



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.

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING
APPROVED DRAFT MINUTES
Monday, March 3, 2025 • 5:30pm • Via Zoom**

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

I. MEETING ADMINISTRATION

- A. Call to Order, Welcome:** Jo called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.
- B. Roll Call:** Edwina called the roll. 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 Revised JEDI Agenda** (*agenda includes those added to or removed from consent agenda **): Kathy moved approval of the agenda as amended; Kate seconded and the motion carried. The amendment adds an additional topic, March 4th LWVUS Light for Our Democracy, under New Business (item IVB).
- E. Approval of Consent Agenda Items Requiring Action** (*noted by asterisk ***): no consent items.

II. PRESIDENTS & OFFICERS REPORTS

A. President's Report

- 1. Discussion of Adding Additional Board Member: Given that there have been no members who are willing to fill several Board positions for the next two years Jo asked the Board whether we have enough officers and/or directors to sustain and support the activities and responsibilities the Board has adopted and discussed expansion of the Board to include specific roles/duties under the various Board positions that would relieve an existing officer's or director's workload. For example, individuals could volunteer for different roles/duties: 1) Voter Guide publication, 2) Forum Coordinator, 3) Voter Registration Coordinator, or 4) publication of *the Voter*. There was much discussion on the topic including whether LWVSNM could remain viable without members stepping up. Kate noted the various reasons given her by members for not accepting a Board position including the League is too hierarchical and procedural, too restrictive, perceived inability to advocate, and not enough time. It was suggested that to proceed we may 1) want to find out what people are willing to do, or 2) come up with priorities to decide what most needs to be done. Another suggestion was to identify and define the roles. The consensus was to have a separate meeting to discuss. **Action Item:** Jo will set up the mini-retreat with the Board.
- 2. Discussion of ChapterSpot Dues: Jo noted that members are paying dues early and questioned when their renewal date is. **Action Item:** Kathy will confirm with LWVUS that even though members are paying early, the next renewal date isn't until April 30, 2026.

3. Ratification of 2025 MDWA Honoree: A motion was made by Eileen to accept the subcommittee's recommendation of the MDWA honoree County Clerk Amanda Lopez Askin; it was seconded by Kathy. The motion carried unanimously.
4. Annual Meeting:
 - a. Volunteers for parliamentarian, minutes, timekeeper: At the meeting Edwina and Kate will take minutes. *Action Items*: Jo will ask Beth and Dale if they would volunteer for the Parliamentarian and Timekeeper, respectively.
 - b. Consider luncheon: Jo asked whether the annual meeting should be a luncheon and whether the League or members would pay for a light lunch. The consensus is that a luncheon would begin after 12:30 p.m. and members will be asked to make a donation for food. *Action Item*: Jo will arrange for pizza and salad for the luncheon.

B. Vice President Report/Meeting

Request for Zoom Payment: tabled to the next meeting.

C. Treasurer's Report

Kathy reviewed the report with the Board. She noted that LWVSNM will need to reimburse LWVNM for member dues due to an error in the STRIPE account set up. A revised report will correct a donation.

D. LWVNM Report

Kathy reported on the LWVNM annual meeting occurring April 26-27, 2025. LWVSNM is entitled to six or seven delegates depending on the membership – the president plus one delegate per every 15 members. Each local League is entitled to two delegates (the president plus one member) and one delegate for each 25 members (or major fraction thereof) over 15. LWVSNM is entitled to six delegates. The registration fee is \$100 per person for the meeting. Rooms have been reserved at The Lodge where rooms will run \$149/room; the reservation deadline is March 26, 2025. The banquet will be held at LaFonda. Edwina and Kathy will be registered by the State LWV Board and their registration paid by the state.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. March 8 General Membership Meeting/Women's Panel & MDWA

1. * Plaque for Presentation: the certificate in a wooden frame will be presented to the MDWA honoree.
2. March 8 Agenda Review: Eileen reviewed the program with the Board. There will be a panel of three, Dr. Judy Long, Dr. Patti Wojahn, Dr. Laura Anh Williams who will answer several questions prepared by the Education Committee and others from the membership.
3. Review of Revised Draft 2025/26 Program: Jo reviewed the revised program with the Board with following additions: an introductory paragraph indicating action strategies are ultimately part of the program; listing the Healthcare Position as needing updates; removal of the word "standing" to the establishment of a healthcare committee. A motion was made by Eileen to approve the revised program; it was seconded by Kathy. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Next Step for Federal Judiciary Study

Members are asked to review the Study webinar and the readings on the LWVUS website. During local consensus meeting members will be asked to discuss topics and suggested questions to reach consensus or opposition. The consensus meeting must be completed

by mid-April. Volunteers are needed to lead the discussions. The meeting will be held via Zoom.

- C. Second Review of 2025/26 Budget - Jo/Kathy – *{separate file Budget Version 2}*
Jo and Kathy presented the next iteration of the proposed 2025/26 budget. In the YTD column, grant income includes grants from LWVNM and El Paso Electric at a total of \$2,000. The line for English voter guide should be changed to English/Spanish Voter Guide. Jo asked that any additional suggested changes must be sent to her very soon in order for the budget to be pre-approved prior to the Annual Meeting.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approval of Recommended Changes to Dues Procedures: Changes to the Dues Process Procedure were discussed; most changes are needed due to the switch to ChapterSpot. Jo will also change the revised procedures to reflect donation payments and will bring the Procedures to the next meeting.
- B. Light for Our Democracy Discussion: The LWVUS held a nationwide gathering in reflection, action, and solidarity during the President’s address to Congress. Local Leagues were asked through an email to host events. Edwina complained that LWVUS sends notices too late to plan events and hopes LWVUS informs local Leagues timely in the future.

V. DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

- A. Nominating Committee Report and Contingency Planning: Kate noted there are several unfilled two-year positions as well as a one-year Voter Services position (to fill a vacancy). The Nominating Committee has asked 19 people if they would accept the positions but none have accepted. *Action Item:* Jo will send an email to members noting the urgency of filling the Board positions.

VI. PLANNING ITEMS & CALENDAR

The Board reviewed and revised the calendar as needed. *Action Item:* Jo asked the Board to provide names, biographies, and photos of Board candidates to her for inclusion in the Annual Meeting packet by March 22, 2025.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

— *Minutes Submitted by Edwina Jaramillo*