

JULY 27, 2020 MEETING MINUTES 4:30 PM



Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women

Commissioners Meeting called to order at 4:31 PM

Jaynelle Pemberton, CHAIR
Patricia DeWitt, Commissioner
Ashlie Empleo, Commissioner
Shawna Grant, Commissioner
Demika Jackson, Commissioner
Colleen Kelleher, Commissioner
Tammy D. Taylor, Commissioner
Sheila Spivey, UNF – Ex-officio Member
Eileen Rodden, Women's Ctr – Ex-officio Member

Staff

Barbara Florio - Liaison
Nicole Spradley – MCSW Staff Support

Guest Attendees

Henny Stewart
Lori Day
Susan Pitman
Jamila Rouse
Debra Bell-Campbell
Lakeisha Barris

Approval of Minutes

June 22, 2020 minutes were reviewed and approved.
Motion to approve: Commissioner Colleen Kelleher
Motion seconded: Commissioner Demika Jackson

Public Comments

No public comments.

Chair Report

Chair Pemberton shared a powerpoint presentation summarizing the Commission's activities and social media posts from the last few months.

Committee Reports

- Governance – No report was given. Liaison Florio announced the reappointments of Commissioner's Jackson and Empleo.
- Advocacy and Education – Commissioner Jackson announced the next Courageous Conversations event will take place on August 13th at 5:30pm on Zoom. The purpose of the event is to provide tools and coping

techniques to combat mental health issues and suicide. Another Courageous Conversations event will be held later in the year to discuss racial injustice.

- Communications – Commissioner Grant reported that the Committee met today to discuss the directory, promotion for the Courageous Conversations event and updating the annual report. The directory will be distributed to Commissioners and posted on the website and social media. Commissioner Kelleher will add unemployment and childcare data to the annual report.
- Events – No report was given.

New Business

Liaison Florio informed the Commission that meetings will be held on Zoom for the foreseeable future. She addressed concerns regarding Zoom hackers and mentioned that the Office of General Counsel requires public notices for Zoom meetings to include passwords.

Commissioner DeWitt asked the Commission if they would be interested in participating in the Forward into Light campaign for the 100th anniversary for the women's right to vote.

Commissioner Spivey asked if the Commission could provide an in kind sponsorship for the Women's Center of Jacksonville's upcoming event.

Liaison Florio will contact the Public Affairs Office regarding event sponsorships.

Unfinished Business

Liaison Florio reminded Commissioners to abide by Sunshine Laws.

Commissioner DeWitt asked for an updated copy of the Commissioner contact list.

Liaison Florio agreed to send out the contact list and announced that there are a few openings available on the Commission.

Commissioner Spivey mentioned that the 60th anniversary of Ax Handle Saturday is on August 27th and suggested that the Commission look at the history of social injustice of women in Jacksonville.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM

CERTIFICATION

**** Meeting minutes were approved at the August 24, 2020 MCSW Zoom meeting****

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**Barbara Florio
MCSW Board Liaison**

Ashlie Empleo, Secretary

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