



LWV Mission – Empowering Voters. Strengthening Democracy.

LWV Vision – We envision a democracy where every person has the desire, the right, the knowledge, and the confidence to participate.

LWV Value – We believe in the power of women to create a more perfect democracy.

SHORT BOARD MEETING APPROVED MINUTES

Tuesday, January 21, 2025 • 5:30pm • Via Zoom

Board Members: Jo Galván Nash, President; Beth Bardwell, Vice President; Kathy Brook, Treasurer; Edwina Jaramillo, Secretary; TBA, Voter Services Director; Kate Mangelsdorf, Membership Director; Josie Miller, Youth Engagement Co-Director - ABS; Eileen VanWie, Youth Engagement, Co-Director; TBA, Development Director
Otero County Unit (OCU) Liaison – TBA.

I. MEETING ADMINISTRATION

- A. Call to Order, Welcome** – Jo called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.
- B. Roll Call** – Two board members were absent at the beginning of the meeting, but Edwina joined later. A quorum was confirmed.
- C. Conflict of Interest Inquiry:** *Does any member of the LWVSNM Board of Directors have any known conflict of interest with any item on the agenda?* None were identified.
- D. Approval of JEDI Agenda** (*agenda includes those added to or removed from consent agenda **): Beth moved approval of the agenda as amended by Jo; Kate seconded and the motion was approved.
- E. Approval of Consent Agenda Items Requiring Action** (*noted by asterisk ***): [no action taken]
- F. Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of the special board meeting on January 8, 2025 were approved as moved by Beth and seconded by Kate. Reference to contacting LWVUS about expiration dates was deleted as no one remembered what that was about. Expiration dates are included in the national roster.

II. PRESIDENT & OFFICERS REPORTS

A. President's Report

Jo announced that Nancy Stanton has resigned from the board effective immediately. Beth will call her and send a card. Possible candidates for filling the position of development director were discussed briefly.

The lengthy annual League survey from LWVUS was discussed with Jo seeking input from board members by January 28, 2025. While this survey collects data for the national League, it generated a discussion of how LWVSNM might find some of the data or different data useful in understanding our League's impact. Kathy and Beth will discuss this and others can help identify data points that would be useful for us.

LWVNM Annual Convention Volunteer: The Santa Fe League is hosting the convention the last weekend in April. They are seeking volunteers to assist with

planning and implementation. Kathy can put interested volunteers in contact with LWVSFC.

Program Planning New Date (Feb. 15, 2025): The new date was approved with a motion from Kathy, seconded by Eileen. The motion carried.

B. Vice President Report/Meeting

February Program Planning Meeting: Beth had a draft agenda which was reworked during the meeting distinguishing between announcements and discussions of possible program items for the coming fiscal year. Since we have not had much in-person contact recently, inclusion of some time to socialize was discussed. Jo reported that she had attended a LWVCNM program planning meeting and that it was run differently, with members offering ideas in advance of the meeting. The proposal from the Education Committee can be presented. In addition, this may be a place to announce the winner of the Making Democracy Work Award.

March General Meeting: Eileen reported that the Education Committee is working on a Women's History Month celebration and program at the League's March general meeting, March 8.

C. Secretary's Report: No report.

D. Treasurer's Report: No report

E. LWVNM Report

Federal Judiciary Study: The national League is conducting a one-year study of the Federal Judiciary. Key Dates:

- February 7, 2025: Study guide and consensus questions will be sent to state and local leagues
- February 7 – April 14, 2025: Leagues will hold consensus meetings and complete consensus questions
- April 14, 2025: Deadline for submission of consensus results

Action Items: Go to the following link for study resources, periodic updates and reports: <https://www.lwv.org/league-management/advocacy-litigation/2024-2025-federal-judiciary-study-process-committee-and>. Prepare for and participate in the Santa Fe League's Consensus meetings.

Soliciting NM Board Positions – Kathy and Jo reported that there are several vacancies on the slate of LWVNM board candidates for 2025-2027. These include first vice president, voter services, and membership. If any SNM members are interested in serving, they should contact Kathy Brook.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. ChapterSpot Updates

1. Creating emails: There is at least one member for whom we do not have an email to be included in ChapterSpot so we will need to create emails in those cases. This applies to life members as well as those paying dues.
2. ChapterSpot Survey Questions: Board members liked the 2nd question presented by LWVUS but were reluctant to include too many questions as people may be deterred from joining/renewing.

3. *Joining/Renewing ChapterSpot Video: <https://www.lwv.org/league-management/membership/membership-renewal-guidance>.
4. ChapterSpot Membership Flyer (separate file): *Action Item*: The flyer needs careful proof-reading with feedback to Jo.

B. MDWA Update and Publicity: Eileen has sent the MDWA materials for distribution to Christina Little's and Charlotte Lipson's lists. Beth has sent them to Café and to the City Council.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

None

V. DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

A. Women's History Month: see item II.B2 above

B. Financial Request from Education Committee: The Education Committee will re-define the topics and reconsider the amounts requested for projects. The consensus was that the Education Committee should spend the previously approved amounts for projects, and request additional amounts as needed.

C. Membership Report/Appointment of Nominating Committee Member
Membership Report: None

1. Nominating Committee Report: Kate reported that Ruth Jaure has agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee. A motion was made by Beth to authorize Ruth Jaure for a two-year term as the third member of the Nominating Committee. The motion was seconded by Eileen; the motion carried unanimously.
2. Kate will begin to work with the Nominating Committee to find candidates for the vacant positions. The slate of candidates will be presented at the annual meeting. The following positions still need candidates: 1) President, 2) Voter Services, 3) Youth Engagement (Josie will be asked to remain), 4) Development Director, and 5) Public Relations Director. *Action Items*: The Board is asked to send candidate names to Kate. Jo will place notice of vacancies in *the Voter*.

VI. PLANNING ITEMS & CALENDAR

The Board reviewed and revised the calendar as needed. Of note is the Bylaws, Policy, and Procedures Committee that will meet for the first time on January 28, 2025. Members Laura Dapkus and Bonnie Votaw have agreed to be on the Committee in addition to Beth Bardwell, Kathy Brook, Jane Asche, and Eileen VanWie.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Minutes Submitted by Kathy Brook and Edwina Jaramillo