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**DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION**  
**NEVADA COMMISSION FOR WOMEN**

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**Nevada Commission for Women**  
**April 27, 2021**  
**Meeting Minutes**

1. Call to Order – Chair Jo Etta Brown

2. Roll Call – Mary Doyal

**Present:** Richann Bender, Flor Bernal-Gonzalez, Jo Etta Brown, Durette Candito, Diane Fearon, Jennifer Lopez, Jennifer Rogers Markwell, Ann Silver.

**Others Present:** Michelle White, Katie Armstrong, Laura Freed, Mary Doyal.

**Absent:** Heather Engle, Victoria Ruiz-Marin.

3. Public Comment

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4. Approval of Minutes from the March 2, 2021 Nevada Commission for Women Meeting – Chair Jo Etta Brown (**For Possible Action**) **Jennifer Lopez motioned to approve with corrections to the minutes to remove Diane Fearon and Victoria Ruiz-Marin from being marked present. They were seconded by Jennifer Rogers Markwell. Diane Fearon abstained from voting as she did not attend the March 2, 2021 meeting.**

5. Welcome and Introduction – Michelle White, Chief of Staff, Office of Governor Steve

Sisolak – Discussion – How NCFW can support projects from the Governor’s Office.

**Michelle White shared information regarding how the pandemic has affected women over the last year, the American Recovery Plan and Every Nevadan Recovery Framework. To support projects from the Governor’s Office, they are asking/requesting help developing funding ideas, programs and proposals that will assist and support the women of Nevada, spreading the word about getting vaccinations and Board appointments.**

6. Welcome and Introduction – Mary Doyal, Executive Assistant Department of Administration
7. National Association of Commissions for Women - **(Discussion and Possible Action)** Approve the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$100.00 for the renewal of the Nevada Commission for Women membership to the National Association of Commissions for Women. Funding Source – non-Executive Budget Account 1029. (Commission for Women) (NCFW Richann Bender Commissioner) **Richann Bender motioned to approve and was seconded by Jennifer Rogers Markwell and it passed unanimously.**
8. National Association of Commissions for Women – **(Discussion and Possible Action)** Approve the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$2,800.00 to pay for travel and conference registration for Commissioner Richann Bender to attend the National Association of Commissions for Women conference in Loudon County, Virginia July 18, 2021 through July 22, 2021. Funding Source – Transfer from the Community Foundation of Western Nevada. (Jo Etta Brown, Chair) **Richann Bender motioned to approve and was seconded by Diane Fearon depending on the Governor’s Mandate for Non-Essential Travel at the time. Motion passes 5 yea, 3 nay.**
9. Nominations for Chair of Nevada Commission for Women – **(Discussion Only) If anyone is interested in being considered for the Chair or Vice Chair positions, please send an email to Director Freed by May 31, 2021. The Chair and Vice Chair positions are appointed by the Governor.**
10. Authorized Signatories for the Community Foundation of Northern Nevada Bank Account. (NCFW outside bank account) **(Discussion and Possible Action) Diane Fearon motioned that at the Nevada Community Foundation of Northern Nevada in the account for the benefit of Nevada Commission for Women we remove two prior signors Molly Walt and Jennifer Thomas from having approved access to that account of those funds and at this time we also add Mary Doyal on behalf of the Commission for Women in her role at the Department of Administration as an authorized party to conduct business. Seconded by Jennifer Rogers Markwell. And it was passed unanimously.**
11. Discussion and Update – NCFW Virtual Empowerment Workshops, Durette Candido,

NCFW Vice Chair. **Durette Candito, with the help of Flor Bernal-Gonzalez and Jennifer Lopez, gave an update on Zoom workshops. All workshops have been uploaded and are now on Facebook.**

12. Discussion and Update - NCFW Social Media Project, Commissioner Jennifer Lopez and Commissioner Flor Bernal-Gonzalez. **Jennifer Lopez, with the help of Flor Bernal-Gonzalez, did a presentation regarding the Nevada Commission for Women Social Media Report.**
13. Discussion and Update - NCFW Pay Parity Project, Commissioner Ann Silver. **Ann Silver was informed that she will not be doing the presentation, she will send her research to her fellow Commissioners for the record so they will have that information.**
14. Discussion and Update - NCFW Commissioner's Term of Office. **JoEtta Brown gave an update on outgoing Commissioners Diane Fearon and Durette Candito. If your term is up and you are eligible to run for a second term, she encourages you to do that now sending a letter to the Governor's office indicating you would like to serve another 3 year term. If you have questions, please contact JoEtta Brown.**
15. Commissioner Updates – Discussion **Jennifer Lopez shared an event on April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup> from 8 am to 7 pm Walmart is hosting a free, no appointment necessary Covid 19 Vaccination clinic at the Centro Christiano El Shaddai Church in East Las Vegas. Please spread the word. Jennifer Roger Markwell shared she was on the Board for Girls Scouts of Northern Nevada and stated that some young leaders would like to spend the day with a Commissioner if that is an option.**
16. New Business Comments or Discussion **Mary Doyal received an email from Laura Levin from Mabble Media regarding the Elevate Her website being down due to domain issues or has expired. Mary Doyal will work with Laura Levin to see what the issue is. Richann Bender stated she and JoEtta Brown wanted to encourage anyone interested in being on the National Association of Commission for Women's Board to send an email to JoEtta Brown.**
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18. Adjournment **Motion made by Jennifer Rogers Markwell and seconded by Ann Silver; Meeting was adjourned.**

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