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COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN

Special Meeting Minutes
John Lewis Conference Center
201 N. Los Angeles Street, Suite 3A
January 17, 2025
10:00 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Commission President Tracy D. Gray called the meeting to order at 10:28 a.m. Commissioners Lucig Danielian, Erma Bernard-Gibson, and Simona Grace were in attendance.

Commissioner Cristina Rose arrived at 10:58 a.m.

Commissioners Jerilyn Lopez Mendoza and Katherine Yeom were absent.

Also in attendance were Claudia Luna, Assistant General Manager; Nicole Gougis, City Attorney; Mayra Medel, Executive Officer; Carla Ibarra, LGBTQIA+ Community Liaison; and Liliana Villa, Human Relations Advocate.

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 November 8, 2024 Special meeting. Commissioner Bernard-Gibson moved to approve the November 8, 2024 meeting minutes. Commissioner Grace seconded the motion, and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Absent: Lopez Mendoza, Rose, Yeom

Vote: 4 - 0

The motion passed and the minutes were approved.

4. DEPARTMENT REPORT

Claudia Luna, Assistant General Manager of the LA Civil Rights Department, updated the Commission on the department's recent activities. Due to recent regional fires, 10% of the department's staff were identified as Disaster Service Workers and could be activated when needed. Additionally, staff has volunteered and supported the Disaster Recovery Center in the Westside. AGM Luna mentioned our Executive Director, Capri Maddox, was a guest speaker at the Ebell Monday Speaker Series Luncheon and Commissioner Erma Bernard Gibson was in attendance with Capri. AGM Luna also provided an update on the Just Say Hello Campaign, which will launch at the Port of LA's Lunar New Year Festival on January 25, 2025.

5. AD HOC UPDATES

- Commissioner Grace provided updates on the award ceremony committee's planning efforts. She provided the committee's recommendation for a new name: *Elevating LA: Women of Impact Awards*. After discussion, the commission agreed to adjust the name to: *Women of Impact Awards*. Commissioner Bernard-Gibson moved to rename the event previously known as Pioneer Women Awards to Women of Impact Awards. Commissioner Gray seconded the motion, and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Absent: Lopez-Mendoza, Rose, Yeom

Vote: 4 - 0

The motion passed and the awards ceremony was renamed.

- Due to time limitations associated with event planning, the ad hoc committee suggested that the Commission honor just one individual this year. Last year, Lara Bergthold, who had been nominated and approved by the Commission, could not attend because of a scheduling conflict but expressed her desire to be considered for this year's awards. Since her nomination had already received approval, the Commission did not need to approve it again. Commissioner Grace moved the proposal that there be only one nominee this year. Commissioner Bernard-Gibson seconded the motion, and the vote proceeded as follows:

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

Absent: Lopez-Mendoza, Yeom

Vote: 5 - 0

The motion passed and the Commission will only have one nominee for the 2025 awards.

6. DISCUSSION ITEM

- a. Commissioner Simona Grace asked if there is interest in volunteering and/or providing donations to help recent Los Angeles City wildfire victims as a Commission. Commissioners indicated that they'd like to contribute as individuals, rather than as a

Commission.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Seeing no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

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