Pima County/Tucson Women's Commission

FULL COMMISSION
Wednesday, September 9, 2026, 6:00 p.m.
Approved Minutes

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kim Fitch at 6:05 p.m.

2. Roll Call:

Molly Ring Pima County District 1 (virtually)
Lauren Burson Pima County District 2 (virtually)
Kim Fitch Pima County District 3
Sierra Yamanaka City of Tucson Ward 2
Stephanie Noriega City of Tucson Ward 5 (virtually)
Ashley Rubin City of Tucson Ward 6 (virtually)
Joyce Wong PCTWC Commission
Halle Aquino PCTWC Commission (virtually)
Lucy Howell PCTWC Commission
Dana Taylor PCTWC Commission

Absent:
Annie Sykes Pima County District 5
Ana Marrufo City of Tucson Ward 1
Roberta Vance City of Tucson Ward 4
Melinda Gomez PCTWC Commission
Maria Vianey Valdez-Cardenas PCTWC Commission
Zoey Dzieman PCTWC Commission

3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. Subcommittee Reports:

a. Nominating Committee - Kim Fitch reminded everyone that if anyone is interested in running for an office, to get their Letters of Interest to Annie Sykes and Maria Vianey Valdez-Cardenas by 9/10/26. Officer elections will be held at the October 7th meeting. Molly Ring gave a pitch for Alternate Treasurer.

b. PCTWC 50th Anniversary Celebration – The main purpose of tonight's meeting

was to discuss the recent 50th Anniversary Celebration. Major takeaways:

- Sierra Yamanaka did a GREAT job with the preplanning and it was so unfortunate that she missed it due to COVID.
- We do not have a final count of how many people attended because quite a few people bypassed the registration table to visit with friends. The event was a fun reunion for many former commissioners. There were 125 preregistered individuals.
- Name tags should be preprinted with registrants prior to the event to streamline the check in process. This would have happened at this event except Lauren had printer issues.
- There were brochures, palm cards (program), magnets, donation envelopes and nametags were all available at the registration table.
- The food was really good, the presentation was beautiful and everyone enjoyed meeting the chefs. Having female chefs was also very well received. ● The bar prices were very inexpensive. As a result, PCTWC ended up needing to pay an additional $442 to the bartender because we had a minimum to sell without any additional charges of $625. Also, the demographics of the event, the fact that the event was on a week night, and the inexpensive cost all contributed to us not making our minimum number of sales.
- Everyone felt the photographer did a great job and everyone is encouraged to download all photos into a google folder that Molly Ring set up. The Step and Repeat sign was awesome. Many people stopped for photos there (either using our photographer or their own phones).
- A folder was set up by Molly Ring for all press we received from the event. KGUN9 ran a segment and Tucson Spotlight ran a long article. Commissioners were requested to put any media notices, articles, etc. in this folder.
- The room looked fabulous. Roberta Vance did a wonderful job on the vases and stand–up sign. The room was very professional and very inviting. Our colors and 50th Anniversary swag were beautifully displayed. We had a display along one wall with posters of prior commission events and the prizes for the trivia game (t-shirts and mugs).
- There were some glitches with the live streaming and the video, but generally it was great. The slides were very professional and everything was in the correct order. It looked great from the audience, from the videos and as seen in the photographs behind speakers.
- Lucy Howell is commended for the huge time commitment she put into getting the slides together, putting the data/script together and running the trivia portion of the evening.
- Everyone LOVED our speakers: Gabby Giffords, Jen Allen, Regina Romero, Jan Lesher, Daisy Jenkins and Alison Hughes. Each spoke very eloquently and had

different points of view of women's continual fight for equal rights. Their brief remarks each had a different perspective and kept the program flowing nicely. ● Overall, every comment commissioners received was very positive and this event was a huge success.

c. **PCTWC 50th Anniversary Celebration Presentation** –

- A suggestion was to turn down the lights during the presentation so the graphs/data was easier to see.
- There were minor technical difficulties with the live streaming during this portion of the program. Lucy and Stephanie will get together to refilm this for the historical archives.
- There was some confusion with the slides matching the presentation by Stephanie Noriega, but overall the information was well presented and discussed in a way that is easy to understand.
- We have had several requests for copies of the slides used in this portion of the presentation.
- A lot of work went into this portion of the program and attendees were very complimentary of this and we want to be sure to promote this as something the general public can have access to in the future.
- We missed Ashley Rubin in this portion of the program, but Stephanie did a fabulous job presenting all the data.

5. Old Business: None

6. New Business

- Treasurer Molly Ring brought up three items:

  i. The Executive Committee met and agreed to move our savings account (approximately $33,000) from a low interest-bearing account (.15%) to a higher yield account (2.15% interest). Molly and Kim will meet to get that facilitated.

  ii. Because ActBlue is generally associated with the democratic party, Molly looked into other donation platforms. The one that would fit the needs of PCTWC would be Zeffy. Each commission should look into this platform and we will vote on it at our October meeting. We will need to keep the ActBlue platform alive because our brochures and donation envelopes have that QR Code.

  iii. Molly is still checking into ways for payments/receipts via a Zelle-like platform through Vantage West Credit Union. At this time, it does not appear they have any way to do that and Molly will look into other bank alternatives.

7. Call to the Public / Announcements

A reminder that United Hearts of Arizona will be holding their annual Breast Cancer Conference on October 3rd. Anyone who is interested in staffing a table at this event that we are sponsoring should reach out to Kim as soon as possible.

8. Upcoming Meetings:

October 7, 2026 - Officer Elections

November 4, 2026

9. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.