

MARCH 22, 2021 MEETING MINUTES 4:30 PM



Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women

Commissioners Meeting called to order at 4:35 PM

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

Staff

Barbara Florio - Liaison
Nicole Spradley – MCSW Staff Support

Guest Attendees

None

Approval of Minutes

February 22, 2021 minutes were reviewed and approved.
Motion to approve: Commissioner Ashlie Empleo
Motion seconded: Commissioner Tammy Taylor

Public Comments

No public comments.

Chair Report

Chair Pemberton mentioned that the Mayor's Annual Report was complete.

Commissioner Grant made a motion to approve submitting the Mayor's Annual Report to the Mayor's Office.
Motion Seconded: Commissioner Taylor
Approved: 5-0

Chair Pemberton asked for a status update on the database.

Commissioner Grant and Commissioner Empleo had discussed the database at the Communications meeting earlier that day. Commissioner Grant reported that the database will be posted on the social media page weekly. Commissioner Jackson had indicated at a previous meeting that she had a list of contacts to add to the database but has not submitted them yet.

Committee Reports

- **Governance** – The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 19th at 3pm on Zoom to discuss the slate of officers and the new focus of the Commission.

Liaison Florio is working with the Mayor's Office to fill the vacancies on the Commission.

- **Advocacy and Education** – The meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 11th was cancelled.
- **Communications** – The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 26th at 4 pm on the 8th floor of the Ed Ball Building.

Commissioner Grant reported that in honor of Women's History Month she has been posting exceptional local women on the social media page. She asked the Commission to submit ideas and would love to feature past guest speakers.

Liaison Florio will send Commissioner Grant bios and prior meeting minutes with information about previous guest speakers.

Commissioner Empleo asked for a copy as well to update the database.

Liaison Florio will reach out to Commissioner Claycomb to discuss her Committee assignments.

- **Events** – The next meeting has been tentatively scheduled for Thursday, April 15th. Commissioner Taylor will set up a Zoom link.

New Business

Commissioner DeWitt announced that Equal Pay Day is March 24th. She also discussed a handout with information about pay wages for women in Florida. She mentioned that important legislation was proposed during this legislative Session in Tallahassee and asked whether the Commission thought that women were pursuing careers that paid well.

Commissioner Grant discussed development options and resources available to help women advance their careers. She suggested hosting a career day for girls.

Commissioner Grant announced that she is hosting a ribbon cutting on April 23rd for her dress shop. She will send details to Nicole Spradley and Liaison Florio to distribute to the Commission.

Commissioner Taylor announced that Hubbard House is hosting a Stand up and Stride walk on March 27th.

Unfinished Business

None

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 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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