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**COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN**

Meeting Minutes  
September 15, 2023  
10:00 a.m.

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Commissioner Tracy Gray called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m. Present for the meeting were Vice President Quach, Commissioners Lucig Danielian, Simona Grace, and Erma Bernard-Gipson.

Commission staff in attendance were LA Civil Rights General Manager, Capri Maddox, Assistant General Manager of Operations, Claudia Luna; Assistant General Manager of Civil Rights Enforcement Kim Kasreliovich, Deputy City Attorney, Barak Vaughn, Senior Project Coordinator, Francisco Ortega; Human Relations Advocate, Liliana Villa; and LGBTQAI+ Liaison, Carla Ibarra.

A quorum was established and the meeting proceeded.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

The public comment period was opened. There were no speakers to address the Commission. Therefore, public comment was closed.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The review and approval of meeting Minutes for August 4, 2023 Special Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Quach made a motion to approve the Special Meeting Minutes for Friday, August 4, 2023. Commissioner Danielian seconded the motion and added a revision to section 5, item f to include the language "strategies and actions" to the record. The vote with the amendment to the minutes proceeded as follows:

Moved: Quach

Seconded: Danielian  
Ayes: Grace, Gray, Bernard-Gipson  
Absent: Rose, Lopez Mendoza

Vote: 5 – 0

The motion passed.

**4. DEPARTMENT UPDATE:**

Capri Maddox, General Manager and Executive Director, shared the department update. She presented the LA Civil Rights Overview Deck for September 2023. This presentation can be viewed at [civilandhumanrights.lacity.org](http://civilandhumanrights.lacity.org)

**5. PRESENTATION:**

a. **Laura Jimenez**, Executive Director of California Latinas for Reproductive Justice, delivered a comprehensive presentation “Reproductive Justice” that highlighted some of the obstacle’s women face in accessing safe and affordable reproductive health services. Her presentation can be found at [lacivilandhumanrights.gov](http://lacivilandhumanrights.gov)

**6. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:**

a. Board discussion and possible action regarding the proposal to have the Commission on the Status of Women (LACSW) host a “Women’s Global Economic Power Summit” in the Spring or Fall of 2024. A motion was introduced by commissioner Quach to have commission staff along with Executive Board members explore the viability of hosting such a summit taking into consideration Mayoral approval, staff capacity and resource allocation. The motion to explore this project further was unanimously approved:

Moved: Quach  
Second: Gray  
Ayes: Grace, Bernard-Gipson, Danielian  
Absent: Lopez Mendoza, Rose

Vote: 5 – 0

The motion passed.

b. Proposal and discussion to have LACSW host one or two offsite regular commission meetings in the 2024 calendar year. A robust discussion regarding staff capacity and logistics was had by various members of the board. A motion was introduced by Commission Vice-Chair Quach to have commission staff explore the viability of holding an off-site commission meeting in the 2024 calendar year. The vote went as follows:

Moved: Quach  
Second: Danielian  
Ayes: Gray, Grace, Bernard-Gipson  
Absent: Lopez Mendoza, Rose

Vote: 5 – 0

The motion passed

- c. Board discussion regarding how to lend support for SB 686 which in part aims to provide employment protection for domestic/homecare workers. A discussion was held by various members of the board on the best way to urge California Governor Newsom to sign the legislation currently under review by his office. Board Commissioner Danielian introduced a motion that would simply urge, pending approval from the Mayor's Office, Governor Newsom to sign the SB 686 which is currently awaiting his signature. The vote went as follows:

Moved: Danielian

Second: Bernard-Gipson

Ayes: Gray, Quach, Grace

Absent: Lopez Mendoza, Rose

Vote: 5 – 0

The motion passed

## **7. LGBTQIA+ UPDATE**

- a. Carla Ibarra, LGBTQIA+ Liaison gave a brief report on the work of the Transgender Advisory Council and highlighted the recently completed Transgender and Nonbinary Job and Career Fair that took place at Los Angeles Trade Tech College on Wednesday, September 13, 2023. Miss Ibarra also highlighted other efforts via the TAC and some collaborative efforts with other City Departments.

## **8. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. Commissioner Danielian announced that she and fellow commissioners have concluded their review of the CSW Bylaws in coordination with the City Attorney's Office and indicated they will wait for next steps once final review is conducted by the City Attorney's Office.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

Seeing no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

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