

**Commission for Women
Department of Administration
May 23, 2019**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
NEVADA COMMISSION FOR WOMEN
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION
May 23, 2019

The meeting of the Nevada Commission for Women was called to order by Chair Diane Fearon at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 23, 2019 at State Public Works Division Conference Room, 2300 McLeod St., Las Vegas, NV and 515 E. Musser St., Carson City, NV. **Exhibit A** is the sign-in sheet, **Exhibit B** is the meeting agenda. All exhibits are available and on file in the Department of Administration, Director's Office.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Diane Fearon, Chair
Brooke Westlake-Kelley, Vice Chair – Phone
Richann Bender
Durette Candito
Cynthia Cicero – Phone
Brenda Hughes
Jennifer López – Phone

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:

Constance Brooks
Jo Etta Brown
Elisa Cafferata

D of A STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Molly Walt

OTHERS PRESENT:

Katie Armstrong, Deputy Attorney General, Attorney General's Office
Dana Sullivan Kilroy, Fior Partners

Agenda Item #3 – Public Comment

Chair Diane Fearon called for Public Comment. No public comment.

Agenda Item #4 – FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Review and approval of Minutes from April 25, 2019 Nevada Commission for Women Meeting.

Chair Diane Fearon asked for comments and/or questions regarding the minutes; hearing none, Commissioner Brenda Hughes made the motion to approve the minutes, Commissioner Richann Bender seconded the motion. Action to approve the minutes passed unanimously noting the abstention from Chair Diane Fearon and Commissioner Durette Candito.

Agenda Item #5 – FOR POSSIBLE ACTION – Elevate HER NV Campaign

Commissioner Brenda Hughes made the motion for the Nevada Commission for Women to withdraw \$1,550.00 from the Nevada Commission for Women unrestricted fund at the Community Foundation of Western Nevada. Funds withdrawn will be used to pay for the Elevate

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HER NV campaign. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Durette Candito. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #6 – INFORMATION – Commission for Women Goal Updates

1. Gender Disparity/Equality Issues in Nevada
No update was given by Commissioners
2. Increase the Number of Women in Leadership
Commissioner Candito informed the Commission of a working group meeting set for May 24, 2019. Chair Diane Fearon mentioned a meeting she attended on May 22, 2019 with Julie Murray from Moonridge Associates and learned of a gathering that encouraged women to seek corporate and other volunteer boards. Chair Fearon continued by stating she is very encouraged by being able to do some collaboration going forward with Julie Murray and Moonridge Associates. Chair Fearon stated that she met with Diana Bennett from the NACD group and would make a connection for Commissioner Candito.
3. Provide Education & Awareness for Issues Relating to the Commission's Mission during the Legislative Session
Ms. Walt informed the Commission that the AB499 passed the Assembly and Senate unanimously. Ms. Walt will inform the Commission regarding the date of the bill signing when the information is provided to her. Commissioner Hughes thanked Ms. Walt for working on the design of the license plate and Chair Fearon thanked Ms. Walt for keeping everyone up to date on the bill via ListServ.
4. Create a Recognition Event
No update was given by Commissioners. Commissioner Brooke Westlake-Kelley asked for this goal be tabled or given to another Commissioner since she has reached her term limit with the Commission.
5. Participate in Women's Suffrage
Commissioner Richann Bender asked if the Commission will be responsible for marketing the license plate. Ms. Walt answered by stating the Commission will be responsible for marketing the license plate. Commissioner Bender requested that she would like to be involved in the marketing efforts. Commissioner Bender and Commissioner López would like to be present for AB499 Bill signing if given the opportunity.
Commissioner Bender informed the Commission that Ms. Walt is working on funding opportunities for the City of Henderson parade. Dr. Goodwin is moving forward with the historical markers. Ms. Walt informed the Commission that on June 6, 2019, she will be presenting to the Carson City Board of Supervisors the proposed location for the Felice Cohn historical marker and hopes the Carson City Board of Supervisors will vote to approve the markers location and gift. Ms. Walt also informed the Commission on the formation of the Nevada Women's Suffrage Celebration Committee. The Committee was established to facilitate collaboration. Commissioner Bender updated the Commission on the Susan B. Anthony quilt block by stating the block is almost ready for submission. Chair Fearon informed the Commission that Larry Bender connected her and Commissioner Bender with people who might be interested in providing financial support. Chair Fearon also wanted to ensure that the Commissioners could reach out to the legislators who had referrals for the Commission. Chair Fearon and Commissioner Bender will be reaching out to the legislators.

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6. Document the Role of Nevada Women

Ms. Walt informed the Commission on the installation of the Silver State Sisters: Women Transforming Nevada exhibit at the Grant Sawyer Building on June 10, 2019 and unveiling ceremony on June 11, 2019 at 11:00 a.m.

7. Promoting Awareness of the Nevada Commission for Women

Commissioner Lopez reminded Commissioners that the Commission is working to grow the Commission's social media presence and encouraged Commissioners to like the Commissions Facebook posts and retweet the Commissions Twitter feeds to help grow the Commission's audience. The Commission has 296 likes on Facebook and 215 followers on Twitter.

8. Fundraising

Chair Fearon informed the Commission of the \$5,000 grant from Bank of America for Commission capacity building. Chair Fearon asked if a special meeting will be required to vote on approval for sending Commissioners to the National Association Commission for Women conference in July. Ms. Walt stated Commissioners will have to purchase their air flight tickets, make their hotel reservation and request for reimbursement after the conference, so a special meeting is not necessary. Chair Fearon asked what dollars would be available for the strategic planning session. Ms. Walt stated Commissioner Bender estimated the amount to attend the National Conference to be approx. \$2,000.00/person, so approx. \$1000 would be allocated for the Strategic Planning Session if both Commissioner Bender and Commissioner Brown attend the conference. Chair Fearon mentioned to the Commission that money needs to be allocated for the Strategic Planning Session, so when voting on actual dollars to attend the conference the Commission is making a thoughtful decision.

Agenda Item #7 – INFORMATION – Commission Member's Comments/Public Comments

Chair Diane Fearon asked for Commissioner comments, hearing none, Public Comment was called for. No public comment

Agenda Item #8 – FOR POSSIBLE ACTION – Adjournment

Chair Diane Fearon adjourned the meeting at 9:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly Walt

Molly Walt, Staff, Nevada Commission for Women

Exhibit A	Sign in Sheets
Exhibit B	Meeting Agenda