

APRIL 26, 2021 MEETING MINUTES 4:30 PM



Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women

Commissioners Meeting called to order at 4:33 PM

Jaynelle Pemberton, CHAIR
Patricia DeWitt, Commissioner – **Excused**
Ashlie Empleo, Commissioner
Shawna Grant, Commissioner - not present
Demika Jackson, Commissioner – **Excused**
Tammy D. Taylor, Commissioner
Sheila Spivey, UNF – Ex-officio Member – **Excused**
Sytisha Claycomb, Women's Ctr – Ex-officio Member

Staff

Barbara Florio - Liaison
Nicole Spradley – MCSW Staff Support

Guest Attendees

None

Public Comments

No public comments.

Chair Report

First Vice Chair Taylor began the meeting in Chair Pemberton's absence. A quorum was not present.

Committee Reports

- **Governance** – First Vice Chair Taylor mentioned that April's Governance meeting was cancelled. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 5th at 1:00p.m. on Zoom to discuss the slate of officers and the new focus of the Commission. Chair Pemberton will set up the Zoom link.
- **Advocacy and Education** – First Vice Chair Taylor reported that the Committee met jointly with the Events Committee on April 15th. They discussed bringing back the Courageous Conversations series and upcoming events in May to celebrate of Mental Health Awareness month. The next joint meeting will be held on Thursday, May 20th at 4:30 p.m. on Zoom.
- **Communications** – Today's Committee meeting was cancelled.
- **Events** – The Events Committee will meet with the Advocacy and Education Committee on Thursday, May 20th at 4:30 p.m. on Zoom. Nicole Spradley will distribute the meeting dates for the remainder of the year.

New Business

Liaison Florio announced that Nicole Spradley was promoted and will no longer be assisting with the Commission once her replacement is hired.

Commissioner Sytisha Claycomb mentioned that April is Sexual Assault Awareness month. The Women's Center of Jacksonville will host Denim Day on April 28th and a Surviving and Thriving event on September 30th. The Center also has a few employment opportunities available.

First Vice Chair Taylor mentioned that her office has two Domestic Violence residency opportunities available.

Chair Pemberton announced that she was invited to speak at an event hosted by the Democratic Women's Information Network (DWIN). The event will take place on Wednesday, May 19th at 11:30 a.m. on Zoom. Chair Pemberton will discuss MCSW's mission and invited Commissioners to participate. Event details will be distributed via email to the Commission.

Chair Pemberton thanked Commissioner Grant for highlighting exceptional local women on social media last month in honor of Women's History Month and Gender Equality.

Commissioner Claycomb was assigned to the Events Committee.

Liaison Florio read into the record the Committee structure. She mentioned that the Commission needs one more person to serve on the Communications Committee. She will draft an agenda for the next Governance Committee meeting.

Unfinished Business

None

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 PM

Adjourned Regular Meeting

Date: May 26, 2021

Commissioners Meeting called to order at 4:56 PM

Jaynelle Pemberton, CHAIR
Patricia DeWitt, Commissioner – **Excused**
Ashlie Empleo, Commissioner
Shawna Grant, Commissioner
Demika Jackson, Commissioner – **Excused**
Tammy D. Taylor, Commissioner
Sheila Spivey, UNF – Ex-officio Member – **Excused**
Sytisha Claycomb, Women's Ctr – Ex-officio Member

Staff

Barbara Florio - Liaison
Nicole Spradley – MCSW Staff Support

Guest Attendees

None

Approval of Minutes

March 22, 2021 minutes were reviewed and approved.

Motion to approve: Commissioner Ashlie Empleo

Motion seconded: Commissioner Tammy Taylor

Passed unanimously

Commissioner Grant announced that the next Communications Committee meeting will be held on Monday, May 24th at 12:00 p.m. on Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM

CERTIFICATION

RECORDED AND TRANSCRIBED BY:

Signature on file _____
Nicole Spradley
MCSW Staff Support

SUBMITTED BY:

Signature on file _____
Barbara Florio
MCSW Board Liaison

APPROVED BY:

Signature on file _____
Ashlie Empleo, Secretary

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