**COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL/HYBRID**

**ARLINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION OR SUBCOMMITTEE NAME**

September 8, 2022

The **COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN** convened its meeting at **7:00PM** on **SEPTEMBER 8, 2022**.

**PRESENT (IN-PERSON)**  Chair Julia Tanner

Commissioner Rachel Johnston

Commissioner Arbora Johnson

Commissioner Jordan Stevens

Commissioner Marguerete Luter

**PRESENT (VIRTUALLY)** Commissioner Susan Strauss, Commissioner Jeanine Finch, Commissioner Sasha Whit *participated virtually from home (via Teams) due to a personal matter that prevented their physical attendance.*

**ABSENT** Commissioner Kayli Nichols, Commissioner Caroline Gary, Commissioner Xenia Ruiz

**STAFF** Courtney Palmer

* *Link to Teams Recording*
* *Link to Teams Transcript*

**SUMMARY OF PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS**

*Presentation from Revenge Porn Taskforce*

# Commissioner Jordan Stevens presented on the Taskforce on Revenge Porn which include and overall summary of Revenge Porn, and federal and state statutes. It was suggested that the Commission invite the Commonwealth’s Attorney Parisa Dehghani-Tafti to present at the Commission’s next meeting. Commissioner Tanner and Commissioner Johnson will help facilitate the invitation. Also, Commissioner Luter will connect Commissioner Stevens with former Commissioner Meg Turlington to go over Revenge Porn research and other activities.

*Presentation on Arlington County Fair*

Commissioner Arbora Johnson presented an update on the results of the Arlington County Fair Commission booth. The update stated that there was great engagement and discussion at the Commission booth at the County Fair and 50 residents filled out the informal survey and there were about 20 financial literacy surveys. There were 902 persons who “voted” on “which issue is most crucial for the County government to address to improve the lives of women and girls of Arlington, VA”. The vote tallies are as follows:

Reproductive Rights: 329 votes

Childcare: 226

Pay equity / Economic empowerment: 138

Sexual assault / sexual harassment: 129

LGBTQ & gender non-conforming equity: 80

Commissioner Julia Tanner will be emailing the full County Board the informal results of the survey priorities from the County Fair. Commissioner Jordan Stevens will work with other Commissioners on Social Media posts and an Infographic regarding the County Fair and she will also put the data from the County Fair in a spreadsheet and send to Ms. Courtney Palmer.

Commissioner Arbora Johnson and Commissioner Marguerte Luter will follow up with those individuals who requested one on one follow up from the County Fair.

*Presentation from the Financial Literacy Committee*

# Commissioner Susan Strauss presented on the status on the planning of the Financial Literacy Event in partnership with the American Association of University Women (AAUW). It was suggested to have a panel with the following groups/individuals: Virginia Cooperative Extension, Rosie Riveters (STEM), Karen Bate. The location suggested is the Central Library or a community center close to public transportation and target audience women in their late 20s-50s. In the October meeting the committee hopes to have more specifics. Commissioner Johnson suggested reaching out to Tara Palacious and is sending her email to Commissioner Strauss. The main speakers will be confirmed soon, and the content finalized for promotion purposes with partnering organizations.

**MOTIONS & ACTIONS/VOTES**

Through a series of two votes, the Commission voted to recommend the County Board support the following legislative priorities:

* SB 447: Would prohibit employers from seeking salary history of a prospective employee; or refusing to interview, hire, employ, or promote someone for not providing wage or salary history; or refusing to tell a prospective employee the wage or salary range for a position before discussing compensation. Received 6 votes.
* HB 408: Would let Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Victim Funds be used for salaries and equipment for sexual assault nurse examiners and pediatric forensic nurses. Received 6 votes.
* Reproductive Health Care and Services: Maintain unrestricted access to the full range of reproductive health services for all persons. (Related to the budget item referenced in Rachel's slides.) Received 4 votes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00PM.