

Maryland Commission for Women

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, June 25, 2015
4:30 p.m.

Sheraton Annapolis Hotel – Admirals Ball Room

173 Jennifer Road, Annapolis, MD

Commissioners Attending:

Dr. Kathleen White, Chair
Lee Bachu, Vice Chair
Wandra Ashley-Williams, Secretary
Pat Cornish
Lorna Forde
Betsy Ramirez
Anita Riley
Debbie Risper
Roseanna Vogt
Diane Williams

Commissioners Absent:

Dr. Homayara Aziz
Lillian Cruz
Helen Holton
Velvet Johnson

Staff Attending:

Judith Vaughan-Prather, Executive Director

I. Call to Order/Approval of Minutes.....Dr. Kathleen White, Chair

Dr. White called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m. She thanked all the commissioners in attendance for their participation, both in this evening's meeting and in the Women of Tomorrow awards ceremony immediately following. The purpose of the meeting was to approve the minutes of the May 21 meeting, since the MCW is not scheduled to meet again until September, and to officially vote on the bylaws changes proposed at the May meeting.

Commissioner Vogt moved approval of the minutes of the May 21, 2015 MCW meeting as submitted. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

II. Bylaws Review Committee Proposal.....Commissioner Diane Williams

The Bylaws Review Committee, chaired by Commissioner Williams with active participation by Commissioner Vogt and former Commissioner Drew, proposed a number of changes to the MCW bylaws. The most significant changes included the incorporation of previously adopted procedures for commissioner participation in official MCW meetings via teleconference, and the elimination of language that simply restated the MCW enabling legislation.

A written copy of the bylaws with the proposed amendments was provided in the packets for the May 21 MCW meeting, and was sent via email twice to commissioners in the month since, in preparation for tonight's vote.

Dr. White called for a motion to approve the proposed changes. Commissioner Williams moved to adopt the bylaws as amended in the proposal. Commissioner Bachu seconded the motion. Commissioner Vogt noted several small grammatical errors, on page 6, 8 and 10. Commissioner Riley moved approval of the bylaws with the additional changes. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion, and by unanimous vote, the Bylaws as amended by the committee's proposal and with the additional changes proposed this evening, were approved.

III. Adjournment

There being no further business on the agenda for tonight's meeting, Commissioner Ashley-Williams moved adjournment at 4:50 p.m. Commissioner Williams seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

Judith Vaughan-Prather, Executive Director
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