

**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING OF
THE COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN**

**THURSDAY, January 5th, 2023, 5:30 P.M.
Hooker Conference Room and via Zoom**

MINUTES

BCSW Goals:

- Identify the needs of, resources for, and services available to women in order to improve opportunities for women in Bloomington.
- To stimulate and encourage legislation for the development of services that benefit women.
- To educate ourselves on federal, state and local issues as they relate to women and identify participation efforts to assure women's equity. Strategy will include issuing publications, materials, and research findings and educational opportunities for our community.
- To maintain a close liaison with other women's commissions and advocacy groups.

Present: Ashley Hazelrig, Hannah Chudleigh (virtual), A'ame Joslin (virtual)

NO QUORUM

Call to Order
5:34PM

Request for Additional Agenda Items

Hannah would like to add National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative

For the Good of the Cause

Approval of Minutes – November 2022

No quorum, will approve in February

New Business

- Brainstorm WHM speaker ideas
 - Need to have speaker confirmed by end of January
 - Discussed possibility of a storyteller panel, different women telling stories
 - Logistics of getting this panel together with only 2 months could be difficult
 - Could potentially reach out to the journalism school
 - A'ame suggested adding Alelia Banks and Tenita Chantilly Johnson
 - Hannah will email me some suggestions
 - I will reach out to Manon Voice
- Expiring commission appointments
 - Shruti Rana Expires 1/31/23 – unknown if going to apply for re-appointment
 - Landry Culp Expires 1/31/23 – seeking reappointment
 - Hannah Chudleigh Expires 1/31/23 - seeking reappointment
- Public bathroom discussion
 - There is a need for a public 24 hour bathroom
 - Could benefit unhoused women, women with children, low income folks, promotes period equity through access to menstrual hygiene and potentially create employment for the individuals who monitor the restroom
 - Potential partnership with Parks and Rec
 - Will discuss further in Febraury
- Capstone recommendation re: Gender Equity commission
 - Marissa will talk to BCA re: the process to form a new commission

- National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative
 - Indiana has an extremely high backlog of untested rape kits
 - Hannah will do some more research on the initiative to determine if it is something the BCSW could get involved in

Old Business

- WHM Planning Committee
 - Updates
 - Monroe County Convention Center contract
 - Postcards vs invitations
- Women's Achievement Awards Selection Committee
 - Need more nominations!!
 - Only 2 so far
 - Marissa will reach out to former winners for nominations
 - Marissa suggests pushing back nomination deadline
 - Ashley will reach out to Women in Leadership

Reports from Commissioners

- Monroe County Women's Commission Liaison
- High School Liaisons

Public Input

Adjournment