

SEPTEMBER 28, 2020 MEETING MINUTES 4:30 PM



Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women

Commissioners Meeting called to order at 4:30 PM

Jaynelle Pemberton, CHAIR
Patricia DeWitt, Commissioner
Ashlie Empleo, Commissioner
Shawna Grant, Commissioner
Demika Jackson, Commissioner
Tammy D. Taylor, Commissioner
Sheila Spivey, UNF – Ex-officio Member
Eileen Rodden, Women's Ctr – Ex-officio Member

Staff

Barbara Florio - Liaison
Nicole Spradley – MCSW Staff Support

Guest Attendees

Dr. Lisa Grossman
Jamila Rouse
Nicky Irvine
Ashonte Franklin
Felicia Wright
Ansley Lee
Veronica Tutt

Approval of Minutes

August 24, 2020 minutes were reviewed and approved.
Motion to approve: Commissioner Demika Jackson
Motion seconded: Commissioner Ashlie Empleo

Public Comments

No public comments.

Chair Report

Chair Pemberton held a moment of silence in honor of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

Chair Pemberton asked Commissioners to submit any changes to the annual report to Barbara Florio and Nicole Spradley.

Guest Speaker

Dr. Lisa Grossman, President and Founder, provided an overview of the stress-management and mental wellness training provided by SMR Performance.

Committee Reports

- **Governance** – Chair Pemberton mentioned that the Committee has not met as there are no issues to address at this time.
- **Advocacy and Education** – Commissioner Jackson reported that the Commission met on September 10th to discuss updating the website, guest speakers, hosting another Courageous Conversations event in October, possibly adopting a family during the holidays and setting up a subcommittee to plan for the Women's month in March. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 8th at 4:30pm on Zoom.
- **Communications** – Commissioner Grant reported that the committee met today to discuss visuals and advertisements for the Courageous Conversations and adding Commissioner bios to the MCSW website. Social media presence has increased since last year. Commissioner Empleo and Commissioner Rodden will update the directory.

Chair Pemberton requested a deadline for the directory to be posted. She mentioned that the directory will be continually updated, but it needs to be published.

Liaison Florio explained that any correspondence with the press needs to be approved by the Public Affairs Office.

- **Events** – Commissioner Taylor reported that the Events committee met jointly with the Advocacy and Education committee. October is Domestic Awareness month. She will send Liaison Florio and Nicole Spradley information to distribute about the upcoming Barbara Ann Virtual Breakfast hosted by Hubbard House. She also has two potential guest speakers.

New Business

Commissioner Rodden announced an upcoming event on October 20th hosted by Bosom Buddies and a meeting on October 22nd regarding Elder Abuse. She will provide Liaison Florio and Nicole Spradley a link to distribute.

Commissioner Spivey announced that UNF is hosting a virtual resource fair and will provide Liaison Florio and Nicole Spradley a link to distribute the information. She also mentioned that September is Hispanic Heritage month and that October 1st is Native American Women's Equal Pay Day and November is Native American Heritage Month.

Unfinished Business

Meeting adjourned at 5:43 PM

CERTIFICATION

**** Meeting minutes were approved at the October 26, 2020 MCSW Zoom meeting****

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MCSW Board Liaison

Ashlie Empleo, Secretary

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