

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS ALAMEDA

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES, June 28, 2025

Alameda Hospital Conference Room A

Guest Speaker: Supervisor Lena Tam and Senior Policy Advisor Serena Chen (Alameda County Board of Supervisors D3) spoke about their office's work to support work in early education, homelessness, and other social safety net areas with fiscal responsibility. They also shared how they're dealing with recent federal government actions and how they're building more transparency and trust in elections, alongside LWV.

Call to Order: Anna Crane called the meeting to order at 10:48 AM.

Credentials Report: Susan Hauser reported that we have exceeded the quorum requirement of voting members.

Order of Business: Neil Rubenstein was introduced as the Parliamentarian. Keasha moved, Allan seconded, and we adopted the Order of Business and Rules of the Meeting.

Approval of Minutes: Susan moved, Li seconded, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2024 Annual Meeting. Keasha Martindill, Li Volin, and Genevieve Yuen will form the committee to read and correct today's minutes.

President's Message: Anna spoke about the grave threats to our democracy today and how critical our League's mission continues to be. We discussed creating an ad-hoc committee for community action, for our League to show up more formally in partnership with other groups at local events such as the upcoming Good Trouble action. Paula and Linda offered to help liaise with other groups. Liz mentioned that a feasible path could be a few League members representing the group at organizations like All Rise Alameda; we think it would be impactful to be able to promote that LWVA supports an effort, bring signage etc. Linda volunteered to liaise between LWVA and All Rise Alameda to cross-promote events and share opportunities where appropriate. Irene moved, Ashley seconded, and we approved setting up an ad-hoc committee to work with community action on issues important to the League. Volunteers include Paula, Ashley, Linda, Liz, Ellen Paisal, and Peggy Calkins and Jeff will organize a first meeting. Anna clarified that the national league has already approved the Good Trouble action, and we can consider other events or actions on an individual basis.

Campaign Finance Report: Allan summarized our recent request to the Alameda Firefighters' PAC about underreporting (lack of information about which candidate(s) were supported/opposed by) around \$90k independent expenditures. We now have a response and display complete reporting on our website for the last election, including over \$150k independent expenditures in our most recent City Council race.

Revised Bylaws: Anna Crane presented bylaw changes recommended by the State League for consistency and compliance. We discussed the difference between 501(c)(3)

classification and 501(c)(4) legislative advocacy – the latter is part of the State League but not our local chapter. Paul noted that we also need to update the date adopted to today. Keasha moved, Paul seconded, and we approved the changes including the date update.

Program: Neil presented our recommended program. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously carried to adopt local Issues for Emphasis for 2025-26: “Free speech”, “Electoral reform to include Ranked Choice Voting and campaign finance”, “Civics education and voter engagement for youth”, “Transparency and good government”, “Mitigating the effect of climate change”

Treasurer’s Report: Paul shared that we have a deficit shown in this year’s budget, but that if we adhere to past behavior we are likely to break even. He also called out the risk of changing member contributions due to the move to ChapterSpot, and we proposed sending specific instructions to our membership about the ideal way to split money between membership renewals in ChapterSpot and direct contributions to our League. Linda shared fantastic news that the Youth Outreach Committee has received a generous \$19,000 donation to support VerifyIt. Keasha moved, Paul seconded, and we approved the planned budget for 2025-26.

Nominating Committee Report: Susan presented the slate of Board Members nominated for 2025-26, with no nominations from the floor. Note that VP Keasha Martindill, Treasurer Paul Beusterien, and At-Large Representatives Susan Hauser and Linda Lyons-Justus are continuing the second year of 2-year terms. Li moved, Keasha seconded, and unanimously approved to elect, for 2 year terms:

President	Anna Crane
Secretary	Genevieve Yuen
At-Large Director 2	Jeff Cambra

In addition, we count on the support of volunteers for other leadership positions:

Advocacy Chair	Irene Dieter
Bay Area League Liaison	Linda Lyons-Justus
Campaign Finance	Allan Mann
Communications Chair	Keasha Martindill
Fund Development Chair	Open
Membership Chair	Susan Hauser
Programs Chair	Neil Rubenstein
Voter Service Chair	Open
Youth Outreach Chair	Linda Bytof

We continue to seek nominations for our open positions, especially the Voter Services Chair which will be important in the coming year.

The 2026-27 Nominating Committee requires 2 non-board and 1 board members; we requested volunteers but have not yet appointed anyone. Please reach out to Susan to discuss and we’ll appoint members at Board meetings when possible.

- Ashley Lorden, Secretary

Anna Crane adjourned the meeting at 12:00pm.

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