

Minutes
April 17th, 2026 Meeting
Salt Lake City Diocesan Council of Catholic Women
Location: Little America Hotel Salt Lake City, Utah

President Annette Pressley called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

In attendance for the meeting were: Amy Kennedy, Angela Martinez, Anne Boyer, Annette Pressley, Barb Kerouac, Becky Columbo, Bonnie Siegrist, Cheryl Johnson, Cynthia Acosta, Deanna Keller, Donna Murphy, Father Ariel Durian, Gabby Gauchay, Gaylynn Huffman, Gracemarie Belvedere, Jamie Beert, Jeanne Audiss, Jenni Fazio, Jennifer Enman, Jennifer Streker, Joan Simard, Lydia Farnell, Marcie Downs, Margaret Sanchez, Maria Devereux, Michael O'Shea, Mindi Allen, Pat Musich, Pat Voorhes, Reinette Schultz, Roslyn Gunderson, Susan Espinoza, Susan Nielson, Susan Porter, Susan Vaughn, Teri Miller, Tisha Ramos-Yarber, Virginia Wright

Opening Prayer: Gracemarie Belvedere, followed by The Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome and Introductions: President Pressley read the DCCW Mission Statement and thanked our DCCW President Amy Kennedy, San Francisco Province Director Jeanne Audiss, Spiritual Advisor Father Ariel Durian, and all past DCCW Presidents who are present for their involvement and continued support.

Quorum: Establishment of having a quorum was confirmed by Secretary, Tisha Ramos-Yarber.

Acceptance of the Agenda: President Annette Pressley asked if there are any corrections or additions to the agenda. She acknowledged an error on the Call to Meeting that the Salt Lake Deanery Spiritual Advisor was in the Call and should have been on the agenda, in Unfinished Business add discussion about the San Francisco Province Director and in New Business add discussion on an ad for NCCW Convention. Additionally, Anne Boyer's discussion on mass at the Cathedral to Announcements and discussion about not having a Girl Scout troop available to present the colors at the Convention be moved under New Business. Joan Simard motioned and Susan Vaughn seconded. Motion passed and the Proposed Agenda was accepted as corrected.

Reading of January 17th Board Meeting: President Annette Pressley asked for a motion to dispense the reading of the minutes. Angela Martinez motioned, Pat Voorhes seconded, and the motion passed. President Pressley asked if there are any changes to the minutes. Joan Simard stated she was not present at the meeting, Angela Martinez stated she was at the meeting. Jeanne Audiss suggested the following changes be made: Under "Welcome and Introductions" it should state Presidents with their Representatives or Deanery with their Representative, under Parliamentarian change "resolutions for a Convention generally have at least 3 or 4 from the speakers. Change Maria Devereux's name to Teri Miller who introduced the serving pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes. President Pressley stated the minutes will be filed as amended.

Spiritual Advisor's Remarks: Father Ariel reminded confessions and adoration are set for the morning and welcomed everyone.

NCCW President Remarks: Amy Kennedy welcomed everyone and deferred until Convention.

Province of San Francisco Director: Jeanne Audiss, nothing to report.

Reports of Officers:

President: Annette Pressley mentioned her report is online and thanked everyone for their support each has given to her over the last two years, she is blessed. She emphasized the importance for all incoming Affiliates and Deanery Presidents to know when NCCW dues are due and if the dues are not current your affiliate is not a member in good standing with DCCW, and to know how to access the NCCW website. She reminded everyone the roster is a living, breathing document and to send the Secretary of any changes to keep it current.

1st Vice President: Susan Porter mentioned her full report is online and stated the program booklet for convention is 100 pages compared to 96 from last year with 13 new advertisers. She exclaimed that more than half of the businesses and organizations came from Eastern Deanery and one third from Wasatch Deanery. She thanked everyone who submitted their ads and annual reports on time and is delighted to report there are three sponsors this year compared to one from last year: EWTN, Past Presidents, and an anonymous donor. She gave special thanks to Jamie Beert and the Director of Meetings team, Cheryl Johnston with Registration, and Women of the Year Chairs.

Secretary: Tisha Ramos-Yarber, nothing to report.

Treasurer: Gaylynn Huffman reported several more parishes gave to the bag donation compared to last year. She reminded everyone that Gracemarie Belvedere has the basket for donations and envelopes in your bags.

