I. Call to order and establishment of quorum

Chair Potopowitz called the meeting to order at 12:04 PM

Present: Chair Barbara Potopowitz, Vice-Chair Maria Ornellas, Debra Cabebe, Carol Reimann,

Excused: Dennyse Grace, Suzanne Hobbs, Susan “Netra” Halperin

Ex-Officio Excused: Leslie Wilkins

Staff: Mercedes Neri, Mayor’s Executive Assistant
Gary Murai, Deputy Corporation Counsel
Michelle Esteban, Administrative Assistant

II. Public Testimony

No Public Testimony

III. New Business

No new Business

IV. Approve Minutes from the March 20, 2012 Meeting

Vice Chair Ornellas moved and Commissioner Cabebe seconded the motion to accept the March 20, 2012 meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

V. Review and Discuss Correspondence Received an email from AAUW (American Association of University Women) members regarding Liquor Control Commission removing of the bar cap of 12 for hostess bar.

Chair Potopowitz invited comments on the correspondence. Commissioner Reimann stated she attended the Liquor Control Commission meeting when they passed to remove the bar cap. She reported there were no testimonies, and only two Commissioners voted against the amendment, and it is now in the Mayor’s Office for review and approval. Commissioner Reimann suggested writing a correspondence to the Mayor’s Office. Chair Potopowitz volunteered to write the letter, and suggested she and Mrs. Neri meet with the Mayor. Commissioner Reimann suggested sending an attachment to the email, and sending the hard copy to the Mayor’s Office. Commissioner Cabebe motioned and Commissioner Reimann seconded to have Chair Potopowitz draft a letter to the Mayor regarding the CSW’s opposition in
increase in numbers of hostess bars in Maui County. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Report from State Commission on the Status of Women Representative Leslie Wilkins

Ms. Wilkins was not in attendance. Because of Ms. Wilkins’ difficulty being physically present, Commissioner Cabebe suggested asking Ms. Wilkins to send a written report. Chair Potopowitz volunteered to contact Ms. Wilkins.

VII. Discussion Items:

*Women’s Leadership Conference for Maui
Chair Potopowitz informed the Committee, that Commissioner Grace is still not feeling well, and was still heading this committee. Commissioner Cabebe expressed her concern with time between now and school ending in May. She suggested tabling the conference until next year. Commissioner Reimann added to plan better and create a timeline. Vice Chair Ornellas thanked Commissioner Cabebe for a job well done in last year’s Women’s Leadership Conference. Commissioner Cabebe motioned and Vice Chair Ornellas seconded the motion to table the conference until next year by planning this year. Motion passed unanimously.

*Pay Equity Day, April 17, 2012
Chair Potopowitz announced Pay Equity Day was today. She shared the pay gap in Hawaii is 80%, and nationally is 77%. She shared statistics and history on Pay Equity Day.

*Report of Status/Distribution of Survey
Chair Potopowitz announced the launching of the survey. Commissioner Reimann requested a change in the survey for number 9 and 13. Vice Chair Ornellas said Commissioner Cabebe and herself will be at Queen Kaahumanu Center to distribute surveys.

Commissioner Reimann stated she would like to distribute to her membership and different organizations, and asked Chair Potopowitz to draft a cover letter for the survey. Chair Potopowitz agreed.

Chair Potopowitz shared a call from a woman about Women Veterans regarding older women veterans being recognized, and she will give her a call.

Corporation Counsel Richelle Thompson suggested asking Lynn Araki-Regan to add a link to the survey in the High Street Journal.

Chair Potopowitz suggested asking Audrey Inaba if they had a State Newsletter for the County that could also share the link.
Commissioner Reimann and Vice Chair Ornellas volunteered to distribute the survey to the Union that their business is affiliated. Commissioner Reimann said she will distribute to the Chamber of Commerce, and Commissioner Cabebe said she will send it to non-profit organizations. Commissioner Reimann listed the businesses that she had distributed to.

VI. **Determine Next Meeting Date and Agenda Tuesday, May 15, 2012**

*Reschedule May’s meeting to May 22.

VII. **Adjournment**

Commissioner Cabebe moved and Commissioner Reimann seconded the motion to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Adjourned at 1:35 PM.