

**Fairfax County Commissions for Women,
Operations Subcommittee meeting, All Virtual, April 16, 2026**

Attendees: Alyssa, Kim, Valerie	Staff: Alexandra	Start: 6:35pm
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1. Alyssa reported that budget testimony delivered in front of the BOS on behalf of the CFW went well.
2. The recent Fairfax County DV-related murder–suicide, involving a highly resourced professional woman, underscored that DV affects all demographics and may be even more dangerous for underrepresented and less-resourced populations.
 - Key concerns about drivers and systems:
 - Need to better understand what is driving domestic violence (power/control, systemic gaps, etc.).
 - Concerns about turnover in the County Attorney’s office and the lack of legal representation for women experiencing DV.
 - Court and support services:
 - DSVS provides Tier One SV/DV training (Kim will attend) and uses volunteers to accompany and support victims in court.
 - CASA Fairfax supports children; there appears to be no equivalent structured program for adult women in DV situations.
 - Role of Commissioners (CFW):
 - Raise awareness that DV can affect anyone.
 - Advocate for stronger legal representation and court support for DV survivors.
 - Explore partnerships with groups like AAUW to create or bolster court accompaniment and support for women.
 - Participate in the SV & DV Tier One training that DSVS offers. Next cohort in June; Kim participating.
 - The Commission is inclined to encourage the Board of Supervisors to raise these concerns with the Governor.
 - Valerie’s email economic Save act, stat citizenships, bank account in regards to women
2. Valerie raised concerns about the proposed SAVE Act and stricter banking “Know Your Customer” and citizenship requirements, with potential negative impacts on women’s access to bank accounts, particularly immigrant and low-income women.
 - Commissioners discussed that increased identification and verification requirements could create barriers for women to open/maintain accounts.
 - Impose high compliance costs on banks, which may be a strong argument against the proposal.

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- The Commission discuss the possibility of drafting public statements to educate women on how the SAVE Act and banking rules might affect them.
 - Highlight risks to women's economic security.
 - The Commission is inclined to encourage the Board of Supervisors to raise these concerns with the Governor.
3. Commissioners noted the value of having access to Commissioner's updated resumes/CVs/LinkedIn profiles and CFW bios to support communications and PR efforts. To become familiar with skill and strengths. For example, who has PR experience.
4. Legislative package agreed in Sept to the legislative session. Instre HHS ask if we want to see programs in place.
- Nowadays, CFW's recommendation to the Board come through testimony and reports
5. Alysa & McKay discussed that County is aligned of CFW. If BOS allow CFW to lobby in Richmond. 80 BACs in County, cannot lobby in front of VA congress.
- The CFW Roundtable with delegate Shin is our way to advocate vs. lobbying.
6. Updating the CFW Bylaws and the Operating Policies & Procedures Manual
- Break policies and procedures separately. Open Bylaws and get settle, and then modify the Operations. Sections: VFOIA; ex-officio,
 - Bylaws: to update having a second Student Commission, Code of Conduct, Describe At-Large, Underserved, align mission statement.
 - Division of Labor:
 - Code of Conduct - Valerie
 - Mission statement – Alyssa
 - Student Commissioner – Kim
7. Kim moved to approve the student flyer. Valerie seconded. Unanimously approved.
8. Technology Use policy, Google drive, policy inventory,
- Alexandra to check with VFOIA officer
9. Valerie motioned to approve minutes. Kim seconded. Unanimously approved.
10. Adjourned: 7:34pm