Second Vice President – Ways and Means: Cynthia Acosta stated she will be in the raffle room for anyone that hasn't turned in their items and thanked everyone for their descriptions and responses.

Immediate Past President: Barb Kerouac deferred to Nominating Committee.

Historian: Susan Porter gifted President Annette Pressley her scrapbooks from the past two years.

Parliamentarian: Jeanne Audiss reported the Resolution Committee included Susan Nielson and Maureen Gardener who was the DCCW Parliamentarian in 2000 and have proposed four resolutions for this year.

Reports of Commission Chairs/Co-Chairs:

President Pressley reminded commission chairs & standing committees that in the interest of time, please raise pressing points as needed and reports should have been sent to Tisha for filing and Angela for the website.

Spirituality: Gracemarie Belvedere stated her report is online. She thanked everyone for their help the past few years and mentioned it is her last year being Spirituality Chair and recognized those who she would hand it over to and gave her blessings to Maria Devereux.

Service: Pat Voorhes stated her report is online. She mentioned that she has a QR code available for those who would like to donate directly if you weren't able to bring in donations.

Leadership: Maria Devereux, nothing to report.

Reports of Deanery Presidents:

Eastern Deanery: Becky Columbo - report online.

Salt Lake Deanery: Susan Vaughn, nothing to report.

Southwestern Deanery: Jennifer Enman, nothing to report.

Wasatch Deanery: Gabby Gauchay – report online.

Reports of Standing Committee Chairs:

Finance: Gaylynn Huffman, nothing to report.

AWARE: Susan Espinoza, nothing to report.

Website: Angela Martinez, nothing to report.

MDR: Bonnie Siegrist reminded everyone to stop by their table.

Nominating Committee: Barb Kerouac deferred to Convention Announcements.

Scholarship: Jessica Jurkowski deferred to Convention Announcements.

Affiliate of the Year: Barb Kerouac deferred to Convention Announcements.

Golden Rose: Jeanne Audiss deferred to Convention Announcements.

Director of Meetings: Jamie Beert deferred to Convention Announcements.

By-Laws: not active.

Unfinished Business:

DCCW Promotional Video Update: President Pressley stated this will remain as unfinished business until complete and we are able to send a presentation to Bishop Solis for posting on the Diocesan website. Gabby Gauchay stated she will be taking pictures and videos during convention.

Bishop's Annual Pastoral Meeting Follow Up: President Pressley reported we have received a generous donation of \$5000 on March 25th from Bishop Solis, a thank you letter was sent and per Vicar General Fr. John Evans, he is working on a system to automatically have this donation sent annually. This item is closed and off the agenda.

2025 Convention Minutes: President Pressley reported the final edits and approvals for the 2025 Convention Minutes were completed and sent by our DCCW Secretary to Susan Porter for inclusion as part of the Annual Report. This item is closed and off the agenda.

NCCW Delinquent Dues: President Pressley reiterated this continues to be an issue. Deanery Presidents must remind all Affiliate Presidents to watch for their renewal reminders from NCCW and respond ASAP. This goes back to the importance of letting NCCW know when there is a change in leadership. She thanked Jeanne Audiss for keeping up with this.

Mass Collection Distribution Wrap Up: President Pressley reported it was decided at our January meeting the Mass donations will go to Cathedral of the Madeleine, Daughters of Charity (Give Me A Chance) and NCCW Vocation Purse Fund. Envelopes for collection will be in all convention bags and basket furnished by Gracemarie Belvedere. This will minimize any envelopes put in the collection baskets at the vigil mass.

2026 Convention Announcements: Becky Columbo reminded anyone who has items for the bags to bring them that the assembly of the bags will take place in the morning. Jamie Beert asked to share that everyone sit at their assigned tables and take their assigned meals. President Pressley noted that a San Francisco Province Director is needed. Susan Porter explained that the director resigned in the Fall and Jeanne Audiss who was the previous Director stepped back in to complete the term, with the permission of Amy Kennedy. Susan sent out letters to all eligible candidates from DCCW which are past presidents. The deadline was March 31st but she will leave open and encouraged them to consider this role.

