

# Montgomery County Commission for Women

Thursday, September 10, 2020  
7:00 P.M. ---On-line meeting via Zoom

## MINUTES

<u>Attending</u>	<u>Not Attending</u>	<u>Guests</u>
Nicole Drew - President Donna Rojas - 1st Vice President Diana Rubin - 2nd Vice President Tiffany Boiman - Recording Secretary Tazeen Ahmad Isabel Argoti Mona-Lee Belizaire Tonia Bui Ijeoma Enendu Patti Maclay Angela Whitehead Quigley Diana Rubin Tricia Swanson Meredith Weisel <u>Staff</u> Jodi Finkelstein	Mona-Lee Belizaire	

### I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

**Commissioner Drew**

- Commissioner Whitehead Quigley moved to approve the agenda and minutes; Commissioner Ahmad seconded.

### III. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

**Commissioner Drew**

- a. Listening Tour Update: end of September/beginning of October are the proposed dates
- b. Onboarding Update: interviews have been completed; CFW has one endorsed and one independent position open after renewals; we are waiting to hear back from County Executive on recommendations

### IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

**Executive Director Finkelstein**

- a. Roselene Allen, MSW student at the University of Maryland School of Social Work begins her internship this fall: she will be sending an introduction this week and a request to set up individual meetings because this is being conducted remotely.  
Both Vienna and Claire, CFW's high school interns, are willing to help out on an ad hoc basis; Executive Director Finkelstein is looking to spring for a resumed high school intern program.
- b. Annual Report Reminder: Summaries are due by the October meeting.

- c. Executive Director Finkelstein will send a doodle poll regarding a 90-minute separate evening session to discuss any concerns prior to the onboarding of new commissioners.

**V. COMMITTEE REPORTS (Committees in BOLD to provide updates—limit updates to 1 min)**

- a. **Policy and Legislation** **Commissioners Rubin/Boiman**
- The committee will meet this coming Monday to start planning lobby day and the upcoming legislative session
- b. **Program Planning** **Commissioner Enendu**
- Per Commissioner Enendu, the committee is still in the process of planning programming for the upcoming year.
- c. **Budget** **(Chair needed)**
- President Drew moves that we approve the transfer of \$2000 in sponsorship funds from EYA to the scholarship fund, which is routed to the Montgomery College Foundation. With no objections, the motion carried.
- d. **Research and Evaluation** **(Chair needed)**
- President Drew explained that no research meeting has taken place.
- e. **Emerging Leaders** **Commissioners Belizaire/Weisel**
- Commissioner Weisel indicated the committee had no updates to report and that the Girl Power contest was very successful despite pandemic challenges.
  - Per Executive Director Finkelstein, appreciation swag bags have been sent to the winners.
- f. **Public Relations (Logo)** **Commissioner Argoti**
- Commissioner Argoti explained that the committee met last week.
  - Commissioners have requested some tweaks to the top three logo entries, which will be registered with the winning submission.
  - The Committee is monitoring the calendar for important dates and events to amplify.
- g. **WLB** **Commissioners Rojas/Swanson**
- Per Commissioner Rojas, Commissioner Swanson will join her as the second co-chair
  - The 2021 WLB will be virtual.

**VI. LIAISON REPORTS (LIAISONS in BOLD to provide updates—limit updates to 1 min)**

- a. **MLAW** **Commissioner Rubin**
- MLAW has whittled it down to 2 vendors to do the virtual conference and are discussing the theme and will share vendors for WLB consideration
- b. **HTPC/DV** **Commissioners Rojas/Drew**
- Commissioner Rojas reported that there are no new reports from trafficking.
  - President Drew reported that there will be an IG takeover week of October 5-9 for DV awareness month, with different themes for each day of that week. October will feature a webinar on DC awareness and prevention. They're looking for no-cost sponsors who will just help to promote the event. Legislative possibilities will be passed to PALS.
  - President Drew moved that CFW support the DV webinar as a sponsor. There were no objections, and the motion carried.
  - Per Executive Director Finkelstein, the county is also doing a proclamation for DV awareness month and she is working to get a joint proclamation.
- c. **Maryland Commission for Women** **Executive Director Finkelstein**
- Commissioners Maclay and Ahmad were selected as part of the Sheroes initiative, and the event is available online.
  - Commissioner Drew and Commissioner Ahmad lauded the work of Maclay and Bui in putting on an excellent Suffrage 2020 event.
  - The program is airing on Montgomery College TV as educational programming throughout the month of September. Commissioner Bui reported that the program has had 400 views thus far.
- d. **Choose Respect (Respectfest)** **Commissioner Whitehead Quigley**

**VII. AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS (Committees in BOLD to provide updates---limit to 1 min)**

- a. **CFW Scholarship** **Commissioners Maclay/Argoti**
- Commissioner Maclay reported that \$2000 is going to the scholarship fund as a result of S2020 event fundraising.
- b. **Social Committee** **Commissioner Rojas**
- The Montgomery County 11k fundraising virtual walk for DV was recommended as a shared event in some form; Executive Director Finkelstein will send a sign up, and commissioners can coordinate about how to share the experience..
- c. **S2020 (Wrap Up)** **Commissioners Bui/Maclay**
- d. **By-Laws** **Commissioner Drew**
- Per Commissioner Drew, the committee has not met, but has received other information from the county that has to be reviewed to inform the process

**VIII. STRATEGIC PLANNING PRIORITIES DISCUSSION**

**Commissioner Enendu/  
Executive Director Finkelstein**

- Commissioner Enendu initiated the strategic planning discussion by asking the group to consider: “What is the one thing you’d like to see the Commission accomplish in the next year?”
- This session will address safety and security and economic empowerment planning; and will address women in leadership and health planning next week
- The commissioners were subdivided into groups, and each group discussed the following questions:
  - What does The Commission do well?
  - Where can we improve?
  - What would we like to see the Commission do?
  - How do we get to where we want to be?
  - What are our risks?
  - What would stand in our way?
  - How do we measure our success?
  - What is the most important priority moving forward?
- See Attachment #1 for detailed notes from each break-out discussion.

**Other Business: October 2nd women’s ABA event: Commissioner Whitehead Quigley will circulate a flyer to distribute to our networks.**

**IX. ADJOURN**

- The meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm.