

1/22/21 NM Commission on the Status of Women Meeting Minutes

3:00pm – meeting begins via Zoom

Members in attendance:

Lisa Curtis
Robin Brule
Kate Ferlic
Shyanne Sansom
Arianna Parsons
Lorrina Segovia
Alicia Bertram
Mary Ann Ustick
Erin Armstrong
Gabby Begay
Mary Lane Leslie

Public in attendance:

Melissa Salazar
Steven Mills

-Lisa Curtis, Chair – Call to Order/Opening Statement:

Governor Lujan Grisham is revitalizing the Commission and wants it to be a voice on behalf of all women in New Mexico. Ms. Curtis has a strong belief in the importance of diversity and each member is expected to have honest, open discussions and express true opinions.

-Introductions

Lisa Curtis, District 3, Bernalillo County, Attorney
Robin Brule, District 3, Bernalillo County, Finance
Kate Ferlic, District 2, Santa Fe County, Attorney
Shyanne Sansom, District 5, Roosevelt County, Education
Arianna Parsons, District 7, Dona Ana County, Entrepreneur
Lorrina Segovia, District 6, Chavez County, HR/Talent Acquisition
Alicia Bertram, District 2, Santa Fe County, Real Estate
Mary Ann Ustick, District 1, McKinley County, Government
Erin Armstrong, District 3, Bernalillo County, Attorney
Gabby Begay, District 5, Grant County, Teacher
Mary Lane Leslie, District 2, Taos County, Attorney

-Discussion of Mission under Statute to Promote Women’s Rights and Understand and Improve the Reality of Women’s Lives in NM

Mission for this Commission it to promote women’s rights and understand and improve the lives of women in NM. Will follow UN framework on how to have multi-year programs that focus in particular areas using funding to establish here in the state.

-Formulate the framework for a strategic plan on central issues facing women including forums throughout the state gathering data on the status of women in New Mexico

Per state statute, there is a heavy emphasis on women's healthcare. The Commission will look at current legislation involving women's health in order to advise. The commission will also focus on economic empowerment. Plan to split members into two committees to focus on each topic.

-Discussion of Executive Director who understands the mission, organized and capable of strategic planning, collecting and assimilating data.

Motion to Adjourn. Seconded. In favor: All members. Opposed: n/a. So moved