Nominating Committee Announcements: Barb Kerouac stated her report is online. She thanked the Executive Committee for allowing us to do electronic voting. 92% of the board voted which is 46 out of 50. She also thanked the Nominating Committee: Cleo Mota from Northern Deanery, Becky Columbo from Eastern Deanery, Jamie Beert from Wasatch Deanery, Lydia Farnell Wasatch Deanery Member at Large, and Teri Miller from Salt Lake Deanery. She announced the candidates for 2nd VP - Jessica Drukowski and Jennifer Streker, Treasurer – Galen Huffman, Deanna Keller, and Joan Simard. Secretary – Jenni Fazio, and Joan Simard, 1st VP Gabby Gauchay. The voting board appointed 2nd VP - Jessica Drukowski, Treasurer – Galen Huffman, Secretary – Jenni Fazio, and 1st VP Gabby Gauchay. She congratulated each one of their new roles and declared their new roles will begin on June 13th, 2026, at St. Mary's in West Haven and looks forward to their leadership with assisting Susan Porter in her presidency.

New Business:

Installation of Salt Lake Deanery Spiritual Advisor: President Pressley welcomed Fr. Kenneth Parsad who was installed as the Salt Lake Deanery Spiritual Advisor on March 14th and looks forward to working with him. Fr. Pittman is our other Spiritual Advisor. This item is closed and off the agenda.

Board Meeting Locations-Standing Rules Clarification: President Pressley stated that at our January 2025 Board meeting there was a motion made and approved to change our Standing Rules, page 1A, Board of Directors, Section 1 September Board Meeting from Eastern/Southwestern Deanery to Northern Deanery and vice versa with the thought to facilitate our participation with the Give Me a Chance Fundraiser in the Northern Deanery. This was a pen and ink change not published but still voted on. This was a change to the Standing Rules and By-Laws. She asked for a motion from the floor to change this back to the original language, that the September meeting shall rotate between the Eastern/Southwestern Deaneries, and all other verbiage would remain the same. Becky Columbo made the motion to change this back, Susan Vaughn motioned, Donna Murphy seconded. Motion passed.

Women's Legislative Council Update: President Pressley stated it was brought to her attention that since Donna Murphy our Legislative Co-Commission Chair, and the Immediate Past President of the Women's Legislative Council would no longer be required to pay annual dues. Our standing rules, C. Finances, Section 7, Women's Legislative Council, states that the DCCW will support two women, the Legislative Commission Chair and her co-chair or one delegate appointed by the DCCW President. This is informational if the DCCW President decides to appoint another representative. It is in our by-laws that we will support two women and if anyone is interested who can be active attending legislative meetings to contact the new DCCW President Susan Porter.

DCCW Logo: President Pressley reported that DCCW does not have an official logo, as does the NCCW and some of our affiliates.

NCCW Ad: President Pressley reminded everyone the deadline for NCCW ads is June 12th and need to decide tonight if we are going to place an ad. Pat Voorhes motioned, we have a full-page ad in support of Amy Kennedy for \$400. Teri Miller seconded, motion passed. Maria Devereux volunteered to design the ad.

President Pressley reminded everyone the deadline for the NCCW Convention is also June 12th and the dates are August 26th through August 29th.

Girl Scout Troop: President Pressley informed everyone that the Girl Scout Troop cancelled and we have no one to represent the colors for our pledge in the morning. Michael O'Shea, Susan Nielson, and Gabby Gauchay volunteered to represent the colors and the flags for our pledge in the morning at the beginning of the convention.

Announcements:

- Anne Boyer spoke on the coordination at the Cathedral of the Madeleine Mass on Saturday evening.
 - DCCW Tentative Calendar posted on website
 - CCW Events – send flyers or information to Angela Martinez to post on our website
 - Diocesan Facebook and Instagram – send information to Gabby Gauchay
 - Registration open for 2026 NCCW Convention, August 26-29th, Grand Rapids, MI
 - Gracemarie Belvedere - Reminder for music setup
 - Donna Murphy thanked all the people who reached out to Congress.
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- **Prayers Needed:** Pat Musich asked for prayers for Donna Murphy's husband
 - **Closing Prayer:** Gracemarie Belvedere
 - **Next Meeting:** June 13th, 2026 St. Mary's West Haven

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Tisha Ramos-Yarber, Secretary