

Commission on the Status of Women Meeting

Memorandum for Thursday, May 7th, 2026 at 5:30pm

This meeting was held in the Hooker Conference Room (Suite 245, City Hall, 401 N. Morton St).

The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:33pm.

Commission members present in person: Landry Culp, Patty Moon, Hannah Chudleigh, Nicole Bennett

Commission members present over Zoom: None

Commission members absent: Shayla George, Carrie Stillions, Cee-Cee Swalling

City staff and elected officials present: Marissa Parr-Scott

Were members of the public present: Dr. Elly Cohen

Roll Call

Quorum established

Approval of Agenda and Approval of Memoranda/Minutes

April minutes approved, unanimous

3. Reports (if any)

A. City Liaison

- a. Conflict of Interest form
- b. Commission vacancies
- c. Accessibility deadline update

B. BCSW Sub-Committees

a. Communication

- i. Comms team will meet to come up with a communication plan for Women's Market
- ii. List-serv email draft

b. Legislation

i. Guest Speaker - Dr. Elly Cohen

- 1. Dr. Cohen shared information regarding an abortion lawsuit that was brought against the State based on religious discrimination
 - a. Arguing that women should have a right to an abortion if based on a "sincerely held religious belief"
 - b. Lawsuit became class action

- c. Indiana has appealed to the Supreme Court, oral arguments to be heard September 10th
- d. Dr. Cohen will send us resources to share with our listserv

- c. Community Partnerships

- i. None

- C. Individual Members

- D. Public Comment

4. Old Business

- A. Annual Report to City Council - RESCHEDULED Wednesday, June 3rd

5. New Business

- 1. Monroe County Childhood Conditions Summit
 - a. Theme is "Shaping What Surrounds Us"
 - i. Summit proposal based on YWLS feedback
 - b. Commissioner Feedback
 - i. Motion to nominate Shayla George to submit a proposal to MC3 Summit representing the BCSW
 - ii. Motion approved, unanimous

6. Adjournment

6:35pm