

Advisory Task Force on Expanding the Economic Security of Women

Meeting # 8

November 17, 2021

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Topic: Solution Generation

Meeting Goal: Begin generating solutions to identified set of problems to advance the work of the Task Force toward its goals and conclusions.

Start Time: 5:05 p.m.

End Time: 7:00 p.m.

Members in Attendance: 9/15

Location: Teleconference/Zoom

Voting Members in Attendance

Betty Folliard
Christina Ewig
Connie Smallman
Kate Perushek
Cheniqua Johnson
Sadia Tarannum
Lulete Mola
Barbara Batiste
Nancy Jost

Public/Guests

Carol Jenkins
Suzann Willhite
Molly Sigel

Ex-Officio Members in Attendance

Liz Kramer
Melissa Raphan
Bethany Winkels
Emilia Gonzalez Avalos
Donna Cassutt (co-chair)

Attorney General Staff in Attendance

Donna Cassutt (co-chair)
Liz Kramer
Caitlin Micko
Kelly Kemp
Angelica Klebsch

Note: Attendance based on Zoom usernames, some in attendance may have been missed.

Minutes

I. Opening Remarks, Review Agenda, Meeting Topics and Goals, Approval of Minutes.

- Meeting called to order at 5:05 by Co-Chair Donna Cassutt.
- Quorum not present. Previous minutes cannot be approved.

II. Public Comment.

No public members wished to comment.

III. Speaker: Carol Jenkins, CEO & President, ERA Coalition.

- Ms. Jenkins shared a brief history of the Equal Rights Amendments and its importance.

- Women are not mentioned in the U.S. Constitution, which builds in discrimination against women. By amending the Constitution and equipping Congress with anti-discriminatory powers, the cause of equal rights for women can be advanced.
- Women who are professionally successful are often used as the evidence that the ERA is no longer necessary because of other anti-discriminatory laws in place, but most women are not in C-suites and this is because of the basic rules for our society and our economy laid out in the Constitution. The source of racism, sexism, and misogyny is in the Constitution and cannot be rectified until the work to repair this problem is done.
- Q &A until 6:22 p.m.

IV. Break.

Break from 6:22 p.m. to 6:28 p.m.

V. Small Group Work

- Members broke into four small groups listing potential solutions to the problems identified in previous meetings. Group was not reconvened, but rather worked together until 7:00 p.m. and then retired individually.

VI. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: November 30, 2021