



# Fairfax County Commission for Women

The commission's charge is to **promote the full equality** of **women** and **girls** in the county.



## Commission for Women Meeting Minutes

<b>Date:</b> April 13, 2015	<b>Time:</b> 7:15 – 9:23 pm	<b>Location:</b> Government Center, Room 232
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<b>Meeting Commenced</b>	Chair Bhatnagar called the meeting to order at 7:19 pm.
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<b>Commissioners Present</b>	Cynthia Bhatnagar, Chair, Mason; Sondra Seba Hemenway, Vice Chair, At-Large; Barbara Lippa, Treasurer, Sully; Laura Sizemore, Student Representative; Maria Vorel, Mount Vernon; Emily McCoy, Lee; Kathryn Winters, Springfield; Miriam Swydan Erickson, Providence; Mattie Palmore, Minority At-Large; Binh Nguyen, Dranesville;
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<b>Commissioners Absent</b>	Charlie Brown, Braddock; Hunter Mill Representative
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<b>Vacant Seats</b>	
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<b>Visitors</b>	Dr. Beatrice Wamey
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<b>Recorder</b>	Michelle Mueller
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<b>Staff Present</b>	Michelle Mueller, Ina Fernández
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### 1. Closed Session

<b>Conclusions</b>	Ms. Lippa moved that the Commission members certify that, to the best of their knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements and only such business matters were heard, discussed, or considered by the Commission during its closed session. Ms. Hemenway seconded the motion. The motion passed with three abstentions: Ms. Erickson, Ms. Winters and Ms. McCoy.
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### 2. Commission Retreat

<b>Discussion</b>	Chair Bhatnagar reviewed the April 11 retreat. Commissioners discussed a possible vision statement: The
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	<p>Fairfax County Commission for Women are women appointed to work as an organization of diverse, compassionate, and focused volunteers bringing people together to enhance the lives of girls and women by strongly and effectively advocating for equality, empowerment and fair treatment on diverse issues in Fairfax County and beyond.</p> <p>Commissioners discussed five goals: 1) Align volunteers with projects; 2) Increase paid staffing support by 1.5 FTE; 3) Form more standing committees to support the work of the Commission; 4) Increase online presence; and 5) Garner more commitment and support from Supervisors.</p>
<p><b>Conclusions</b></p>	<p>Ms. Vorel moved to adopt the CFW vision statement and to adopt working on the five goals. Ms. Palmore seconded the motion.</p> <p>Ms. McCoy moved to amend the motion, to change “women appointed to work” to “appointees working”. Vice Chair Hemenway seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.</p> <p>Ms. Winters moved to amend the motion, to remove “and beyond”. Vice Chair Hemenway seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.</p> <p>The amended motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Vice Chair Hemenway moved that if there are visitors at a Commission meeting, they will be asked to state their issues and concerns, for up to five minutes total. Ms. Palmore seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Ms. Lippa suggested that the statements occur at the end of the agenda.</p>
<p><b>3. Introduction of Visitors</b></p>	
<p><b>Discussion</b></p>	<p>Dr. Beatrice Wamey is President and CEO of Nascent Solutions in Alexandria.</p>
<p><b>4. Approval of February Minutes</b></p>	
<p><b>Discussion</b></p>	<p>Chair Bhatnagar asked the Commissioners to review the February 2015 minutes.</p>

<b>Conclusions</b>	Ms. Palmore moved to approve the minutes, and Vice Chair Hemenway seconded the motion. The motion passed with one abstention, by Ms. Winters.
<b>5. Approval of February Financial Reports</b>	
<b>Discussion</b>	Chair Bhatnagar asked the Commissioners to review the January 2015 financial reports.
<b>Conclusions</b>	Ms. Lippa moved to approve the financial reports, and Ms. Palmore seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
<b>6. Supervisor Hudgins</b>	
<b>Discussion</b>	Chair Bhatnagar explained that Supervisor Hudgins' husband had passed away suddenly.
<b>Conclusions</b>	Ms. Vorel moved to reimburse Chair Bhatnagar for the cost of a sympathy card, which she would send to Supervisor Hudgins on behalf of the Commission. Vice Chair Hemenway seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
<b>7. Fairfax County FY2016 Budget</b>	
<b>Discussion</b>	Chair Bhatnagar reported that she testified on the County budget to the Board of Supervisors on April 7. The Supervisors will vote on the budget on April 28.
<b>8. NACW Annual Conference</b>	
<b>Discussion</b>	Chair Bhatnagar pointed out that the annual NACW conference will take place in Indianapolis in July and the registration deadline is May 31. Chair Bhatnagar can attend. Ms. Lippa reported that she may be able to attend.
<b>Conclusions</b>	Ms. Vorel moved to send Chair Bhatnagar and Ms. Lippa to the NACW conference. Vice Chair Hemenway seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
<b>9. Women's History Month Standing Committee</b>	
<b>Discussion</b>	Vic Chair Hemenway reported that she had not been able to obtain price estimates for the displays. Ms. Mueller distributed the proclamation timeline.
<b>10. Human Trafficking</b>	

