

Maryland Commission for Women

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 17, 2024

5:00 p.m.

PK Law Offices, Towson, Maryland

Commissioners Attending:

LaShaune Stitt, Chair
Christine Lee, Second Vice Chair
Pier Blake
Judith Emmel
Maggi Gaines
Linda Han
Sarah Ackerstein Klein
Brenda McChriston
Nykidra Robinson
Lenita Walker
Monica Watkins

Commissioners Absent:

Patricia Lambert, First Vice Chair
Tawanda Bailey
Jonathon Carrington
Gloria Dent
Lauren Lambert
Maxine Somerville
Evelyne Steward

Staff Attending:

Ariana Kelly, Executive Director

Guest:

N/A

- I. Call to Order.....Commissioner LaShaune Stitt, Chair**
The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. Chair Stitt welcomed all Commissioners, presented the Commissioner survey results, and Commissioner Christine Lee led the Commissioners in an introduction exercise.
- II. Review of the MCW Statute, Bylaws, and the MCW Foundation...Commissioner Sarah Ackerstein Klein**
Commissioner Klein led a review and discussion of the MCW statutory responsibilities, bylaws, and the role of the MCW Foundation.
- III. Subcommittee Discussion**
Chair Stitt led a discussion of the 2024/2025 subcommittees, and assignments were made. The two committees are Research, Policy, and Legislation chaired by Commissioner Lee and Advocacy, Outreach, Awards, and Recognition, chaired by Commissioner Pier Blake. The mission, goals, and statutory requirements of each subcommittee were reviewed.
- A. Research Policy, and Legislation Committee Report:**

1. Commissioner Lee moved to invite the Committee on Caregiving to present at the November meeting. Commissioner Klein seconded. Commission vote was unanimous.
2. Additionally, Commissioner Lee moved to select childcare as one of the 2025 policy priorities. Commissioner Klein seconded. Commission vote was unanimous.

B. Advocacy, Outreach, Awards, and Recognition Committee Report:

1. Commissioner Blake moved to request Government House for the Women’s History Event. Commissioner McChriston seconded. Commission vote was unanimous.

IV. Adjournment.....Chair Stitt

Chair Stitt thanked everyone for attending the meeting today. There being no further business, she adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Ariana Kelly, Executive Director
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