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COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Special Meeting Minutes

August 29, 2024

1:30 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commission President Gray called the meeting to order at 1:36 p.m. Vice-President Simona Grace, Commissioners Erma Bernard-Gibson, Lucig Danielian, and Cristina Rose were in attendance.

Commissioners Jerilyn Lopez Mendoza and Katherine Yeom were absent.

Also in attendance were LA Civil Rights General Manager Capri Maddox; Claudia Luna, Assistant General Manager; Nicole Gougis, City Attorney; Carla Ibarra, LGBTQIA+ Community Liaison Advocate; Liliana Villa, Human Relations Advocate; Chloe Coventry, Management Assistant; Mina Anochie, Policy Fellow; Tyna Hall Blackman, Commission Executive Assistant; Rachel Webster and Garrett Robinson, HR&A Consultants.

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 July 26, 2024 Special meeting. Commissioner Bernard-Gibson moved to approve the July 26, 2024 meeting minutes. Commissioner Grace seconded the motion, and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Absent: Lopez Mendoza, Yeom

Vote: 5 - 0

The motion passed and the minutes were approved.

4. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

Rachel Webster and Garrett Robinson of HR&A Advisors returned for their final presentation. The meeting focused on the five strategic priorities of CSW, including increased visibility, political representation, upward mobility, public safety, and health and wellbeing. The commission debated the vision statement. HR&A Advisors will incorporate the commissioners' edits for their review.

General Manager Maddox proposed increasing visibility by involving commissioners in ongoing political actions and issues in the news. Commissioners shall also engage with the department and other organizations to enhance visibility. Lastly, GM Maddox presented a series of projects that align with the five strategic priorities for the next year.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- President Gray requested CSW agendas and minutes be printed two-sided going forward.
- Liliana Villa reminded everyone that the Pioneer Women Awards will be held on Friday, September 27, 2024, and that each Commissioner may invite 2 guests.
- President Gray is scheduled to speak at the annual 2024 Airport Police Women's Conference on Thursday, September 12, 2024.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 3:44 p.m.

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