

**WAYNE COUNTY
WOMEN'S COMMISSION**

February 10, 2022

B – Minutes from the January 13, 2022 meeting

Minutes

Wayne County Women's Commission Meeting

Thursday, January 13, 2022 – 12:00 p.m.

Meeting on Zoom.us

A. Roll Call – 12:03 p.m.

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

Also in attendance was Wayne County Commission Chair Alisha Bell.

B. Daub/Gater **Approved.** December 17, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

C. Chair's Remarks

Chairperson Carter thanked Commission Chair Bell for attending the meeting.

D. Remarks from Wayne County Commission Chair Alisha Bell

Commission Chair Bell wished everyone a Happy New Year and thanked the members who were able to attend the December 2021 meeting in person.

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 gave an update on the process for selecting a facilitator, which included surveying the Women's Commission members for input, working on defining the scope of service needed by a potential facilitator and planning to meet with Wayne County Commission Counsel Felicia Johnson to better understand what is needed from this process.

2. Discussion on COVID-19 Recovery Response

Chair Carter thanked everyone for their interest in the four COVID-19 Recovery Response Committees and opened the floor for anyone who wanted to speak about their specific committee.

Member Randall highlighted the members of the Education and Childcare Committee and said their first meeting would take place next week.

Commission Chair Bell said she looks forward to hearing presentations from the individual committees.

3. Update on the Red Wings Meet & Greet by Member English-Barnhill

Member Cash provided the update on behalf of Member English-Barnhill. She noted that the game had yet to be rescheduled and that Member English-Barnhill would likely reach out to the members with any updates.

4. Announcement from Mental Health Committee Chair Gater

Presentation by Committee Chair Gater on what the Mental Health Committee plans to focus on in relation to COVID-19 Recovery.

Committee Chair Gater went over the various ways in which the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted mental health outcomes for women in Wayne County and provided members with a list of mental health resources and support groups that could be shared within their communities.

Discussion among members with Commission Chair Bell about how to move the work of the Mental Health Committee forward and how to get the Wayne County Commission involved.

5. Recommendation to the Wayne County Commission to adopt a resolution that encourages the Michigan Legislature to pass sexual assault legislation

Member Daub presented a draft resolution she wrote as a Wayne County Commissioner that encourages the Michigan Legislature to pass a package of sexual assault legislation that had not received a hearing. Member Daub asked for a vote in support of this resolution from the Women's Commission prior to bringing it before the Wayne County Commission for a vote.

Discussion among members about strengthening the language in the resolution and utilizing the press to bring more attention to this issue.

Daub/Douglas

Motion: To recommend that the Wayne County Commission approve the resolution to encourage the Michigan Legislature to pass sexual assault legislation. Motion passes.

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

Chair Carter noted that Member Joyner wanted to read a poem for the body. Member Joyner said that she would prefer to save it for the next meeting.

- H. Public Comments

- I. Adjournment

Daub/Scheel

Adjournment at 12:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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