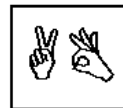
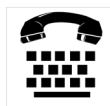


**Marin Women’s Commission — Meeting Minutes Draft**  
**Tues, January 27, 2026 – 6:00pm to 8:00pm**  
**3501 Civic Center Dr., Room 410 B, San Rafael, CA 94903**

**MINUTES**

- I. Call to Order & Establish Quorum 6:11pm  
 Present: Sonia Saltzman, Erika Rasales-Shelfo, Leslie Belingheri, Elizabeth Max, Caroline Vance Bruister, Heather McPhail Sridharan, Cris Criollo, Fran Calle La Bou
  
- II. Approval of Minutes for October 7, 2025 tabled
  
- III. Approval of Minutes for October 28, 2025 tabled
  
- IV. Approval of Minutes for November 18, 2025 tabled
  
- V. Approval of Minutes for December 16, 2025 LB/ERS/p
  
- VI. Approval of Agenda for January 27, 2026 CVB/LM/p  
 Sonia: Motion to Approve Agenda with Item 16 Moved after Item 7
  
- VII. Open Time for Members of the Public to Speak on Items not on the agenda  
 Cheryl Timoney has applied for District 5 Commissioner. Cheryl lives in Novato and has three children.
  
- VIII. Commissioner Check-In Question – All Commissioners  
 Commissioners introduced themselves to Cheryl Timoney.
  
- IX. Discussion & Vote: Marin Women’s Commission Spring Retreat  
 Approve up to \$1,200 for expenses – Sonia, Heather  
 SS: Retreat venue options: (1) Dominican will be charging \$500 for the venue. This is a 50% discount. MWC will also be responsible for paying Dominican’s caterer for breakfast and lunch. (2) Sleepy Hollow Clubhouse. Caroline has checked and the clubhouse is available for \$200. This would include Dana Pepp, facilitator for ½ day.  
  
 Sonia requested input from the commission regarding pros/cons of venues. Discussion CVB: We should be putting ourselves out in the community. Another place could be San Geronimo. LB: Leslie is open to change but not at this time after work has been put into reserve Dominica. She appreciates that it is less expensive but does not want to shrink the retreat. Leslie has a lot of experience dealing with food and it’s a big lift and cleaning up is hard. It should be a day for fellowship and to grow goals. HMS: This retreat can be a new beginning with new commissioners.  
  
 SS: Motion to Approve up to \$1200 for the Spring Retreat HMS/LB/p
  
- X. Report: Marin County Needs Assessment 2025/26 – Heather, Cris, Caroline  
 Caroline: We are reviewing the former needs assessment from 2009. We will have a sponsor from the County with institutional knowledge.



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- XI. Report: Vanguard Award Update – Erika  
Erika will provide an update next month.
- XII. Report & Vote: MWC Budget – Leslie  
Leslie reviewed the budget with the Commission. Reminder to Commissioners that if budgeting is needed, the request must be brought to the commission and can take 4 – 5 weeks for approval.  
CVB ; Caroline would like to discuss having a photographer for photographs at different events and venues. LB: This can be put on a later agenda.
- XIII. Report: Chair Update (Spring Retreat, Vacant Seats, Hall of Fame Dinner) – Sonia  
We have applicants but still need two commissioners for District 3 and a commissioner for District 1.

Reminder that the Hall of Fame Dinner is tomorrow night in Tiburon. All seats are filled.

- XIV. Discussion: Website Update Working Session – Leslie / All Commissioners  
LB: We have been working with QBR to update the website. This comes from prepaid hours. We are updating the reading list. Please submit any additions by Thursday. Fran will review the hotline and check if the links and numbers are good to go. We will also add a list of women’s resources. There will be changes made to update imagery. Leslie will email previous commissioners to see what is missing in the brief history on the website. We are making a tab about what the commission is working on now. Our newsletter will be linked to the website.

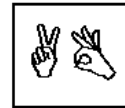
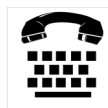
Sonia suggested Op-Eds and Cris Criollo suggested blogs.

- XV. Discussion: 2026 Commission Expectations – Sonia  
Sonia reviewed expectations for commissioners including meeting attendance and responsibilities.
- XVI. Discussion & Vote: Breakout into Subcommittees – Sonia  
Sonia reviewed the subcommittee list to ensure that it was up to date and that commissioners were still interested in the committees that that they signed up for previously.  
Heather suggested adding governance to legislature.
- XVII. Discussion & Vote: March 2026 Women’s History Month Partnership with YWCA and Dominican – Fran, Heather, Leslie  
Discussion regarding March 25, 2026 event at Dominican. MWC will partner with Dominican and the YWCA. MWC will have three teen ambassadors on panel at the event. There is no cost to MWC.  
Fran will be meeting with Lindsey Mapp and the Ambassador group.

Motion to Approve Partnership with YWCA and Dominican for the 2026 Women’s History Month Event  
*HMS/LB/p*

- XVIII. Open time for Commissioners + Q & A  
Alisa reminded Commissioners that they each must complete and turn in their Form 70’s by April 1, 2026.  
Commissioners discussed childcare and volunteer opportunities.

- XIX. Adjournment 7:41pm



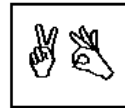
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KEY DATES:

**General Meetings 2026:** February 24, March 24, April 28, May 26, June 23, July 28, August 25, September 22, and October 27, 2026.

**Special Meetings 2026:** November 17 and December 15

**Spring Retreat 2026:** March 21



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