<b>Discussion</b>	Chair Bhatnagar reported that all four Northern Virginia Commissions for Women will be participating in planning the joint event on human trafficking, tentatively scheduled for September 27 in the afternoon. The Fairfax City Commission was able to reserve use of the Sherwood Community Center at no cost. The intended audience is the general public, and attendance would be solicited through media and through sponsorships by other organizations.
<b>11. Student Advisory Group</b>	
<b>Discussion</b>	Ms. Sizemore reported that the Student Advisory Group would distribute an online survey and then hold an event. The next meeting is scheduled for April 21.
<b>12. Turning Point Suffragist Memorial/Video</b>	
<b>Discussion</b>	Ms. McCoy reported that work on the video had begun. It should be completed on June 1 or July 1. It was suggested to try to show the video at the NACW meeting in July.
<b>13. DVPPCC Update</b>	
<b>Discussion</b>	Ms. McCoy reported that the DVPPCC had met and received the draft Workplace Violence Policy Tip Sheet.
<b>14. Workplace Violence Policy</b>	
<b>Discussion</b>	Ms. McCoy reported that the project had been moved to the DVPPCC Training and Outreach Committees. DVPPCC members are reviewing the Tip Sheet.
<b>15. Friends of the Commission Update</b>	
<b>Discussion</b>	Chair Bhatnagar reported that the Friends will not meet in April. They met on March 17 and did not address the joint meeting. They will hold a fundraiser on April 23.
<b>Conclusions</b>	<p>Ms. Vorel moved to form a committee to create a memorandum of understanding with the Friends. Ms. Palmore seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.</p> <p>Ms. Lippa, Vice Chair Hemenway and Ms. Mueller expressed interest in participating.</p> <p>Ms. Mueller agreed to ask the Friends of the Alexandria</p>

	Commission for their documentation.
<b>16. Northern Virginia Rally Against Rape</b>	
<b>Discussion</b>	Ms. Mueller reported that the Arlington Commission Chair was organizing a Rally Against Rape on April 30. The Commission for Women was invited to become a sponsor, to help advertise the event and staff a table.
<b>Conclusions</b>	Ms. McCoy moved to sponsor the Rally Against Rape although no Commission members could attend. Ms. Palmore seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.
<b>17. Community Reports</b>	
<b>Discussion</b>	Ms. Palmore reported on the Nexis Conference in Rose Hill on mentally and physically challenged youth.  Ms. Bhatnagar attended the Shelter House/Artemis House Benefit Breakfast.
<b>Additional Meeting Information</b>	
<b>Meeting Adjourned</b>	The meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.
<b>Materials Distributed</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commission Meeting Notice and Agenda for April 13, 2015</li> <li>• Meeting Minutes for March 2015</li> <li>• Financial Reports for March 2015</li> <li>• Draft Vision Statement and Goals from April 11 Retreat</li> <li>• Calendar of CFW Annual/Regular Events</li> <li>• CFW Proclamations Checklist</li> <li>• Notes from NOVA Commissions for Women Trafficking Event Planning Meetings, March 2 and April 8, 2015</li> <li>• Notes from CFW Teen Advisory Group Meeting on March 24, 2015</li> <li>• Student Advisory Group Survey Draft</li> <li>• Domestic Violence in the Workplace Tip Sheet</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Invitation to sponsor Rally Against Rape</li></ul>
<b>Next Meeting</b>	May 11, 2015 at 7:15 pm at the Fairfax County Government Center, conference room 7.