Solano Commission for Women and Girls

Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2025, 6:00 PM

601 Texas Street Fairfield, CA 94533

Conference Room B

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MISSION

The mission of the Solano Commission for Women and Girls is to improve the economic status, health and social welfare, and overall quality of life for women and girls in Solano County.

Minutes

CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME: 6:08 p.m.
COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

ROLL CALL:

Members Present:		Executive Committee
Jacqui Nguyen	Solano County, District 5	Co-Chair
Verneal Brumfield	Solano County, District 3	Co-Chair
Rayshawnda Madison	Adult Member-at-Large	Vice Chair
Kimberlee Staking	Adult Member-at-Large	Secretary
Lisa Eckhoff	Solano County Office of Education Treasurer	
Jennifer Hamilton	Solano County, District 4	
Sriya Srinivasan	Youth-at-Large	
Audrey Galo	City of Vallejo	
VACANT	City of Dixon	
VACANT	City of Vacaville	
VACANT	City of Rio Vista	

Absent:

Mary Henderson	District 1 (Vallejo)
Mckenzie Mashburn	Youth-at-Large

Gethsemane Moss City of Benicia

Edwina Perez-Santiago City of Fairfield

Pamela Williamson Solano County, District 2

Tiffani Thomas City of Suisun

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Guests:
Sabine Goerke-Schrode, Friends Chair
Francis McCullough, Friends
Wendy Fabian, Friends

1 Additions/Deletions to the Agenda, Approval of the Agenda
Motion to approve: Commissioner Nguyen
Motion to Second: Commissioner Staking
Unanimous approval of the Agenda

2. Approval of the November 2024 SCWG Meeting Minutes
Motion to approve: Commissioner Eckhoff
Motion to Second: Commissioner Nguyen
Unanimous approval of the November 2024 SCWG Meeting Minutes

REGULAR CALENDAR

3. Discuss 2025 Women & Money Conference Saturday February 8th. (Friends President Sabine Goerke-Shrode and Co-Chair SCWG, Jacqui Nguyen)

A budget for this event has not yet been approved so it was passed around, discussed, and approved with possibilities raised for ways to save money even within the allotted amount. Commissioner Eckhoff suggested a motion to approve and Commissioner Hamilton seconded. The vote was unanimous. Timing for the event is 9-12.

5 speakers have been lined up – one keynote and 4 that will present in concurrent 45 minute sessions following the keynote. The theme is financial literacy. McDonald's Yee commission are donating 50 McDonald's gift cards that will be given away as door prizes, to the first who sign up online and attend and etc. We are so grateful to them and to the pro bono speakers!

There will be a brief post survey and there will be breakfast lined up on tables against the back wall in Conference Room A as well as table for presenters to put out their information. The conference will be held in room A with presenters also using room B.

Commissioner Hamilton is working with General Services on the set up. Many members of the Commission committed to being there at 8:00 am to help with greetings and registration.

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Friends member Fabian offered to go shopping with Co-Chair Nguyen for the food. Commissioner Sriya S. offered her father's services for photographer and offered to get students to help on the day of. She and Friends member Fabian will push the announcement out to the high schools, and we are all encouraged to push the announcement out through all our channels. Sriya further offered to get the social media messages created for the event out. She offered to do all social media content and messaging for future events. Sriya and others encouraged the placement of a (recommended?) donation box rather than having a fee to the event. We want people to attend, and we certainly don't want that to be a barrier.

A robust and supportive discussion helped organizers to feel some relief in the wake of the fast-track planning of the event. Speaker bios and sign-up information is conveyed in each of the graphic design products. Follow-up alerts will be provided to those who sign up.

4. Discussion of 2025 Birth Justice Event (Commissioner Rayshawnda Madison)

Original motivation for this event, now coming up on its 4th year: Own your own birth story

Secondary motivation: Get this information into the hands of Institutions

Pros and Cons of using Touro University last year, including success in achieving our secondary goal; Touro is now considering offering a Doula program

A priority this year is continuing our relationship with Touro (discussion); however, a few dealbreakers for being there this year including holding the event on a Sunday is not optimal

Another priority this year is the possibility of merging our event with Supervisor William's event, which is very similar to our program in goals, audience etc.

During a call with Supervisor Williams, it was determined to hold a joint event on April 12, to align the event with Black Maternal Health week. The location will be Bay North Church on Pennsylvania Avenue. Commissioners Madison, Henderson, and Thomas will be joining a call every two weeks (3pm on Mondays) with Supervisor William's working group to plan the event. Updates at next meeting.

After some discussion, Commissioner Madison was encouraged to suggest that the event be titled something like: Birth Justice: Black Maternal and Infant Health, thus ensuring that our original naming language be included in the event title.

5. SCWG vacancies (Co-Chair Verneal Brumfield)

Due to lack of time, tabled for next meeting

6. SCWG marketing merchandise discussion (Commissioner Lisa Eckhoff)

Due to lack of time, tabled for next meeting

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7. Three commissioners to join Friends Committee Monthly meetings

    Designated: Co-chair Brumfield, Commissioners Galo and Eckhoff

    Volunteers to tap in when needed included Commissioner Madison and others who expressed a willingness to do as needed

8. Suggestions for speakers at future meetings encouraged

Adjourn 7:59 pm

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday February 20, 2025.