



February 2021 Minutes  
Tuesday, February 16, 2020  
7:00 – 8:30 pm  
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### Meeting Minutes

**Present:** Hannah Brown, Kelly Clancy, Argentina Davila-Luevano, Shailaja Dixit, Phyllis Gordon, Michelle Hernandez, Catherine Jones, Dayanna Macias-Carlos, Lanita Mims, Ariana Rickard, Joey Smith, Kirsten Upshaw, and Silvia Young

**Guests:** Champagne Brown, Janice Lipnisky, Faye Maloney, Jennifer Rizzo, Alexandria Rubio-Talavera and Cheryl Sudduth

1. *Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm*

a. Meeting agenda approved.

2. Public Comment - none

3. Approval of Minutes

a. January 2021 Minutes approved

4. Presentation

Janice Lipnisky, Champagne Brown, Cheryl Sudduth, Marisol Rubio, and Faye Maloney introduced themselves and expressed their interest in the Commission.

5. Old Business

a. Update on Feminine Hygiene Product project

- Various members provided updates on the financial contributions and the donations they have collected for the feminine hygiene drive.
- February 28 – final date to receive donations, first week of March to deliver items to County.

6. New Business

a. #choosetochallenge International Women’s Day March 8

- Take the pledge here: <https://forms.gle/zbVHno4VtA5DG5jH7>
- Shailaja Dixit - Invite anyone who would like to participate.
- All members should use the link and share and the more diversity in pledges the better.
- Share on our social media – share a different photo each day for a month.
- The UN is also supporting International Women’s Day, but this is not a centralized project.
- Deadline to submit photo and challenge by **February 20**. Ask people to submit their photos and challenge by **March 8**.

## b. Racial Equity Project

- Shaila - Working with Arts Commission on racial justice project.
- The Arts Commission open to Women Commission going to one of their meetings in April and May.
- Shaila - fact finding mission, will report back to Commission.

## 7. Committee Reports

### a. Membership

- Catherine Jones Appointed to Commission – appointed February 2. Excited to work with everybody.
- Next two appointments – Jennifer and Faye.
- Lanita and Kirsten are reapplying as their terms are expiring.

### b. Recognition of Commissioners terms ending: Phyllis Gordon & Argentina Davila-Luevano

- Thank you for your knowledge and support.
- Commissioners shared their appreciation for the service of Phyllis and Argentina.
- Congressman DeSaulnier gave them certificates of appreciation.

## 8. Announcements and upcoming community events

### Update on Pop-up event in April

- One Saturday in April after Easter, hosting a maker owned market, in and around Contra Costa County.
- Women's health service- Shaila will take over that aspect of it.
- Hopefully venue will be Epidemic Ales in Concord.

Sisters in Solidarity – usually the first Saturday in March, in Richmond. Will post on Facebook and Instagram.

February 23 – LA County Women's Commission – Southern California commissions gathering.

National Association of Women's Commission – would like to have representation from our Commission. July 18-22<sup>nd</sup>, Leesburg, Virginia.

## 9. Adjourn

### a. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm