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COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Regular Meeting Minutes

July 19, 2024

10:00 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commission Vice-President Simona Grace called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. Commissioners Erma Bernard-Gibson, Lucig Danielian, Jerilyn Lopez Mendoza, and Katherine Yeom were in attendance.

Commissioner Cristina Rose arrived at 10:10 and President Gray at 10:16.

Also in attendance were LA Civil Rights General Manager Capri Maddox; Claudia Luna, Assistant General Manager; Mayra Madero, Executive Officer; Liliana Villa, Human Resources Advocate; Carla Ibarra, LGBTIA+ Liaison; Chloe Coventry, Management Assistant; Tyna Hall Blackman, Commission Executive Assistant, Barak Vaughn, Deputy City Attorney; and An Trang, Executive Officer, Mayor's Office of International Affairs.

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 Commission reviewed the minutes of the May 17, 2024 Regular meeting. Commissioner Bernard-Gibson moved to approve the May 17, 2024 meeting minutes. Commissioner Mendoza seconded the motion, and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Vote: 5 - 0

The motion passed and the minutes were approved.

4. MAYOR'S OFFICE UPDATE

- a. An Tran, Executive Officer, Mayor's Office of International Affairs and liaison to the CHANGE (City Hub and Network for Gender Equality) Network shared some of CHANGE's recent activities. CHANGE held their annual summit in June 2024 in Barcelona, Spain. They are now partnered with fifteen (15) international cities, most recently Nairobi. The Summit focused on issues pertaining to gender equity, specifically care-giving and gender-based violence. In Los Angeles, CHANGE is beginning the process of ascertaining (via data collection and other research) neighborhoods for two new family justice centers. The family justice centers provide wrap-around support for victims of domestic violence. CHANGE has already opened two of these centers, in the Valley neighborhood of Los Angeles,
- b. Commissioners expressed their goal to have CSW's efforts more integrated with CHANGE, as there is much crossover between the two organizations' foci and scope. Civil Rights staff indicated that they would send out CHANGE's meeting schedule to Commissioners and try to facilitate this connection. CHANGE's next meeting will be held virtually on July 31st at 4:00 pm.

5. DISCUSSION

- a. AGM Luna outlined the agenda for the CSW's special meeting, to be held on July 26th. HR&A consultants will be attending the meeting to strategize and refine the Commission's strategic priorities. HR&A's strategic priorities matrix has been provided to Commissioners in preparation for the July 26th meeting.

6. AD HOC UPDATE

- a. Pioneer Women ad hoc update – Vice President Simona Grace

Vice President Grace talked briefly about the next steps for the Pioneer Women event. The date of the event is September 27th, 2024. President Gray expressed this change of date (the event was formerly planned for the previous week, but the City Hall forecourt was not available that date. The date also didn't fit the Mayor's schedule. President Gray requests that important event date changes be run by the entire Commission in the future.

Vice President Grace outlined the requirements for Pioneer Women nominees: they must live in the City of LA; cannot be family members or co-workers of Commissioners; and they must be women involved in public service, including government (excluding any women associated with current campaigns) or non-profit directors. Commissioners agreed that they would send in the names of potential honorees to Vice President Grace and Department staff. Then the Pioneer Women Ad Hoc will choose three candidates in preparation for a vote at the next CSW meeting on July 26th.

7. DEPARTMENT REPORT

Capri Maddox, General Manager, LA Civil + Human Rights and Equity Department gave an update on the Department's activities and shared the LA Civil Rights Overview Deck for May 2024. This presentation can be viewed at civilandhumanrights.lacity.gov.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

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