

**Commission for Women
General Meeting Minutes / Virtual
September 14, 2023 / 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**



“You can start late, look different, be uncertain, and still succeed.”

Misty Copeland

Attendees

Arlinda Clark, Chair
Isabel Argoti Vice Chair
Lindsey Turnbull, 2nd Vice Chair

Jodi Danis Ijeoma Enendu Kathy Estrada LaDonna King Tonja Paylor
Betty Romero Liz Richards Tondalayo Royster Helene Meister

CFW Team Members

Jodi Finkelstein, Executive Director

Absent

Kimberly Mouzon
Janet LaValle

Ms. Christine Smith- Resident of the County

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

CFWCHAIR@GMAIL.COM – New email address for Chair; stays with the position;
everything for the Chair should go to this new email address

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS / CHAIR CLARK

Welcome and introductions – Guest Ms. Christine Smith, County Resident

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA / CHAIR CLARK

- Approval of September 14, 2023 meeting agenda
Recommendation to change the following:

Item #9: Old Business: Strategic Meeting Wrap Up discussion (20 min)

Commissioners adopted the agenda as corrected

- Approval of August 10, 2023 Meeting Minutes
Corrections to the minutes:

Item 5: Discussion: Nominations were made from the floor

Minutes not approved at this time pending discussion regarding elections

3. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT / CHAIR CLARK

- Elections Concerns
 - o One person did not get on the ballot
 - o Lessons Learned
 - Make sure there are at least 3 persons on the Nominating Committee
 - SOP will come into play here
 - Work together for checks and balances
 - Alert Chair and Secretary if you have a concern after the election
 - SOP for nomination
 - Discussed how members can nominate themselves from the floor
 - o Discussion of last month's election
- Programming Contracts
 - o 1 person on contract at/near allotment for MOCO; Committee is review
 - o Safety Summit
 - o AAUW Kensington – Carmen represented
 - o Filipino Delegation, 5 OCT 23 – need representative still

4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT / JODI FINKELSTEIN

- Interview several intern applicants
 - o 2-4 should start next week, paid
- MOCO Budget Forum currently occurring

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy and Legislation / Co-Chairs, Commissioners Royster and Meister

- Met with Executive Director to discuss direction
- Kickoff meeting on 27 SEP at 7pm; meet on first Wednesday of the month
- Lobby Day

Program Planning / Chair, Commissioner Enendu

- Most of programming posted; need protectors for fall seminars, tabling events
- Pop-Up with MOCO Women: Virtual Career Fair for Her

- Focus on high schoolers and nontraditional careers/roles
- Date/Time TBD
- Looking for speakers (8-10 people)
- Women Making History Event (with MOCO Women)
 - Announcement out by OCT to start community
 - Selections by DEC
- Next Meeting: 25 SEP

Budget / Chair Clark

- No expenditures since the last meeting

Strategic Planning and Research Evaluation Committee/ Commissioner Romero

- Noted rules of procedure
- Great strategic planning session on Saturday, 9 SEP

Emerging Leaders / Vice Chair Argoti and 2nd Vice Chair Turnbull

- No report

Public Relations / Vice Chair Argoti

- No report

Women's Legislative Briefing / Vice Chair Argoti

- Ask out to Supreme Court Justice S
- Formalizing contract with USG, catering
- All Commissioners must purchase ticket, help day of (28 JAN 24)
- Considering child care during the event
 - Might raise prices by \$10 per a ticket

Standard Operating Procedures / Commissioner LaValle

-Each committee start to document processes

7. LIAISON REPORTS

MLAW / Commissioner Meister

- MLAW Conference 4 NOV, UMBC
 - Asking Lt Governor to speak
 - Agenda not available at this time
 - Focus on voting rights
- Want federal resolution on Equal Rights Amendment
 - Biden Administration to publish

- Congress to adopt
- Facing legal obstacles

Human Trafficking Prevention (HTP) / Commissioner Estrada

- No Report

Domestic Violence Coordinating Council (DVCC) / Commissioner Royster

- No Report

Maryland Commission for Women, Executive Director, Jodi Finkelstein

- No Report

Choose Respect / Commissioner Mouzon

- No Report

Community Health Initiative / Commissioner LaValle

- No Report

CFW Scholarship / Commissioner Argoti

- No report

8. AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORT(S)

By-Laws / Chair Clark

- By-Laws will be reviewed in November; form will be circulated ahead of time

9. OLD BUSINESS

- Strategic Planning Session (20 minutes)
 - EL: Resources for teen moms; Community babysitting
 - PALS: No report
 - Programming: Discussing ways to connect with community members not online

10. NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- NSTR

11. Meeting Adjourned

CFW In Person Meetings Scheduled:

October 12, 2023

March 14, 2024

June 13, 2024