**Montgomery County Commission for Women**

Thursday, February 11, 2021

7:00 P.M. ---On-line meeting via Zoom

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| **Attending** | **Not Attending** | **Guests** |
| Nicole Drew - President  Donna Rojas - 1st Vice President  Diana Rubin - 2nd Vice President  Tiffany Boiman - Recording Secretary  Tazeen Ahmad  Isabel Argoti  Tonia Bui  Arlinda Clark  Ijeoma Enendu  Patti Maclay  Angela Whitehead Quigley  Chai Shenoy  Tricia Swanson  Meredith Weisel  **Staff**  Jodi Finkelstein |  | Kathryn Lloyd  Tondalayo Royster  Kylie Bloise |

**AGENDA**

**I.         WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**  (Guests should introduce themselves)

* The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM.
* Introductions were made to guests.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA Commissioner Drew**

* President Drew indicated she will add an amendment to the agenda related to revisiting and revising the January minutes.
* Commissioner Weisel requested amending the agenda to include the attorney’s letter from February 3rd.
* Commissioner Enendu requested an amendment to the agenda to add discussion of removal of President Drew, per the parameters outlined in the February 3rd attorney’s letter.
* Commissioner Maclay moved to approve amended agenda; Commissioner Rojas seconded.
* For the January minutes, Commissioner Whitehead Quigley requested an edit to the WLB Emerging Leaders description, to strike the “both “phrase’ to read “will be led by a group including 3 student leaders and an adult.”
* Commissioner Clark noted that minutes should reflect actions and decisions taken, not just serve as a transcript of discussion; she moves to approve minutes at next meeting so they can be amended accordingly and re-circulated; specifically, Commissioner Clark “moves that we postpone approving the minutes until the next meeting and in the meantime submit all changes to the Secretary to ensure we have accurate minutes.” She further recommended that a red-lined copy should be circulated to all Commissioners for their review and approval.
* Commissioner Swanson recommended that the group should allocate material time at the next meeting to review and approve.
* President Drew echoed Commissioner Swanson’s suggestion and indicated she plans to offer additional corrections to the January minutes.
* Commissioner Weisel inquired about the sixth or seventh bullet in the January minutes: asking if entering the letter from the county attorney is permissible.
* Further discussion of the January minutes was relegated to a later point in the meeting.

**III.        EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT Commissioner Drew**

* Commissioner Drew announced her resignation from her position as President of the Commission.
* Commissioner Drew announced Commissioner Boiman’s resignation from the Commission and thanked her for her contributions and years of service.

**IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT Executive Director Finkelstein**

**V.        COMMITTEE REPORTS (Committees in BOLD to report out)**

a. **Policy and Legislation**  **Commissioners** **Rubin/Boiman**

* Members submitted testimony for House and Senate hearings on the identified priority bills.
* Commissioner Swanson noted that written testimony may be submitted after the fact to the committee or committee members.

b. **Program Planning** **Commissioner** **Enendu**

* Commissioner Enendu noted that the planned dates for the financial health seminars are March 2, 9, 16, and 23.
* The career series is being tweaked for the pandemic job market and generational differences in job search approaches; and the committee is updating promotional flyers to reflect the changes.

c. Budget Commissioner Ahmad

      d. Research and Evaluation **(Chair needed)**

e. **Emerging Leaders** **Commissioner** **Weisel**

* Per Commissioner Weisel, the Girl Power contest is coming up in March. The organizing question will be “What advice would you give to Vice President Harris?” It will run from March 1 to 30.

f. **Public Relations** **Commissioner Argoti**

* Per Commissioner Argoti, the logo has been released, and the committee will be revamping existing branding, including the tri-fold flyer and re-organizing the website. When promotional items become germane again, they will revisit adding the logo to future orders.
* Per Commissioner Rubin, the Commission might want to consider ordering masks instead of shirts for commissioners. Commissioners would be willing to purchase.
* Commissioner Swanson can suggest a woman-owned, service-disabled firm to produce.

g. **WLB**  **Commissioner** **Rojas/Swanson**

* Per Commissioner Rojas, the co-chairs received positive feedback for first virtual WLB; are working on summary video; had 576 registrants; and received $575 in scholarships. Eighty-one attendees completed evaluations, and the results were positive .
* She reminded commissioners to attribute their affiliations to the Commission when engaging during the proceedings.
* Per Commissioner Swanson, a lot of people asked for takeaways to summarize panelists’ information; a topical one-pager would be good.
* Per Commissioner Ahmad, attendees should receive instructions for a central repository to topical information. She also recommended that contracted hosts change their profile to WLB logo.
* Per Commissioner Whitehead Quigley, Emerging Leaders group added a link to a document in the chat for that session.

**VI.       LIAISON REPORTS (Committees in BOLD to report out)**

1. **MLAW**                                                                                     **Commissioner Rubin**

* Not much to report. MLAW is in the process of getting sign-ons to their legislative agenda. The legislative reception went well.

1. **HTPC**/DV                                                                                **Commissioners Rojas/**Drew

* The Victims Services subcommittee is scheduled to meet on February 17, 10:00-11:30 am. The next full meeting is March 17.
* Erin Andrew was voted in as Chair. Sgt. Dave Papilia delivered a presentation on an investigation where narcotics were used to coerce and control victims.
* The Commission received a proclamation for Human Trafficking Prevention month.

1. Maryland Commission for Women                                           Executive Director Finkelstein
2. **Choose Respect (Respectfest)** **Commissioner Whitehead Quigley**

* Commissioner Whitehead Quigley announced a week of activities each day for kids in grades six through 12 April 18 – 24, 2021 to commemorate dating safety awareness week. [Ask Angela to fill in any other desired details here]. During that week, they will also announce public service announcement awardees
* A question was raised about whether internet safety topics would be integrated

1. Community Health Needs Assessment Adv. Committee Commissioner Maclay

**VII. AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS (Committees in BOLD to report out)**

1. CFW Scholarship                                                                      **Commissioners Maclay/Argoti**

* Per Commissioner Maclay, they received $575 from WLB for scholarships for that event.
* In memory of Allison Henderson at Leadership Montgomery, their membership donated $3000 per year for the next two years as a memorial to her. Commissioner Maclay would like to do more to promote and publicize this contribution.

1. Social Committee                                                                     Commissioner Rojas
2. By-Laws Commissioner Drew

**VIII. Old Business**

* Commissioner Drew revisited the discussion of how to handle revision of the January minutes.
* Commissioner Whitehead Quigley seconded Commissioner Clark’s motion to amend the minutes for approval at next meeting. Commissioner Clark also recommended sending minutes out more than two days before the meeting to provide sufficient time for review.
* Commissioner Swanson made an amended motion to table the minutes to allow for additional comments to be made and addressed at the next meeting.
* Commissioner Whitehead Quigley seconded the motion; the motion carried. Commissioners Clark and Whitehead Quigley indicated they will submit changes.
* Commissioner Bui requested two and a half weeks to enter changes.
* Per Ms. Lloyd, the letter couldn’t be entered into last meeting’s minutes, but can be entered into minutes corresponding to the meeting in which it was formally discussed.

**IX. New Business/Announcements**

**X. Adjourn**

* The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm. The motion was made by Commissioner Maclay and seconded by Commissioner Boiman.

**Submitted as amended, March 22, 2021**

Patricia L. Maclay, MD

Montgomery County Commission for Women

Secretary