

Maryland Commission for Women

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 21, 2024

5:00 p.m.

Virtual

Commissioners Attending:

LaShaune Stitt, Chair
Patricia Lambert, First Vice Chair
Christine Lee, Second Vice Chair
Tazeen Ahmad
Pier Blake
Sharon Bugis
Judy Carbone
Jonathon Carrington
Gloria Dent
Judith Emmel
Tekisha Everette
Maggi Gaines
Linda Han
Jodi Kelber-Kay
Sarah Ackerstein Klein
Lauren Lambert
Brenda McChriston
Shanna Pearson-Merkowitz
Stacey Rebbert
Evelyn Steward
Lenita Walker
Monica Watkins

Commissioners Absent:

Nykidra Robinson

Staff Attending:

Ariana Kelly, Executive Director
Danelle Buchman, Program Manager
Camille Faiyi, Intern
Genesis Franco, Management Associate

Guest:

Shalini Arora, Deputy Director
Yetunde Olobatuyi, Respite Care Program
Administration, Office of Adult Services, Social
Services Administration
Catherine Hill, MLAW Executive Director

- I. Call to Order.....Commissioner LaShaune Stitt, Chair**
The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. Chair Stitt welcomed all Commissioners.

- II. Introduction & Attendance**
The new and returning commissioners introduced themselves. New staff was welcomed.
The attendance for November Minutes and roster was reviewed.

III. Approval of Agenda & October Minutes

Commissioner LaShaune Stitt called for approval of the agenda. Commissioner Gloria Dent moved approval of the agenda. Commissioner Pat Lambert seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

IV. Presentation from Maryland Commission on Caregiving

- A. Shalini Arora gave a speech on advocacy for caregivers.
- B. Q&A from commissioners.

V. Presentation from Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women

- A. Catherine Hill presented and talked about the importance of MLAW and how it advocates for women's and family issues.
- B. Q&A from commissioners.

VII. Staff Report

- A. Communications Report - Sharing posts/content from our partners
- B. Calendar Review- Meeting/event invitations will be received.
- C. Updates from DHS- A new Bluesky account has been created

VIII. Outreach & Awards Committee Report

Updates on March events were given.

IX. Research, Policy & Legislation Subcommittee Report

The policy priorities were identified: women in the workforce, the care economy, and women's health. The goal is to give awards out to different counties throughout Maryland for the youth and Hall of Fame awards.

X. Ongoing Planning Process Discussion

All proposals will be considered by full commission at June 26th

XI. Adjournment.....Chair Stitt

Chair Stitt thanked everyone for attending the meeting today. There being no further business, she adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m

Respectfully submitted:

Ariana Kelly, Executive Director
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