



**Office of the County Administrator
PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS / HUMAN RIGHTS SECTION**

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Meeting Record

Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) Board Meeting (via WebEx)	Date: October 14, 2020 Call to Order: 6:09 PM
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Attendees

Doreen Albert	Susan Buzzi	Toby Feuer	Gail Grahn (Chair)
Juliet Hue	Jeanne Kacprzak	Nancy Metayer	Sherry Rini
Jasmen Rogers-Shaw	Melissa Shiff		

Members Absent

Lauren Alperstein			
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Key Decisions

1.

Action Items

	Description	Resource	Status
1.	Ms. Kacprzak to post on Facebook about Domestic Violence Month	Susan Buzzi	
2.	Ms. Buzzi to forward Resource List(s) to Kristen in CAO for review		
3.	Ms. Metayer and Ms. Shiff to forward information on GOTV events		
4.	Ms. Kacprzak to compile results from Survey Monkey		
5.	Ms. Shiff, Grahn, and Buzzi to collaborate on an election information flyer		

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 6:09 pm after quorum was established. Ms. Grahn welcomed new Member Sherry Rini and Attorney for the Board Kristen McIntosh. She also announced that Member Sandra Coracelin was removed from the Board due to not meeting attendance requirements.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

A motion to accept the Agenda as presented was made by Ms. Feuer, second by Ms. Albert; unanimously carried.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

A motion to accept the September 9, 2020 minutes as read was made by Ms. Feuer, second by Ms. Buzzi; unanimously carried.

4. CHAIR'S REPORT

Ms. Grahn recapped some emails she had recently sent to the Board regarding a Round Table event on 10/15 to combat misinformation about the election. She also forwarded the Proclamation for Women's Vote which she received from Kelly in Sen. Rich's office. Regarding the Census, there was consideration of extending it to December 31, however the Supreme Court has decided to curtail it to October 15. Regarding proposed Training to be given at the November meeting, there was a choice to have Advisory Board training from Intergovernmental Affairs, or Ethics Training which would be given by the County Attorney's office (These are not required, however it is suggested that Boards conduct them annually). There was also the question of whether this would take place in person due to the Governor's Executive Order on virtual meetings set to expire at the end of the month. There are many large rooms available at the Governmental Center to allow for distancing. A vote was taken, and all were in favor of having the AB training first, followed by Ethics at a meeting in early 2021. Finally, Ms. Grahn reported that there was an issue in another State with someone creating fake ballot boxes, and reminded the Board to not give their ballot to anyone and make sure they were dropped off in a legitimate location.

5. COMMITTEE REPORTS

CEDAW

Really nothing new to report- According to the County Auditor's office the Agencies have been providing information and they've had meetings with the Consultant to get feedback and ensure the data is correct.

Communications

Ms. Kacprzak reported she will continue to send out potential information for posting to Board Members for their review. She also spoke about possible ways to reach out to other Women's groups and communities thru Facebook. Ms. Buzzi reported there was nothing on our page about Domestic Violence Month so she had resent information for posting. She also spoke about the resource lists she had which should be updated if necessary and posted. This led to further discussion from Members about what we as a Board could do since it is such a prevalent issue (should be discussed at the planning meeting in January). Ms. Kacprzak had also sent out pictures of the "Rightfully Hers" display along with proposed verbiage to post on Facebook which were unanimously approved by the Board.

Women's Issues

Ms. Shiff spoke about the issue of job loss due to COVID and what we could do as a Board to help women in the community with things like obtaining hygiene products. Maybe a drive to collect donations or partnering with another organization. Ms. Buzzi and Ms. Feuer mentioned organizations like Women In Distress and the Salvation Army who had provided toiletry bags in the past. However, she felt our options were limited right now due to restrictions on in-person assemblies. Maybe we could set up a location to drop off donations for Thanksgiving, etc.? Ms. Kacprzak reiterated our role as an advisory board to the Commission and suggested we collect data and then approach them to see what we are able to do.

Women: VOTE!

Ms. Metayer reported she would be sharing some information with the Board shortly about GOTV events. She also spoke about "drive by" events at businesses in the Haitian community to review sample ballots and information/misinformation with people. Ms. Shiff mentioned a "Pride to the Polls" event for the LGBTQ community taking place on October 24th in Wilton Manors. Per her previous comments, Ms. Grahn suggested we post a warning about only dropping off ballots in SOE locations/boxes, along with other Early

Voting information. Ms. Buzzi offered to add this information to the flyer she had created (Ms. Shiff will email some additional info.)

6. MEMBER REPORTS

None

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS (Scrivener's Error: misnumbered as 8 on Agenda)

Census Display and additional outreach

As previously noted, the Census will close tomorrow.

Survey status and outreach

Ms. Kacprzak reported she hadn't checked the Survey Monkey activity recently but suspected there was little or none and the information was not very useful at this point. She offered to compile the results and send them to everyone. Ms. Grahn noted there were also issues with the "hard copy" version and emailing it so it could be filled out online and returned to the csw@broward.org address. Also, this does not allow the respondent to remain anonymous.

Voter participation – ideas?

Ms. Shiff- contact your Party office to see about being a poll worker or watcher. She believed they were still providing training.

8. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Breast Cancer Awareness Month- Ms. Buzzi will send image for posting. Ms. Shiff reminded everyone to get their mammograms and annual checkups.
- b. Domestic Violence Awareness Month- Ms. Buzzi will try to have list done by tomorrow.
- c. Remainder of calendar year meetings: **Thursday** 11/12 (includes Advisory Board Training) and **12/9** (wrap up and Board elections)
- d. 2020 Annual Report- May need assistance. The goal is to get it out early next year unlike last year's delays due to COVID, etc.
- e. 2021: Issues to be considered, Women's History Month- Reminder to submit honorees to Chad no later than December meeting.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS/REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Ms. Kacprzak inquired whether we had any outstanding collaborations with the Human Rights Board (Hairstyle agenda item had been tabled). Mr. Zurko had forwarded information on the meeting they were having tomorrow (10/15) on medical marijuana, so she said she will try to listen in. Ms. Grahn reminded everyone to copy her and Mr. Zurko on any emails that are sent out relating to the Board.

10. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Feuer, second by Ms. Shiff; unanimously carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.

The next scheduled Board meeting will convene:
Thursday, November 12, 2020, 6 PM (platform/location TBD)

If a Board member or other party would like more detailed information about the contents of these summarized minutes, a compact disc will be available by contacting the Human Rights Section, 954-357-7800.