

**WAYNE COUNTY
WOMEN'S COMMISSION**

March 10, 2022

B – Minutes from the February 10, 2022 meeting

Minutes

Wayne County Women's Commission Meeting

Thursday, February 10, 2022 – 12:00 p.m.
Meeting on Zoom.us

A. Roll Call – 12:01 p.m.

Carmen J. Carter (C)	– Present
Sarah Roberts (VC)	– Present
Yvonne Cash	– Present
Soummer Crawford	– Present
Melissa Daub	– Present
Cynthia Douglas	– Present
Rian English-Barnhill	– Absent
Cindy Garcia	– Absent
Latanya Gater	– Present
Eboney Hughes	– Present
Kathryn Joyner	– Present
Chelsea Lantto	– Present
Maali Luqman	– EDS 12:17 p.m.
Regina Randall, Ph.D.	– Present
Lynda Scheel	– Present
Mary Starr, Ph.D.	– Present
Tina Talley	– Present
Carla Tinsley-Smith	– Absent
Angela Winton	– EDS 12:14 p.m.

Also in attendance was Wayne County Commission Chair Alisha Bell.

B. Talley/Daub **Approved.** January 13, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

C. Chair's Remarks

Chairperson Carter encouraged the members to have more energy.

D. Remarks from Wayne County Commission Chair Alisha Bell

Commission Chair Bell thanked everyone for their great work and encouraged the members to reach out to her if they need anything.

E. Unfinished Business

F. New Business

1. Update from the Committee to Facilitate a Strategic Planning Process by Committee Chair Roberts and Vice-Chair Tinsley-Smith

Committee Chair Roberts said that the committee was not able to meet that month. She said the committee would have an update at the next meeting.

2. Updates from COVID-19 Recovery Response Committees:

- a. Economic and Housing Committee – Committee Chair Hughes and Vice-Chair Crawford
- b. Education and Childcare Committee – Committee Chair Randall and Vice-Chair Scheel
- c. Mental Health Committee – Committee Chair Gater and Vice-Chair Garcia
- d. Physical Health Committee – Committee Chair Joyner and Vice-Chair Tinsley-Smith

For the Economic and Housing Committee, Committee Chair Hughes said they have yet to meet as a group and she is hoping to have a presentation ready for the March meeting.

Discussion among members about the list of members on each committee.

For the Education and Childcare Committee, Committee Chair Randall gave an update for what each member is focusing on.

For the Mental Health Committee, Committee Chair Gater presented the idea of holding a Mental Health Summit to discuss the impact of COVID-19 on the mental health of women in Wayne County.

Discussion among members with Commission Chair Bell about the proposed summit.

Gater/Roberts

Motion: To accept the information as presented and move forward with the Wayne County Women's Commission Mental Health Summit to be hosted on March 31, 2022 at 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. via Zoom.us. Motion passed.

For the Physical Health Committee, Committee Chair Joyner announced that they are meeting regularly and look forward to having more to present at the next meeting.

3. An update from Commissioner Daub on the recommendation to the Wayne County Commission to adopt a resolution that encourages the Michigan Legislature to pass sexual assault legislation

Member Daub announced that the resolution was brought before the Wayne County Commission and was passed by a unanimous vote. She also announced that she is planning on bringing the resolution before the Michigan Association of Counties to encourage other counties in the state to support the passing of sexual assault legislation by the Michigan Legislature.

Discussion among members about encouraging local officials to pass similar resolutions in their communities.

- G. Such other matters as may be properly submitted before the Commission

Discussion among members with Commission Chair Bell about the process of the Wayne County Women's Commission publicly commenting on topical issues.

Member Gater invited everyone to the Dearborn Heights Community and Cultural Relations Commission Women's Leadership and Community Service Awards. Discussion among members about how to get involved.

Member Douglas invited everyone to an event hosted by the Grosse Pointe & Harper Woods NAACP Branch, at which Dr. Ibram Kendi will be reading a speech by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Member Joyner shared two poems – one about sexual assault and another in honor of Black History Month.

Commission Chair Bell invited members to the February 17, 2022 Wayne County Commission meeting. Discussion among members with Commission Chair Bell and Gagneet Khangura about adding Women's Commission members to the Wayne County Commission email distribution list.

Members Crawford announced that she is planning on holding another meet-and-greet event. Discussion among members about a convenient date for a meet-up.

- H. Public Comments

Public comment offered by Chi-Chi Obianwu.

I. Adjournment

Daub/Douglas

Adjournment at 1:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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