



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, February 18, 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-ABS; 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 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 General Meeting, under IIB3, and adds 2025-2026 Program Planning for discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

E. Approval of Consent Agenda Items Requiring Action (*noted by asterisk ***): The 2025-2026 Program Planning topic is removed from the consent agenda and moved to the JEDI agenda.

F. Approval of Minutes

Regular Board Meeting, January 6, 2025: A motion was made by Kathy to approve the minutes as amended; it was seconded by Kate. The motion carried unanimously.

Regular Board Meeting, Feb. 3, 2025: A motion was made by Kathy to approve the minutes as amended; it was seconded by Kate. The motion carried unanimously.

II. PRESIDENTS & OFFICERS REPORTS

A. President's Report

1. Discussion of LWV Statement: Jo discussed the recent LWVUS press release dated February 6, 2025, entitled, "LWV Condemns Trump Administration's Weaponization of Government Against Americans". Funding from LWVNM-Ed Fund: LWVSFC is planning to buy a large ad in the *Santa Fe New Mexican* to insert the press release and asked the LWVNM ED Fund for funds to pay for some of the costs. Hannah Burling asked Jo whether LWVSNM was interested in taking out a similar ad. Kathy reported the LWVNM Executive Committee, subsequently, voted not to fund the ad.
2. Request to Take Action to Oppose the SAVE Act: Jo reviewed Beth's proposed email to LWVSNM members to take action by calling their Congressman, Gabe Vasquez, to vote no on the Safeguard American Voter Eligibility (SAVE) Act, H.R. 22. Women would be disproportionately affected by the Save Act which would require states to only register applicants to vote in federal elections who present proof of citizenship with the application. Many of those who possess ready documentation of their citizenship do not have documentation that reflects their current name – only 66% of voting-age women with ready

access to any proof of citizenship have a document with current legal name. *Action Item:* Kathy will revise the email to simplify the wording and Jo will send to the membership.

3. * Preparing for Annual Meeting: on consent agenda; no discussion.
4. * Approved Minutes Now Online (Members' Page): Jo informed the Board the Board minutes are now on the LWVSNM website under "Resources".

B. Vice President Report/Meeting

1. 2025 Program Planning Summary: There was much discussion of the summary of the Program Planning meeting particularly on positions vs actions to be taken over the next year. *Action Item:* Jo will revise the summary to delete actions from the document. Actions will be discussed at the Visioning Lab.
2. Approval of 2025/26 Program: The program will be voted on at the next Board meeting.
3. March General Meeting: Eileen reported that the Education Committee has been working to obtain speakers for the Women's History Month event. The theme for Women's History Month is, "Moving Forward Together: Women Educating and Inspiring Generations. Dr. Judy Long will be the keynote speaker followed Dr. Patti Wojahn, and Dr. Laura Anh Williams, both from NMSU. *Action Items:* Kate and Eileen will invite the AAUW and the NAACP, respectively, to the meeting.

C. Secretary's Report: None

D. Treasurer's Report

Kathy reported that she received an invoice for annual dues from the Green Chamber. A motion was made by Eileen and seconded by Kate to approve the payment of \$125 to the Green Chamber for annual dues.

E. LWVNM Report

Highlights of League Days at Legislature: Kathy reported that Maggie Toulouse Oliver (Secretary of State) gave a nice presentation as did Stephanie Garcia Richard (State Land Commissioner), and Molly Swank (Executive Director of Common Cause).

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A.** MDWA Selection and Next Steps: Jo reported that the selection committee met to review the qualifications and to select among four nominees. Amanda López Askin is the awardee. She will be honored at the March 8, 2025 general meeting at which time she will be presented with a check for \$250. Jo asked whether raising the MDWA amount would result in more nominations. The Board, via consensus, agreed not to raise the MDWA amount. It was suggested that in the future we need to encourage League members to make nominations. *Action Item:* Jo will inform Amanda of her selection as well as the other nominees. Jo will purchase a wood frame for the certificate.
- B.** * ChapterSpot SNM Questions: on consent agenda; no discussion.
- C.** * 2024 LWV Survey Responses from SNM: on consent agenda; no discussion.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- A.** Budget Committee Input: Jo reviewed the draft budget. The Board agreed the budget would only reflect the \$15 portion of the LWVSNM membership dues rather than state and national dues contributions. The Board agreed to change "restricted funds" to "designated funds". *Action Item:* The Board is asked to review the budget and make requests for funding for the upcoming year by March 3, 2025.
- B.** Approval of Green Chamber Membership Renewal: discussed above under the Treasurer's report.

V. DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

A. Membership

1. Approval of Membership Form: *Action Item*: Kate will revise the form to include other forms of payment (not just by check) for student dues.
2. Nominating Committee Discussion: Kate reported that the Committee has asked ~~twelve~~ 12 people if they would take on the role of president for the League beginning in May; all have declined. They committee will continue its search, as well as begin asking members for other positions that need to be filled. The deadline for nominations is March 26, 2025 but during the annual meeting nominations will also be taken from the floor.
3. Orientation Update: Kate reported that five new members plan to attend the orientation. *Action Item*: Kate will send the draft flyer announcing the orientation to the Board for review.

B. Education Committee – Eileen

Request for Approval for LWVSNM Grants: Eileen reported that the Education Committee is requesting \$650 for two scholarships for outstanding teachers focusing on multilingual and multicultural education. The \$650 is in addition to the 2024 Board-approved \$350 previously sent to the LCPS Foundation that is yet to be dispersed for a total of \$1,000. There was much discussion on this topic with a recommendation to the Education Committee to provide additional information on the process for disbursement of funds by the Foundation as well as asking the Foundation for the League's inclusion in selecting an awardee, and League attribution as source of funds.

VI. PLANNING ITEMS & CALENDAR

The Board reviewed and revised the calendar as needed.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Eileen and seconded by Kate. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

—*Minutes Submitted by Edwina Jaramillo*