply for the current At Large vacancy;
- The Association of California Commissions for Women (ACCW) has sponsored one hour roundtable discussions about pressing issues facing women and girls in California, which the Chair attended on Tuesday, February 8, and shared that the next roundtable is scheduled for Tuesday, April 12; and
- The New York NGO Committee on the Status of Women (NGO-CSW/NY) Annual Forum is taking place virtually from March 13-25, featuring workshops, presenters, and participants from around the world.

8. Comments from Commissioners

None

9. Staff Comments

Staff (Everett) provided the following comments:

- Shared information about the Library's One City, One Story community programs in March 2022, with the Library providing the book "In the County of Women" and a brochure of related events for each Commissioner;
- Shared information about the virtual event for the release of the Mount Saint Mary's 2022 Report on the Status of Women and Girls in California on Thursday, March 24; and
- The City Council extended their remote meetings for another 30 days during their meeting on Monday, February 28.

10. Upcoming Meeting Agenda Items

- Presentation about human trafficking from Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution
- Presentation about community policing (May 2022)

11. Adjournment

It was moved (Harrington) and seconded (Lacey) to adjourn the regular meeting. (Motion unanimously carried) The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 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