

**NOW National Board Meeting
Crowne Plaza Hotel—Inner Harbor
February 27th-March 1st, 2020
Approved Minutes**

Thursday February 27th 2020

Hot Topics, 6:00 PM

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Friday February 28th 2020

Convene, 10:10 AM, Roll Call

BJ Star, Barbara Miller, Bear Atwood, Beth Corbin, Cheryl Wapes'a-Mayes, Cindy Drabek, Gina Austin-Fresh, Jacqueline Kozin, Jeri Burton, Jocelyn Morris, John Erickson, Kobby Hoffman, Myra Terry, Nancy Campbell Mead, Victoria Steele, Beth Corbin

Officers: Toni Van Pelt, Christian Nunes

Advisory Board: Bonnie Grabenhofer, Linda Berg, Eleanor Smeal

Late: Carol Moody, 12:43 PM

Absent: Nina Ahmad, Gina Austin-Fresh

Introductions of people around the room and on the phone

Adoption of the Agenda, 10:20 AM

Adopted without objection

Adoption of Minutes

Meeting minutes from November 9 & 10, 2019, adopted without objection

Board Member Action Reports, presented verbally, 10:26 AM

President's Report, presented verbally – Toni Van Pelt, 11:23 AM

- Motion by the Chair for Myra Terry to read out the resolution "Prostitution, Trafficking as Extreme Forms of Violence Against Women Must End"
- Seconded by Cindy Drabek
- Discussion
- Motion by Bear Atwood to table the resolution till the conference
 - Ruled out of order by Chair
- Motion by John Erickson to call for the order of the day (reorder agenda and go to lunch)
 - Yes (19) No (1)

Recess for Lunch – 12:40 PM

- Chair re-ordered agenda without objection

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Call to Order—2:15 PM

Vice President’s Report, presented verbally – Christian Nunes, 2:20 PM

Racial Justice Summit Debriefing

Chapters Report – Supria Bhatia

- Motion by John for chapters will be temporarily removed from the website for as long as they are noncompliant
 - Seconded by Bear Atwood
- Motion from Barb Miller to call the question
 - Vote: Yes (11) No (3)
- Vote on main motion motion
 - Yes (13) No (1)

Communications Report, Kimberly Hayes, 3:12 PM

Digital Communications Report, Kim Sontag, 3:20 PM

Fundraising Report Catherine Lampi, 3:30 PM

Political Report, Sara Mitchell & Ellie Smeal, 3:38 PM

Government Relations Report, Jan Erickson & Pat Reuss, 4:36 PM

Break, 5:14 PM

Financials, 5:45 PM

Break for dinner

Recess for Foundation

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Resolution Discussion

- Motion from Kobby Hoffman table the resolution “Prostitution, Trafficking as Extreme Forms of Violence Against Women Must End” until the 2020 National Conference

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Structure & Process Committee Report

- John Erickson motions to approve all the changes
- Motion failed yes-3 no-12
- Structure and Process Committee presents the changes and they are approved as amended

Adjourn, 10:30 pm

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Sunday March 1st 2020

Convene, 10:10 AM, Roll Call

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Toni Van Pelt, Christian Nunes

Bonnie Grabenhofer, Linda Berg, Carol Moody, Eleanor Smeal

Absent: Nina Ahmad, Gina Austin-Fresh

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Election Committee Report, Kim Villanueva, 10:15 AM

- 2020 Election Rules accepted without objection

Committee Appointments

- Christine Chin Ryan & Kimberly Adams as member of Vision for 2020 Committee
 - approved
- David Ayodele as tentative Chair of the Committee on Racial Justice—appointed without objection

Investment Report, 10:34 AM

- John Erickson motions to extend time for discussion for 30 minutes
 - Yes: 7, No: 2—this motion passes
- Chair motions to invest funds
 - Barb Miller makes the amendment to invest Foundation funds in amounts as determined by the President and approved by the Executive Committee and the Investment Committee with Bridgewater Advisors
 - Yes: 8 No: 4—this motion passes
- Christian Nunes makes the amendment to cap the investment at one-third of the Foundation Funds
 - Yes: 7 No: 5 (Motion approved as amended)
- Chair motions to assemble Investment Committee: Toni Van Pelt, Christian Nunes, Cindy Drabek, Carol Moody, Kobby Hoffman, Ellie Smeal, John Erickson, BJ Star (and Marie Barnhart as staff)
 - Unanimous approval

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Other Committee Reports, 12:24 PM

- **2020 Vision Committee** presents emergency resolution “Endorse Elizabeth Warren”

Endorse Elizabeth Warren

Whereas NOW is the National Organization for Women and the largest feminist women’s organization in the US; and since its inception, has been in the forefront of electing feminist women into office including supporting candidates for vice-president and president;

Whereas the benefits of electing women to office are obvious every day especially with victories like ERA ratification;

Whereas 2020 is the 100th Anniversary of the day women won the right to vote, though not all women can vote and women are still seriously underrepresented in elected office at the federal, state, and local level;

Whereas NOW never has and cannot now remain silent while women candidates for president have been pushed aside, asked to leave the race, and rendered invisible by all media;

Therefore be it resolved that the National NOW Board recommend that NOW PAC endorse Senator Elizabeth Warren in the 2020 primary election for President of the United States; that for maximum effect the endorsement occur before Super Tuesday; that it include national media exposure and talking points for local chapter leaders prior to the announcement.

Submitted by the National NOW Board Vision 2020 Committee

Written 2/27/2020

Committee members in attendance: John Erickson, Myra Terry, Beth Corbin, Nancy Campbell Mead, Kimberly Adams, and Gay Bruhn, chair.

- Chair calls the question
 - In favor: 8 Not in Favor: 3
 - Motion passes to accept the resolution
- **LGBTQIA+ Committee Update**
- **Immigration Committee Update**
- **ERA Committee Update**

Adjourn, 12:49 PM