

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

**THURSDAY, April 3rd, 2024, 5:30 P.M.
Hooker Conference Room and via Zoom**

MINUTES

Present: Landry Culp, Stephanie Samaras, Shay George, Nicole Bennett, Patty Moon, Carrie Stillions (virtual), 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

5:27pm

Quorum

Request for Additional Agenda Items

Carrie will join Community Partnership sub-committee

For the Good of the Cause

Approval of Minutes – March

Approved

Liaison Report

- Commissioner Update
 - 1 vacant Council appointment
- WHM Luncheon
 - Feedback and wrap-up
 - Check-in process went well, would like to have it downstairs next year as well
 - Very positive response overall
 - Possible brunch for 2026?

Subcommittee Updates

- Communication – Hannah
 - Will create template for legislative letters
- Legislature – Nicole
 - “Oppose/Support Statement Process” discussion
 - **SB275**
 - **1st ACTION:** Hannah will craft the messaging and send to Marissa (including “Thank you” specifically to our rep: Shelli Yoder)
 - ~~2nd ACTION: Marissa will get approval (via Desiree) then post on social media with statement & email addresses of the committee members re: “reach out and contact” call to action~~

- **3rd ACTION:** Nic will send to the bill's sponsor (Sen. Shelli Yoder, Sen. Andrea Hunley, Sen. Rodney Pol)
 - **SB191**
 - https://docs.google.com/document/d/1KR1U8UBtiHYAj76IE4k8YQ_xlm8eUWe8KWpUVQUjwOU/edit?tab=t.0
- ~~1st ACTION: Marissa will get approval (via Desiree) then post on social media with statement & email addresses of the committee members re: "reach out and contact" call to action~~
- **2nd ACTION:** Nic will send to the bill's sponsor (Sen. La Keisha Jackson, Sen. Lonnie Randolph)
 - **SB289** -
 - In the house w/ Judiciary Committee member
 - ~~1st ACTION: Marissa will get approval (via Desiree) then post on social media with statement & email addresses of the committee members (Nic emailed Marissa names) re: "reach out and contact" call to action~~ - https://docs.google.com/document/d/1u5- y_Ge09L9FRop3PyZSQEiArqq-4033o1zKMFaobc/edit?tab=t.0
 - **2nd ACTION:** Nic will send to the committee members and CC: BCSW - NOTE - **add in** each committee members name at the top: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vniaa0KIUkZyxXn92a4TWbY_nljch72Jwlqi76tZ8oM/edit?tab=t.0
- **SB245 - NO ACTION**
 - Motion to allow SB289 letter to be sent to appropriate parties
 - Unanimous approval

- Community Partnerships – Ashley
 - Women's Fund of Central Indiana

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

6:23pm