

**COMMITTEE ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN  
ON-LINE VIA BLUE JEANS  
TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2020  
MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Griffiths at 12:07 p.m.

Present:

Chair Kate Griffiths  
Vice-Chair Jessica Crouse  
Nalani Kaninau  
Sharon Daniels  
Kii Kahooohanohano  
Leihuanani Bissen

Absent:

Mahie McPherson

Excused:

Ex-Officio, Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women Stacey Moniz

Present Staff:

Kristina Toshikiyo, Deputy Corporation Counsel  
Darlene Endrina, Community Liaison  
Pili Nahooikaika, Administrative Assistant

**2. Public Testimony on Agenda Items**

Vice-Chair Rawlins Fernandez and Councilmember King testified in support of agenda item 7, “Supporting and Urging the Mayor to Support a Feminist Economic Recovery Plan for COVID-19.”

**3. Approval of Meetings Minutes of January 21, 2020 and February 18, 2020**

Member Kahooohanohano moved and Member Bissen seconded the motion to approve the meetings minutes of January 21, 2020 and February 18, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.

**4. State Ex-Officio Report**

Chair Griffiths deferred this item to the next meeting agenda.

**5. Discuss Women of Excellence Recognition Event**

The Committee agreed to deliver the awards to the recipients personally. Member Daniels volunteered to contact each recipient for addresses. Chair Griffiths will coordinate with Member Kaninau for reusable bag pick-up. Chair Griffiths will coordinate with the Office of the Mayor for awards and certificates pick-up, and she will purchase orchid plants for each recipient and provide a receipt for reimbursement to Ms. Nahooikaika.

**6. Discuss H.R. 40 – Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans Act**

Vice-Chair Crouse requested that the committee support this bill in favor of establishing equality for women and girls of color. The committee agreed to support the bill and to draft a letter to the Hawaii

State Commission on the Status of Women to request their support of this bill as well. Member Bissen moved and Member Daniels seconded the motion to have Vice-Chair Crouse draft a letter to the Hawaii State Commission on the Status of Women and request their support. The motion carried.

**7. Discuss Council Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez's Resolution to Council Chair Lee Regarding Supporting and Urging the Mayor to Support a Feminist Economic Recovery Plan for COVID-19**

Chair Griffiths introduced the Resolution to the Committee explaining that having a member on the Economic Recovery Task Force will be beneficial to women and families of Maui County. Chair Griffiths recommended that the Committee draft a letter and submit it to the Mayor for his support. Member Kaninau moved and Vice-Chair Crouse seconded the motion to appoint Member Bissen as the primary representative on the task force in behalf of the committee including the first alternate to be Member Kahoohanohano and its second alternate being Vice-Chair Crouse. The motion carried.

Chair Griffiths volunteered to draft a letter in behalf of the Committee supporting Vice-Chair Rawlins-Fernandez's Resolution.

**8. Discuss the Establishment of a I loko. Waena. Imua. (IWI) Program to Assist Women in Prison in Maui County**

Chair Griffiths deferred this item to the next meeting agenda.

**9. Budget Status for Fiscal Years 2020 and 2021**

Chair Griffiths deferred this item to the next meeting agenda.

**10. Report on Bridges Not Backs Intersectionality as Recovery: A Feminist Recovery Forum Series – Part III**

Vice-Chair Crouse reported that the event was attended mainly by Native Hawaiian and LGBTQ+. She expressed that it was a positive event but that it was geared more like a talk-story event that focused around feminist recovery and being pono (righteous).

**11. Subcommittee Status Update**

- Website Coordination Subcommittee – Nothing to report.
- Women's Survey Subcommittee – Nothing to report.
- Voter Registration Subcommittee – Chair Griffiths reminded members that voting will be done via postal mail. She clarified the Primary Election date as August 8, 2020 and General Election date as November 3, 2020.
- Human Trafficking Subcommittee – Nothing to report.
- Women of Excellence Recognition Event Subcommittee – The Committee discussed this under item 5.
- Domestic Violence Awareness Fair Subcommittee – The Committee decided to invite Women Helping Women to their next meeting to discuss new sponsorship of the annual Domestic Violence Awareness Fair.

**12. Agenda Setting**

The next meeting agenda are to include the following items:

- Women Helping Women

**13. Announcements**

The next meeting is scheduled for July 21, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. online via [bluejeans.com](https://bluejeans.com)

**14. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:22 p.m.