

**COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN
KALANA O MAUI, MAYOR'S CONFERENCE ROOM
TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2019
MINUTES**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Griffiths at 12:01 p.m.

Present: Chair Kate Griffiths
Vice Chair Lois Prey
Dee Hamby
Jessica Crouse
Nalani Kaninau
Ki'i Kaho'ohanohano
Sharon Daniels

Excused: Leslie Wilkins, Ex-Officio
Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women

Staff: Jerrie Sheppard, Deputy Corporation Counsel
Darlene Endrina, Community Liaison
Pili Naho'oikaika, Administrative Assistant

2. Public Testimony

Leilani Digmon, Wahinehula Ka'eo, and Kala Tanaka each of Lahui Hawaii each presented testimony relating to Senate Bill 1033 and House Bill 433. They each clarified that they are in support of midwifery and expressed that a mother should have the right to birth as she chooses.

3. Approval of Minutes

Vice Chair Prey moved and Member Hamby seconded the motion to approve the minutes of November 20, 2018. The motion carried.

4. State Ex-Officio Report

Ex-Officio Wilkins was not present to provide a report.

5. Discuss Birthing Legislation and Nā Pua O Haumea, an Indigenous Birthkeepers Gathering

Member Kaho'ohanohano explained that the gathering would cater to birth workers using presentations and workshops to help support remembering, reclaiming, and re-matriating Indigenous women's medicine and traditional knowledge. The gathering is scheduled for June 26, 2019 to July 2, 2019 in Hana and Lahaina, Maui. Member Kaho'ohanohano added that a budget is not in place for the gathering but that they project expenses to run approximately \$5,000 and that she would like the committee to consider sponsorship of the event or award a monetary donation to it.

Member Daniels moved and Member Crouse seconded the motion to cosponsor the event. The motion carried with 6 ayes (Chair Griffiths, Vice Chair Prey, and Members, Hamby, Crouse, Kaninau, and Daniels, and 1 recusal (Member Kaho'ohanohano).

Member Daniels moved and Member Kaninau seconded the motion to discuss monetary sponsorship at the next meeting. The motion carried with 6 ayes (Chair Griffiths, Vice Chair Prey, and Members, Hamby, Crouse, Kaninau, and Daniels, and 1 recusal (Member Kaho'ohanohano).

6. Discuss Sex Trafficking in Hawaii Part II

Chair Griffiths provided a hand out to the Committee. No further discussion was made. The Committee requested that the item remain on the agenda. Member Daniels moved and Member Crouse seconded the motion to inform Mayor Victorino of the rise of sex trafficking on Maui and in Hawaii. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Committee on the Status of Women Survey – A Women's Issues Survey to Better Advocate for the Rights of Women in Maui County

Member Hamby explained that she will continue her research and report back to the Committee at the next meeting. The Committee deferred this agenda item to the next meeting.

8. Discuss Budget for Fiscal Year 2020

Chair Griffiths reviewed the Committee's budget proposal explaining that their request of \$7,300 would be used to help fund the following:

1. Domestic Violence Awareness Fair
2. Women of Excellence Awards
3. Women Survey
4. Travel Expenses
5. Round Table
6. Girls and Women in STEM

9. Calendar of Events

- Hawaii Initiative to End Girls' Incarceration Meeting on Monday, January 28, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at MEO Classroom.
Chair Griffiths and Members Hamby and Kaninau acknowledged their plans to attend.

10. Determine Next Meeting Date and Set Agenda

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 12:00 p.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room.

11. Adjourn

Chair Griffiths moved and Member Hamby seconded the motion to adjourn. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:26 p.m.