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Special Meeting Minutes

January 19, 2024

Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator (LACI)

525 S. Hewitt St. Suite 150

Los Angeles, CA 90013

10:00 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Commissioner Tracy Gray called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. Present for the meeting were Commissioners Simona Grace, Jerilyn Lopez Mendoza, Cristina Rose, and Lucig Danielian.

Staff in attendance were LA Civil Rights General Manager, Capri Maddox; LA Civil Rights Assistant General Manager of Operations, Claudia Luna; Deputy City Attorney, Nicole Gougis; Senior Project Coordinator, Francisco Ortega; Human Relations Advocate, Liliana Villa; Peace and Healing Center Program Manager, Tristen Marler; Executive Officer, Mayra Medel; and LGBTQIA+ 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. Public comment was closed.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The review and approval of meeting Minutes for the November 15, 2023 Regular Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Rose made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes for Friday, November 15, 2023. Commissioner Grace seconded the motion with no amendments. The vote to approve the minutes proceeded as follows:

Moved: Rose
Seconded: Grace
Ayes: Gray, Lopez Mendoza
Abstention: Danielian
Absent: Bernard-Gibson

Vote: 4 – 0

The motion passed.

4. DEPARTMENT REPORT

Executive Director and General Manager **Capri Maddox** was present and addressed the board regarding the proposed Women’s International Economic Power Summit introduced by commission President Gray. Ms. Maddox gave her feedback and expressed deep gratitude to the Los Angeles CleanTech Incubator for hosting the commission and highlighted the amazing work of women entrepreneurs.

5. LGBTQIA+ LIAISON UPDATE

Carla Ibarra, LA Civil Rights LGBTQIA+ Liaison, delivered an update on the Transgender Advisory Council and highlighted TAC’s various plans for 2024 and beyond. Ms. Ibarra shared that plans are underway to hold a Housing and Homelessness Resource Fair at the California Endowment on June 12, 2024. She also highlighted the upcoming TAC board elections to be held in February 2024, emphasizing the TAC will have a new Chair for the first time since the board was founded in 2016.

6. PRESENTATIONS:

a. **Estelle Reyes**, Senior Vice President of Enhancing Community for the Los Angeles CleanTech Incubator (LACI), delivered a comprehensive presentation on programs and initiatives that focused on supporting and empowering women entrepreneurs and highlighted some successful partnerships and initiatives that focus on supporting women in cleantech. Her presentation can be found at <https://civilandhumanrights.lacity.gov/>

7. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

a. The Commission on the Status of Women held a special board election vote to fill the seat vacated by the former Commission Vice President, Dora Quach. After several commissioners expressed support for Commissioner Simona Grace, Commissioner Lopez Mendoza made a motion to nominate and select Commissioner Grace as the Commission Vice President. The vote was seconded by Commissioner Rose. The vote to elect Commissioner Grace Vice President went as follows:

Moved: Lopez Mendoza
Second: Rose
Ayes: Grace, Gray, and Danielian
Absent: Bernard-Gibson

Vote: 5 – 0

The motion passed.

- b. Commissioner Gray led a brief discussion around setting strategic priorities for the commission. She also highlighted and gave the board a full briefing on her proposed plans to host an “International Women’s Economic Power Summit” in Los Angeles in late Spring or Summer of 2024. President Gray shared preliminary plans and laid out some potential logistics and plans for the commissioners. City Attorney Nicole Gougis informed the commission that her office would conduct a review of the proposed event to ensure the commission was adhering to City Brown Act requirements and ethical guidelines.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Estelle Reyes from LACI announced that LACI would be hosting a special Garden Party Event in South Los Angeles featuring women entrepreneurs. She invited Commissioners and mentioned she would share further details as the event approaches.
- b. Commissioner Danielian reminded the board about the report back on the U.S. National *Plan to End Gender-Based Violence: Strategies for Action*. The board will hear the status report at the March 15, 2024 meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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

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