

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

**THURSDAY, February 2nd, 2023, 5:30 P.M.  
Hooker Conference Room and via Zoom**

**MINUTES**

**Present: Landry Culp, Nicole Bennett, Ashley Hazelrig, Nana Amoah-Ramey, A'ame Joslin, Hannah Chudleigh, Debby Herbenick (Virtual)**

**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.

**Call to Order**

**5:39PM**

**Request for Additional Agenda Items**

**None**

**For the Good of the Cause**

**None**

**Approval of Minutes – November 2022, December 2022 (no official minutes for January 2023)**

**November 2022 – approved**

**December 2022 – approved**

**New Business**

- Selection of new co-chair
  - Ashley Hazelrig is stepping down from her position as co-chair
  - Commission discussed the benefits of having co-chairs versus one chair, and what co-chair responsibilities are
  - Commissioners request another month to think on it and decided who, if anyone, who like to step up as co-chair. We will put this back on the agenda for March, and discuss via email
- Attendance Policy compliance discussion
  - Marissa will get clarification from the Legal department regarding absences versus virtual attendance, and will report back at next meeting in March
  - Group discussed possibly changing the day/time of monthly Commission meetings to potentially help bolster attendance. Marissa will send a doodle poll.
  - Marissa will create a new attendance sheet for 2023. Commissioners should mark themselves as In-Person, Virtual or Absent at least 1 week prior to the meeting. This will help us determine if we will make quorum.

**Old Business**

- WHM Planning Committee
  - Updates
    - Press release announcing event, tickets, theme and keynote speaker to go out 2/3
    - Tickets go on sale February 3rd
  - Volunteers needed for day of luncheon

- Will need at least 8
    - Marissa will make a sign-up sheet
  - Women's Achievement Awards Selection Committee
    - Winner announcements
      - Women's Achievement Award winners are:
        - Jennifer Crossley – Woman of the Year
        - Jennie Vaughan – Toby Strout Lifetime Contribution
        - Keyandra Whiteside – Emerging Leader
  - Public bathroom discussion
    - At least public bathroom in Bloomington should be open 24/7
    - Is a benefit to women/children, as well as a hygiene, safety and public health issue to NOT have one
    - Women experiencing homelessness have nowhere after hours to safely go to the restroom or take care of menstrual hygiene issues.
      - Commission is going to draft a letter to Parks and Recreation Department, A'ame will get it started.
      - Group discussed engaging the County Women's Commission on this issue as well
  - Capstone recommendation re: Gender Equity commission
    - Commission will put this back on the agenda later in the spring/summer when we have more time to delve deeper into the formation of a new commission

#### Reports from Commissioners

- Monroe County Women's Commission Liaison
- High School Liaisons
  - Delaney was out sick

#### Public Input

#### Adjournment

6:40pm

#### Add to March agenda:

- MCCSC Racial Equity Policy
- Nonconsensual Pelvic Exams During Medical Procedures