

**Commission for Women
Department of Administration
September 29, 2020**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
NEVADA COMMISSION FOR WOMEN
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION
September 29, 2020

The meeting of the Nevada Commission for Women was called to order by Chair Jo Etta Brown at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 29, 2020 via teleconference call. **Exhibit A** is the meeting agenda and **Exhibit B** “Elevate HER NV Campaign” contract. All exhibits are available and on file in the Department of Administration, Director’s Office.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Richann Bender
Flor Bernal-Gonzalez
Jo Etta Brown
Durette Candito
Heather Engle
Diane Fearon
Victoria Ruiz-Marin
Ann Silver

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jennifer López

D of A STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Molly Walt

OTHERS PRESENT:

Katie Armstrong, Deputy Attorney General, Attorney General’s Office

Agenda Item #3 – Public Comment

Chair Jo Etta Brown called for public comment. No public comment was reported. Chair Brown introduced newly appointed Commissioner Victoria Ruiz-Marin and asked Commissioners and staff introduce themselves to Commissioner Ruiz-Marin.

Agenda Item #4 – FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: Review and approval of Minutes from August 10, 2020, Nevada Commission for Women meeting.

Chair Jo Etta Brown requested to table the August 10, 2020 meeting minutes until staff can determine public comment was not given by additional members of the public. Commissioner Heather Engle made the motion to table the approval of the August 10, 2020 meeting minutes. Commissioner Richann Bender seconded the motion. Motioned passed with an abstention from Commissioner Victoria Ruiz-Marin.

Agenda Item #5 – FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: To terminate the “Elevate HER NV Campaign” contract with Fior Partners

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Commissioner Ann Silver made the motion to terminate the “Elevate HER NV Campaign” contract with Fior Partners. Commissioner Flor Bernal-Gonzalez seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda Item #6 – INFORMATION ONLY: Nevada Gender Equality in the Workplace Survey

Chair Jo Etta Brown informed the Commission of a conference call held with the subcommittee and changes to the survey would have to be made during a legislative session.

Agenda Item #7 – INFORMATION ONLY: Commissioner “Call to Action” Updates

Management Analyst Molly Walt introduced the “Call of Action” for Commissioners. Commissioner Ann Silver informed the Commission of her “Call of Action”, which is to get every eligible voter to vote in the 2020 election. Commissioner Heather Engle informed the Commission of her “Call to Action”, which is to make sure all low- or no-income citizens are reached and energized to vote and that their voices are being heard. Commissioner Diane Fearon informed the Commission of her “Call to Action”, which is to share success strategies for women who having to adapt to remote schooling for their children while they balance work from home or unemployment. Commissioner Flor Bernal Gonzalez informed the Commission of her “Call to Action”, which is to inspire future women leaders in taking a seat at the table in the best interest of families in Nevada. Commissioner Richann Bender informed the Commission on her “Call to Action”, which is to continue with the events celebrating Women’s Suffrage.

Agenda Item #8 – INFORMATION ONLY: Nevada Commission for Women 2020 Goals

Commissioner Durette Candito informed the Commission for the Women’s Empowerment Virtual Workshop Series subcommittee meeting and the subcommittee agreed to combine the North and South workshop series to virtual series starting in November and running into December, once a week for 8 weeks. Title of the workshop is “Now That I Am Officially Wonder Women, Where Do I Get My Cape Altered”. Commissioner Flor Bernal-Gonzalez informed the Commission that she volunteered on behalf of the Commission for Women with members of the Nevada Complete Count Committee at an event encouraging people to complete the census.

Agenda Item #9 – INFORMATION ONLY: Commissioner Updates

Commissioner Richann Bender reported on the National Association of Commission for Women held a virtual conference in August 23rd – 25th, 2020. For the first virtual conference, the conference was well attended.

Agenda Item #10 – INFORMATION ONLY: Management Analyst Report

Management Analyst, Molly Walt, informed the Commissioner of their budget at the Community Foundation of Western Nevada account, which has an ending balance of \$10,453.44 and State Budget Account 1029 has an ending balance of \$8,598.01. Ms. Walt informed the Commission on the progress of partnering with the League of Women Voters Nevada on the Women’s Suffrage Time Capsule. Ms. Walt encouraged all Commissioners to like, share, retweet Nevada Commission for Women social media posts.

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Agenda Item #11 – INFORMATION ONLY: New business/Comments or items of discussion

No new business was reported.

Agenda Item #12 – Public Comment

No public comment was reported.

Agenda Item #13 – FOR POSSIBLE ACTION – Adjournment

Commission Ann Silver motioned to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Diane Fearon. Meeting was adjourned at 2:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Molly Walt

Molly Walt, Staff, Nevada Commission for Women

Exhibit A	Meeting Agenda
Exhibit B	Elevate HER NV Campaign Contract