

Solano Commission for Women and Girls

Meeting Minutes

April 17, 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: 6:10 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	
Audrey Galo	City of Vallejo	
Mary Henderson	District 1 (Vallejo)	
Sriya Srinivasan	Youth-at-Large	
Gethsemane Moss	City of Benicia	
VACANT	City of Dixon	
VACANT	City of Vacaville	
VACANT	City of Rio Vista	

Absent:



Edwina Perez-Santiago City of Fairfield

Tiffani Thomas City of Suisun

Mckenzie Mashburn Youth-at-Large

Gethsemane Moss City of Benicia

Pamela Williamson Solano County, District 2

Guests:

Sabine Goerke-Shrode, Friends Chair

Kat Lawson-Cesar, from Supervisor Williams office

Wendy Fabian, Friends

1. Approval of March 2025 Minutes (Action item)
 - a. Motion to approve: Commission Hamilton
 - b. Motion to Second: Commissioner Staking
 - c. Unanimous approval of the March 2025 Minutes
2. Approval of April 2025 proposed Agenda (Action item)
 - a. Motion to approve: Commission Eckhoff
 - b. Motion to Second: Commissioner Moss
 - c. Unanimous approval of the proposed Agenda
3. Treasurer's Report (Commissioner Eckhoff) who entered the April 16, 2025 report of the Friend's Financial into the record: \$39,570.81 as of 3/31/2025.
4. Friends of the Commission Update (President Sabine Goerke-Shrode)
 - a. Announced by Wendy Fabian - \$4000,00 grant from California Legislative Women's Caucus through Assemblywoman Wilson's office!
 - b. Friend's Board meetings will now meet on the 2nd Wednesday of every month so as to meet before our General meeting on 3rd Thursdays and to accommodate Co-chair Nguyen's schedule
5. Debrief:
 - a. Birth Justice (Commissioner Madison)

Together with the representative from Supervisor Williams office (Kat), Rayshawnda shared positive outcomes of the day. The total dollar figure was less than anticipated; our contribution will be approximately \$2,475.00. Co-chair Nguyen then asked for comments from all those present who had attended and solicited suggestions for the future of this important program. Among the suggestions was that we should reach out to teen moms in an intentional manner. Commission Madison suggested we have at least four commissioners involved in the planning of the event next year. Many wonderful resources were there in the form of vendors and in give-aways such as diapers and pack and go play sets. Many special conversations were had one on one with Moms, Dads etc.



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- b. Girls on the Rise (Commissioner Hamilton)
Commissioner Hamilton and others who have been involved with Girls on the Rise unanimously recommended that we continue to support this event, now in its second season and founded by members of the Superior Court Justices and The Solano County Bar Association. As was the case with Birth Justice, more support from members of the Commission was requested, particularly on the day of the event. This year the event went beyond introducing attendees to law professions to include panelists from other professions. It was well attended and planned. Event was Hosted by Supervisor Vasquez. Good grab bags here as well.
6. Discussion: Proposed Agenda for SCWG and Friends Retreat Saturday, April 26, 2025 from 9:30AM-1:30PM; Suisun City Library - 601 Pintail Dr, Suisun City, CA 94585
7. Update: You Matter. Period Program (Commissioners Srinivasan and Mashburn)

Commissioner Srinivasan shared an excellent and informative power point presentation of the proposal she and Commission Mashburn have been working on. The focus thus far has been mostly focused on working in the schools to have at least one classroom teacher in each middle and high school willing to have a period basket in her room and one youth willing to be the representative to Commissioner Srinivasa's organization to ensure that the basket is kept refilled with supplies etc. There will also be a period packing day at Solano College in the offices of the organization to put together as many packets as possible to be distributed not only to schools but to other organizations serving women and girls in need in Solano County. A large budget already exists from an earlier grant but there will also be ways to contribute through QR codes. Commissioners Srinivasan and Mashburn are putting together a comprehensive list of items needed. Commissioners Madison, Galo. Eckhoff and Brumfield all volunteered are to be available to our youth commissioners in the planning process as needed.
8. Update: SCWG Vacancies (Commissioner Brumfield). Still a work in progress.
9. Announcements: SCWG Website (Commissioner Nguyen & Commissioner Galo)

Executive Committee please send Co-Chair Nguyen your short bios and headshots if you have not done so already. All Commissioners are requested to send information on their appointments to the Commission. Kimberlee will also send documents of all 2025 meeting minutes thus far in 2025.

10. Adjournment at 8:04pm as moved by Co-Chair Brumfield and seconded by Sabine Goerke-Shrode. Voting to adjourn was unanimous.