

Minutes

Commission for Women Executive Committee

July 29, 2022

Call to Order

The meeting of the Commission for Women Executive Committee was held virtually via Zoom.

Attendees

In attendance: Phylcia Woods – Providence District; Helen Cole – Hunter Mill District; Alyssa Batchelor – At-Large.

Absent: None

Staff in attendance: Toni Zollicoffer and Lois Kirkpatrick.

Guests/Visitors: Raven Freeborn.

Start time: 12:16 p.m.

End Time: 1:33 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

N/A

Agenda for August 27, 2022 Strategic Planning Meeting

Raven Freeborn reviewed plans for the commission's strategic planning meeting. Toni Zollicoffer will be out of town on August 27, so she was asked to write a framing statement to be read at the meeting by Lois Kirkpatrick. Helen Cole made a motion for commissioners to wear COVID-19 masks at the meeting. Alyssa Batchelor seconded the motion. None opposed; none abstained; the motion carried unanimously.

Feedback on the Draft Roe v. Wade Statement

After discussing feedback on the statement from members of the Board of Supervisors, Alyssa Batchelor agreed to send the finalized statement to Lois Kirkpatrick for posting on the commission's website.

Update on the Human Services Issue Paper

The committee offered suggested updates to the commissioner comments compiled by Jane Materna. Helen Cole moved to submit the commission's comments to the Department of Family Services. Alesia Taylor-Boyd seconded the motion. None opposed; none abstained; the motion passed unanimously.

Agenda for the September 12, 2022 Commission for Women Meeting

The committee updated the draft agenda for September 12 and decided to have the October 10 meeting focus on strategic planning for the coming months.

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Filling Commission Vacancies

Lois Kirkpatrick reported that she contacted four local LGBTQIA organizations and asked for help with recruiting an LGBTQIA representative and a trans-woman representative for the commission. She has also received applications from two high school students. Toni Zollicoffer explained that local high school counselors will be asked to help recruit a student representative. A selection will be made after interviews with eligible student candidates.

Upcoming Meeting Locations

The committee agreed to delay a return to in-person meetings until after the Board of Supervisors has lifted the local state of emergency. Reasons for continuing to meet virtually until then include: (1) the rising number of COVID cases; (2) the desirability of full participation in the first few meetings following the strategic planning session; (3) the fact that four commissioners expressed reluctance to return to in-person meetings, and (4) in-person meetings may impact some commissioners' need to secure child care or transportation, and will require longer commutes and for the student rep to be out late on a school night. Lois Kirkpatrick has reserved meeting space for when the state of emergency ends.

Main Motions

Helen Cole made a motion for commissioners to wear COVID-19 masks at the August 27, 2022 meeting. Alyssa Batchelor seconded the motion. None opposed; none abstained; the motion carried unanimously.

Helen Cole moved to submit the commission's Human Services Issue Paper comments to the Department of Family Services. