

Solano Commission for Women and Girls

AGENDA

February 15, 2024, 6:00 PM
601 Texas Street Fairfield, CA 94533
Conference Room B



Solano Commission
For Women And Girls

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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.

CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME & ROLL CALL

6:00 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

This is your opportunity to address the Commission on matters not listed on the agenda, but within the subject matter jurisdiction of the SCWG. Please limit your comments to three minutes.

1. Additions/Deletions to the Agenda, Approval of the Agenda
2. Approval of the January 2024 SCWG Meeting Minutes

REGULAR CALENDAR

3. Guest Speaker – Dr. Tarramaz Harris - Author, Psychologist, Counselor and Artist
4. Treasurer’s Report – **Informational**
 - a. Friends of the Commission Report
5. Working Group Reports:
 - a. March - Women’s History Month Media Campaign
 - b. Girls on the Rise event – May 4th
 - c. Birth Justice 2024 – February 25th
6. Commissioner Comments, Roundtable
7. Items for Consideration on the March 2024 agenda and future speaker suggestions

8 p.m. ADJOURN - Next Meeting is March 21, 2024, 6pm

Solano Commission for Women and Girls

Thursday January 18, 2024, 6:00 PM

601 Texas Street Fairfield, CA 94533

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CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME: 6:05 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Executive Committee

Jennifer Hamilton	Solano County, District 4	Chair
Rayshawnda Madison	Adult Member-at-Large	Vice Chair
Kimberlee Staking	Adult Member-at-Large	Secretary
Edwina Perez-Santiago	City of Fairfield	Treasurer
VACANT	City of Benicia	
Pat Nicodemus	City of Dixon	
Jacqui Nguyen	Solano County, District 5	
VACANT	City of Vacaville	
VACANT	City of Vallejo	
Mckenzie Mashburn	Youth-at-Large	
Sriya Srinivasan	Youth-at-Large	
Mary Henderson	District 1 (Vallejo)	
VACANT	Solano County, District 3	
Patricia Kohn	City of Rio Vista	
Lisa Eckhoff	Solano County Office of Education	

Absent:

Pamela Williamson	Solano County, District 2
Tiffani Thomas	City of Suisun

Guests:

Edith Thomas

Francis McCullough

1 Additions/Deletions to the Agenda, Approval of the Agenda

Motion to approve: Commissioner Nguyen

Motion to Second: Commissioner Nicodemus

Unanimous approval of the Agenda

2. Approval of the November 2023 SCWG Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve: Commissioner Nguyen

Motion to Second: Commissioner Kohn

Unanimous approval of the November 2023 SCWG Meeting Minutes

REGULAR CALENDAR

3. Friends of the Solano Commission for Women and Girls Report out-
Informational

4. Women's History Month 2024

a. Discussion and planning

The Friends of SCWG and Chair Hamilton had previously discussed the importance of a well-planned fund-raising event and suggested moving the luncheon to October when the founding of the Commission 6 years ago could also be celebrated. As a group we discussed the fact that March would not allow us much time since we are currently working on Birth Justice, which is earlier this year due to the timing of the grant we had been awarded for it and other projects.

Chair Hamilton shared that we had begun the fiscal year with \$41,000 and have a remaining balance of \$21, 196. Former Commissioner McCullough of the Friends of SCWG indicated that she was looking to build fund-raising of at least \$50,000 from the October event. Commissioner Nguyen was nominated to be the chair of this event and graciously accepted.

Chair Hamilton indicated that we would have a robust online presence during Women's History month, and that this would satisfy some of the grant requirements as well. We discussed a possible theme of History-making Women: Past Present and Future. Additional details forthcoming.

5. Work Group Discussions: Information, Planning

a. Birth Justice - February 25th

Chair Madison of the Birth Justice working group shared the outline of the day's events and had three asks of the commissioners:

- Get the word out in your networks and have people reserve their space on Event Brite
- Vendors and sponsors still being sought so again tap into networks – Sriya Srinivasan shared new networks she is bringing, Edith Thomas brought bags from Women and Money conference and Commissioner Perez-Santiago announced a donation.
- Come! Help particularly appreciated in the morning to help participants get registered and complete pre-event survey and then stay on and watch the new documentary being screened about birth mother experiences and listen to personal experience, medical community, and medical advocacy panels.

b. Commissioners Retreat in April

This will likely be on a Saturday and will be planned by Chair Hamilton and the Friends of the SCWG. It may be held in a meeting room at the local library. More details will be forthcoming.

*Discussion was brought up at this time about partnering with the Solano Bar Association and others for an event in May-probably Saturday May 4. Chair Hamilton and Commissioner Nicodemus met with the head of the Bar Association and a female judge. Their goal is to bring together up to 100 young women out to learn more about the range of opportunities in legal fields. They will give certificates for participation and offer SWAG.

Commissioner Perez-Santiago also took the opportunity to remind us that upcoming “Super Bowl” month is also the month of highest domestic violence incidents. She had been at a conference in D.C. and says that a lot of federal money will be coming that is earmarked for women’s health, violence against women, unhoused individuals, etc. She hopes to find ways for us to partner with participating organizations in relevant ways.

Commissioner Nyugen announced that the former Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court will be speaking at an event on March 21st in

Sacramento, sponsored by the APAPA Association. (This will be on the same evening as our March meeting.)

c. Status Report 2025

This project will be to update the original Status Report released in 2019 by the founding women of SCWG. The new report will use 2020 census data and other publicly available information to highlight disparities experienced by women and girls in Solano County. Commissioner Staking was nominated for the chair of the effort and accepted.

d. Fundraising Event in October

This was covered in the above discussion about Women's History month. The goals will be to get sponsors, raise funds, honor women, and educate women. We are envisioning perhaps an evening "black tie" event.

6. Items for Consideration on February Agenda

- Final opportunity to help with Birth Justice 2024 at Touro University on Sunday February 25th from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
- Planning for Women's History Month

7. Closing Thoughts and Commissioner Comments

We can do this. Lots of great opportunities for us to grow and to get ourselves out there. Our Social Media presence is about to grow in order to advertise Birth Justice and other events in 2024.

8:15 p.m. ADJOURN

Next Meeting is February 15th, 2024, and McKenzie Mashburn will be the presenter.



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and The Friends of the Commission present

Birth Justice Solano 2024

Education, Awareness, & Solutions Towards

Better Birth Outcomes.

FREE Community Event

Sunday, February 25

10:00AM - 3:00PM

Touro University

Lander Hall

105 Owen Drive

Vallejo, CA 94592

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