

# Minutes

## Wayne County Women's Commission Meeting

Thursday, May 13, 2021 – 12:00 p.m.

Meeting on Zoom.us

### A. Roll Call – 12:02 p.m.

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

Wayne County Commission Chair Alisha Bell, Wayne County Commissioner Monique Baker McCormick and Wayne County Commissioner Terry Marecki were also in attendance.

### B. Unfinished Business

### C. New Business

#### 1. Member introductions

Each member of the Wayne County Women's Commission said their name, their appointing Commissioner and a fun fact about themselves.

Chair Bell introduced herself and went over the basic duties and responsibilities of the Wayne County Women's Commission.

## 2. Discussion on electing Women's Commission Officers

Member Daub, who is a Wayne County Commissioner, briefly went over the roles of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. Discussion among members with Chair Bell about Commission staff providing additional support.

Discussion among members with Commission Counsel Felicia Johnson about the legal requirements of a public body.

Member Roberts requested a written description of the duties of Chair and Vice Chair. She also proposed that members interested in becoming Chair or Vice Chair send an interest statement to Commission staff in two weeks and suggested that the Women's Commission could meet again in a month to vote.

## 3. Discussion on a meeting schedule

Member Daub asked if everyone was OK with Member Roberts' suggestion that the Women's Commission meet in a month in order to vote on a Chair and Vice Chair and then shift to a schedule that is more appropriate with the work that needs to be done. Member Randall and Member Scheel voiced their support.

Roberts/Cash

**Approved.** Motion to set a deadline of May 27, 2021 for members to submit written interest for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair and to schedule the next meeting for June 10, 2021 at 12 p.m. for the purposes of an election and other organizational matters to bring before the Women's Commission. Motion carried.

## 4. Discussion on issues to be highlighted by the Women's Commission

Members took turns raising issues that they feel should be addressed by the Women's Commission. Issues included: COVID-19's impact on women in the workplace, period poverty, access to childcare, access to mental health services, support for women-owned businesses, access to affordable housing, wage disparities, domestic violence, violence against the Asian American and Pacific Islander community, access to food, maternal mortality rates and reproductive rights.

Members Roberts and Starr spoke about potentially leveraging federal relief funding to address some of these issues. Member Lantto said she

wants to use an intersectional approach while examining the additional burden placed on women.

Discussion among members about creating a Women's Commission directory.

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

E. Public Comments

F. Adjournment

Roberts/Douglas

Adjournment at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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