

Women's Commission Meeting Agenda
Hosted via Zoom
Wednesday, September 25, 2024
6:00 PM

Attendees: Kionne Abdul Malik, Rachel Marquez, Sarasijhaa, Ciarra Miles, Robin Neverdon, Sara Whaley, Ana Rodney, Carolyn Jewell, Tevis Simon, Miriam Carrion, Robin Drummond, Casey Bryant, Monica Mitchell, Lynda Davis
Staff: Jill Muth, Caron Watkins
Guest: Councilwoman Phylicia Porter

- I. Welcome and call to order (6:04pm)
- II. Welcome back, Ana!
- III. Update on health care initiative (Sarasijhaa): Moorehead Cain Scholars spent 8 weeks with us. Geared towards understanding cardiovascular access for women. Working on a summary of the findings to be shared with the OECR. Sarasijhaa will send the draft document to the entire committee. Volunteers needed to edit the findings document.
- IV. Special presentation from Councilwoman Phylicia Porter on the legislative agenda. The 4 female members of the city council are interested in working with the commission on advocacy and the strategy around advocacy. The councilwomen are focusing their work around the following areas:
 - a. Reproductive rights and health care access
 - b. Economic and wage parity.
 - c. Intra-partner violence
 - d. Voting and electoral justice
- V. Meeting minutes approved for August and July's meeting (6:46pm)
- VI. Addition of to the bylaws was approved. (6:48)
- VII. Updated bylaws approved by a vote of the commission (6:49).
- VIII. Staff Update:
 - a. Ad hoc meeting of the subcommittee on September 18th went well, Resource Fair was discussed.
 - b. Civil Rights week is coming up, in celebration of the 60th anniversary of the signing of the 1964 Civil Right Act. The events will last from October 6-12. There are still tickets for the breakfast available.
 - c. Gender on the ballot box event will take place on October 10th from 2PM-5PM at the Thurgood Marshall Amenity Center.
 - d. Women of Courage event will take place on October 9th from 6:30PM-8:30PM at Coppin State University.
 - e. Jill is working on getting tablers for the Gender on the ballot box and needs help. Please email Jill if you can help call organizations. Also, a WC legislative priorities presentation is needed and Jill will send a template to fill in.
 - f. League of Women Voters meeting at Druid Hill Park to take place on Wednesday, October 2nd at 5:30PM.
 - g. Charm Care info presented at the Equity Coordinators Meeting on September 10th. Coordinators were enthusiastic about the project.

- h. Communication plan drafted for the Inform Women, Transform Lives Program. We are waiting on feedback from the Carter Center.
- IX. Recognition of Director Watkins at the meeting.
- X. SOP drafts sent to the WC for everyone to review. Members should feel free to add feedback as they are able and as it pertains to their areas of expertise. Deadline to review is November 15th. Once everyone has reviewed, they will be sent to the leadership team for a final review. The goal is to have them ready to put into action for 2025.
 - a. Suggestion made to change the wording for “controversial associations” to “organizations whose values do not align with the mission of the WC.”
- XI. New Business
 - a. Next Meeting – Wednesday, October 30th. Potential for an in-person meeting.
 - b. November meeting will probably be rescheduled since it’s the day before Thanksgiving.
- XII. Open Discussion
 - a. The mayor has signed an executive order on the funds awarded in the opioid settlements. There will be a needs assessment where the WC could have valuable input. Restitution advisory board/committee will be named and a call for RFPs will be made. Applications are being accepted now.
- XIII. Adjournment
 - a. Meeting adjourned at 7:13pm.