

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

THURSDAY, October 2nd, 2025, 5:30 P.M.

Hooker Conference Room and via Zoom

Zoom Link: <https://bloomington.zoom.us/j/89357839923?pwd=d4istkYT6CWqvTWebtrKbaJNXtkJh.1>

MINUTES

Present: Landry Culp, Shay George, Nicole Bennett, Bella Bennett, Cee-Cee Swalling, Stephanie Samaras, Patty Moon, Carrie Stillions, Hannah Chudleigh, Danielle Willis (guest)

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

5:30 QUORUM

Request for Additional Agenda Items

For the Good of the Cause

Approval of Minutes – September

Approved

Liaison Report

- 2026 Women's History Month Theme: "Leading the Change: Women Shaping a Sustainable Future"
- Nametags
 - If you have a Commissioner nametag, please return to Marissa ASAP

Subcommittee Updates

- Communication – Hannah
- Legislature – Nicole
 - Discussed the process of sending the redistricting opposition letter to Governor Holcomb
 - Good experience, process worked smoothly
 - Subcommittee will be brainstorming ideas of how to get more women involved in the 2026 legislation season
- Community Partnerships - Ashley

New Business

- 2026 WHM Luncheon
 - Wednesday, March 25th, 2026
 - Potential 2026 WHM Luncheon Speakers
 - <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/15eyTU9JWdm5SUQjn0mETDtfkpg-VOb-xXap6ESr2mwU/edit?usp=sharing>
 - Commissioners to begin compiling names of potential luncheon speakers
 - Deadline for speaker selection should ideally be late December-early January

Old Business

- 2025 Young Women's Leadership – Thursday, November 20th
 - “*UNSTOPPABLE: Rising UP & Dreaming BIG*”
 - Volunteers needed to help serve lunch from 11:30am – 1:00pm
 - Stephanie Samaras, Carrie Stillions, Cee-Cee Swalling

Reports from Commissioners

- Monroe County Women's Commission Liaison
- High School Liaisons
 - Bella Bennett
 - Welcome to Bella Bennett!
 - Bella is a 14 year old freshman at BHSN
 - Discussed period equity in schools
 - MCCSC and Edgewood
 - Link Bella to Girls Inc

Public Input

Adjournment

Commission on the Status of Women Members

- Nicole Bennett (Mayoral Appointment): Term Expires 1/31/26
- Hannah Chudleigh (Mayoral Appointment): Term Expires 1/31/27
- Landry Culp (Chair, Council Appointment): Term Expires 1/31/27
- Shayla George (Council Appointment): Term Expires 1/31/26
- Ashley Hazelrig (Mayoral Appointment): Term Expires 1/31/26
- Patty Moon (Council Appointment): Term Expires 1/31/26
- Stephanie Samaras (Mayoral Appointment): Term Expires 1/31/26
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