

New Mexico Commission on the Status of Women
Regular Board Meeting via Zoom Videoconferencing
December 20, 2021

Meeting was called to order xxx – 10 after?

Roll Call

Denise Torres
Lisa Curtis
Katherine Ferlic
Brenda Saiz
Maryann Ustick
Leigh Ana Eugene
Arianna Parsons
Erin Armstrong
Gabrielle Begay
Lorinna Segovia

Members of the Public

Motion to approve the agenda for December 20, 2021, made by Denise Torres and seconded by Ariana Parsons. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve meeting minutes from September 9, 2021, made by Denise Torres and seconded by ???. Motion passes, with Erin Armstrong abstaining due to not being present at the 9/21 meeting.

Executive Director Report

Listening Tour

Statewide listening tour got off to a bumpy start but had meaningful conversations. 50 participants filled out the survey and much data related to the conditions women live through throughout the state. The survey results will be included in the annual report.

Commission was asked by DFA if wanted to open a bank account to accept donations. Spoke with Commissioner Ferlic and asked to put it on the agenda for tonight's meeting for Commission to consider.

Commissioner Curtis brought up can award to women as part of the mandate of the Commission who have been impactful in their communities – if we wanted to do cash stipends or recognize a woman in her community.

Commission Terms

Several members whose terms end 12/31/21. Melissa Salazar has adjusted terms. Commissioner Sansom is not seeking reappointment – thank her for her service and help with listening tour. Have 13 members as of 1/1/2022 so looking to fill two vacancies.

Legislative Session

Upcoming legislative session begins 1/18 at noon. Will be reading and analyzing prefiled legislation starting on 1/3. And will be reaching out and lobbying on legislation. A couple of pieces of legislation requested to support by Julianna Koob. Will be attending committee hearings and will report back.

Chair Curtis: Due to budget surplus, there should be some new and innovating things the Governor's office is doing related to childcare. interesting important things the Gov's office is looking to do with childcare.

Annual Report

Deadline to submit was December 1st, and were able to obtain an extension until tomorrow, 12/21. Annual report is to contain deliverables from June 1-december 2021.

Chair Curtis – report addresses issues and has survey results with directly impacted communities, data most agencies are not yet able to compile due to magnitude. Have also looked at some of the national statistics around childcare. Survey results will be moved into the sections in which they belong.

Domestic violence section information was informative for departments looking toward intervention. Captain realized officers were blaming victims and weren't getting help and weren't safe.

Commissioner Curtis asked Commissioner Eugene about affirmative consent – affirmative consent is to teach children not just that no means no and yes means yes – intimate activity needs both participants to agree. Agreement to include affirmative consent as part of the report.

Commissioner Torres raised the report needs a recommendations section; Commissioner Armstrong raised not clear what recommendations are; agreement to make broad overarching recommendations, not home in on any particular recommendation.

The budget section needs a narrative to explain why it is different (covid, no in person tour) than what was approved.

Move to recess meeting to 3 pm tomorrow to approve final report via email by Commissioner Ustick, seconded by xxx. Motion carries unanimously.