DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE

COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION

June 17, 2016

The meeting of the Commission for Women was called to order by Chair JoAnn Elston via teleconference at 9:00am on Friday, June 17, 2016, to 515 E. Musser Street, Carson City, NV, and 1830 E. Sahara Ave., Las Vegas, NV. Exhibit A is the Agenda and Exhibit B is the attendance roster. All exhibits are available and on file in the Department of Administration, Director’s Office.

**COMMISSION MEMBERS ATTENDING BY PHONE:**

JoAnn Elston, Chair

Brooke Westlake

Karla Scott

Anna Thornley

Durette Candito

Diane Fearon

Brenda Hughes

Allison Stephens

Colleen Baharav

**COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Richann Bender, Vice Chair

**D OF A STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Annette Teixeira

Mary Woods

**OTHERS PRESENT ON PHONE:**

Shane Chesney, Deputy Attorney General, Attorney General’s Office

Nancy Brune, PhD, Executive Director, Kenny Guinn Center for Policy Priorities

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PRESENT**:

Stacey Shinn, Political Director, Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada

**Agenda Item #3 Public Comment**

No Public Comment

Agenda Items were taken out of order.

**Agenda Item #5 – Review and discuss additional funding needs**

Karla Scott presented the draft letter for the members review (Index 1) and asked for comments and questions from the members. There were a few questions for clarification about when the funding would be available if the Governor included an appropriation for the CFW in the budget considered by the 2017 Legislature. Mary Woods clarified the money, if it was approved, would be available in the FY18/19 budget which begins July 1, 2017. There were questions about the cost of the office supplies and the desire to include the cost for business cards. Chair Joann Elston asked Karla to work with Mary to finalize that portion of the letter. Colleen Baharav said overall it was a good letter.

**Agenda item #4 – Review and discuss report options from the Guinn Center**

Dr. Nancy Brune presented the Guinn Center for Policy Priorities (Index 2). The members discussed and asked questions. Dr. Brune clarified that neither option for a full report (#1 and #4) included the cost of a printed document. It would be an additional cost to print out the completed electronic report. Dr. Brune said they would prepare an accompanying power point presentation of the findings that the members could use.

**Agenda item #6 – For Possible Action – Request for seeking General Funds from the Governor**

Durette Candito made the motion to initiate option #4 of the Guinn Center Policy Priorities proposal for them to prepare a research report at the cost of $50K, and in the meanwhile to ask Joann Goodwin at University of Nevada Las Vegas if she can ask her faculty colleagues to work on additional research papers she previously proposed to the Commission for Women

Colleen Baharav seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously.

**Agenda item #7**: Discussion of next steps, future agenda items, and dates

Next steps – Mary said she will include the $50K amount in the letter to the Governor.

Future agenda items: 1) Learn about BDR review process - Brenda Hughes will coordinate with Anna Thornley to do a workshop/training session on tracking BDRs on the legislative website and signing up for its ListServ. 2) Discuss the role of the funding point of contact. *Dates of next meeting*: Discussed potential dates of next meeting July 26, 27, or 28. Mary will send out an Outlook invite to the members to check their availability.

**Agenda item #8 – Commission Member’s Comments/Public Comments**

Public Comment in Carson City: Stacey Shinn, Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada provided public comment to the let the members know she will be at the Legislature during session along with Elisa Cafferata and Marlene Lockwood and will already be tracking bills related to women’s issues and would be happy to help the CFW stay aware of bill activity. Stacey will work with Anna Thornley as the CFW member point of contact on bill tracking.

**Agenda item #9 – For Possible Action - Adjournment**

Allison Stephens made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Anna Thornley seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously. The chair adjourned the meeting at 9:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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**APPROVED:**

CHAIRWOMAN, JOANN ELSTON

Absent from the meeting

VICE CHAIR, RICHANN BENDER

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