

**WAYNE COUNTY
WOMEN'S COMMISSION**

September 9, 2021

B – Minutes from the August 12, 2021 meeting

Minutes

Wayne County Women's Commission Meeting

Thursday, August 12, 2021 – 12:00 p.m.
Meeting on Zoom.us

A. Roll Call – 12:08 p.m.

Carmen J. Carter (C)	– Present
Sarah Roberts (VC)	– Present
Yvonne Cash	– Present
Soummer Crawford	– Present
Melissa Daub	– Excused
Cynthia Douglas	– Present
Rian English-Barnhill	– Excused
Cindy Garcia	– Absent
Latanya Gater	– Present
Eboney Hughes	– Absent
Kathryn Joyner	– EDS 12:22 p.m.
Chelsea Lantto	– Present
Maali Luqman	– Excused
Regina Randall, Ph.D.	– EDS 12:10 p.m.
Lynda Scheel	– Present
Mary Starr, Ph.D.	– Present
Tina Talley	– EDS 12:23 p.m.
Carla Tinsley-Smith	– Absent
Angela Winton	– Present

Wayne County Commission Chair Alisha Bell was also in attendance.

The Commission moved to item C.

C. Chair's Remarks

Chairperson Carter welcomed Wayne County Commission Chair Alisha Bell. Commission Chair Bell spoke to the Women's Commission about the resources available to them. Commission Chair Bell also noted that the Wayne County Commission would be voting on changes to the ordinance to allow the Women's Commission to continue remote meetings.

The Commission returned to item B.

B. Scheel/Gater

Approved. July 8, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

D. Unfinished Business

1. Member biographies – extension to August 19, 2021

Chairperson Carter spoke about the importance of members submitting their biographies in order to place them in a committee that fits their interests and skills.

Discussion between Member Randall and Gagneet Khangura about which biographies have been received.

E. New Business

1. Discussion on the Women's Commission structure and organization

Chairperson Carter and Vice Chairperson Roberts spoke about the decision to create two new ad hoc committees to help move the Wayne County Women's Commission forward in its goal of aiding the recovery of women after the COVID-19 pandemic.

2. Ad hoc Committees:

- a. Mission, Vision and Core Values Committee
- b. Committee to develop a Request for Proposal (RFP) for facilitating Wayne County Women's Commission Strategic Plan

Chairperson Carter read off the names of the members to be appointed to the ad hoc committees.

For the Mission, Vision and Core Values Committee, Member Luqman was appointed as Chair and Member Randall was appointed as Vice-Chair. Members Gater, Talley and Scheel were also appointed to the committee.

For the Committee to develop a Request for Proposal (RFP) for facilitating Wayne County Women's Commission Strategic Plan, Vice-Chairperson Roberts was appointed as Chair and Member Tinsley-Smith was appointed as Vice-Chair. Members Lantto, Hughes and Winton were also appointed to the committee.

Discussion among members with Commissioner Counsel Felicia Johnson about voting to create the ad hoc committees and changing the name of the Committee to develop a Request for Proposal (RFP) for facilitating Wayne County Women's Commission Strategic Plan.

Douglas/Scheel

Motion: To create the Mission, Vision and Core Values Committee. Motion carried.

Scheel/Roberts

Motion: To create the Committee to Facilitate a Strategic Planning Process. Motion carried.

Member Douglas left the meeting at 12:47 p.m. Member Winton left the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

3. Discussion on asking Wayne County departments/elected officials' offices working on COVID-19 matters to present to the Women's Commission

Chairperson Carter requested members to submit ideas for Wayne County departments and elected officials that could present before the Women's Commission.

Discussion among members and Commission Chair Alisha Bell about which Wayne County officials would be able to come to future meetings and speak about the COVID-19 pandemic.

4. Submit ideas on organizations working on COVID-19 matters to potentially present to the Women's Commission

Vice-Chairperson Roberts announced that she is going to invite some members of the Michigan's Women's Commission to the next meeting to speak about their work.

Discussion among members with Commission Chair Alisha Bell about next steps with potential committees to address the COVID-19 pandemic.

Member Gater left the meeting at 1:10 p.m.

5. Discussion on having an in-person meeting in the fall

Chairperson Carter suggested to skip this item since Commission Chair Alisha Bell already indicated that the Women's Commission would be able to continue meeting virtually.

- E. Such other matters as may be properly submitted before the Board
- F. Public Comments
- G. Adjournment

Scheel/Crawford

Adjournment at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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