



May Commission Meeting

Gayle B. Uilkema Memorial Boardroom, County Connection

2477 Arnold Industrial Way, Concord

May 15, 2018

MINUTES

Present: Phyllis Gordon, Kirsten Upshaw, Lanita Mims, Lauren Babb, Ellie Lank
Absent: Deborah Cowan, Joey Smith, Argentina Davila-Luevano, Patricia Ramirez
Guest: Ariana Rickard

1. Call to Order and Roll Call 7:07 pm

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:07 pm.

2. Public Comment 7:09 pm

Ariana Rickard of Audubon of California, introduced herself and her interest in the commission.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 2018 7:13 pm

We did not have a quorum so the minutes we were unable to approve the minutes.

4. Old Business 7:15 pm

A. Internal Operations Committee (IOC) Update

- Per the IO Committee's request, we have begun moving the minutes to the website. Lauren Babb and the website manager, Lucy, have taken on that task.
- Kirsten is sending Lauren the remaining minutes in a pdf so that they can be added.
- Kirsten is also contacting Candace Anderson's office to follow up on receiving help with the bylaws.

B. Phyllis updated us on the seminar she attended and was a speaker at , May 9, on behalf of the commission and the Friends of the Commission on the documentary Equal Means Equal and the Q&A that followed. They discussed the status of the Equal Rights amendment and the seminar was attended by 60 people at the Scholar OLLI Lecture associated with Cal State East Bay. They were also given information about the Commission.

5. Seminars for 2018 7:20 pm

A. #Me Too -

- Working in conjunction with the DVC Women of Color Empowerment group, June 13 at 5:30 p.m.
- Event will be held in the BFL Community room.
- Speakers will be Asst. Dep. Chief Bisa French, of the Richmond P.D., Cynthia Peterson, Executive Director of Community Violence Solutions and Jessica Braverman, Esq. Law Professor at Los Medanos College and also a practicing attorney in workplace law.

B. Candidate forum -

- It was lightly discussed to follow up with a suggested collaboration with the League of Women voter to assist them with facilitating some forums.

6. Committee Reports 7:40 pm

A. Membership - There was nothing new to report but there is hope that our upcoming outreach through #metoo will help us recruit some younger Commissioners.

B. Lauren gave an update on our recommendations re: sexual assault and the language that we sent to the BOS, earlier in the year, are moving forward to Sacramento.

7. Announcement and Upcoming Community Events 8:00 pm

- The upcoming National Association of Commissions for Women national conference is August 1-4. Registration is open and all commissioners are welcome to attend. The cost will be covered. This is a great opportunity for some leadership training and networking for all Commissioners.

8. Adjournment

Action: Adjourn Meeting

Meeting was adjourned at 8:07 pm