

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

**THURSDAY, March 6th, 2024, 5:30 P.M.
Hooker Conference Room and via Zoom**

MINUTES

Present: Shay George, Ashley Hazelrig, Hannah Chudleigh, Carrie Stillions, Nicole Bennett, Patty Moon, Landry Culp, Stephanie Samaras (virtual), Taylor Brown (BCSW Attorney), Christine Chang (Guest), Marissa Parr-Scott

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

Quorum established

Request for Additional Agenda Items

For the Good of the Cause

Approval of Minutes – February

Approved

Liaison Report

- Commissioner Update
 - 1 vacant Council appointment
- WHM Luncheon
 - Women's Achievement Awards
 - Winners
 - Woman of the Year – Danielle Benedek
 - Emerging Leader – Amy Oelsner
 - Young Woman of the Year – Jael Davis
 - Run-of-Show
 - Need someone for Land and Labor Acknowledgment, Emerging Leader Intro, “Sponsor Thanks” and “Closing Remarks”
 - **Stephanie, Hannah, Carrie**
 - Check-in table volunteers
 - **Landry, Hannah,**

Subcommittee Updates

- Communication – Hannah
 - See legislature
- Legislature – Nicole
 - Taylor Brown, Guest, BCSW Attorney – Review of opposition/support letters

- **Oppose SB289**
 - Content approved by Taylor
 - Marissa to send to OOTM for approval
 - Request to post letter to Facebook w/links to the members of the Judiciary Committee
 - Request to send letter directly from BCSW to the Judiciary Committee
 - If approved, Marissa to send letter to each Judiciary Committee
- **Support SB191**
 - Content approved by Taylor
 - Marissa to send to OOTM for approval
 - SB191 did not make it out of committee, so BCSW will only request to send thank you letter to Senator Keisha Jackson and Senator Lonnie Randolph
 - Nic will draft thank you letter and send
- **Support SB245**
 - Content approved by Taylor
 - Marissa to send to OOTM for approval
 - SB245 did not make it out of committee, so BCSW will only request to send thank you letter to Senator Shelli Yoder
 - Nic will draft thank you letter and send
- **Oppose SB245**
 - SB245 did not make it out of committee
 - No action taken
- Community Partnerships - Ashley

Old Business

- 2024 Annual Report
- Women/Minority Owned Business Directory
 - No current update

Reports from Commissioners

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

Public Input

Adjournment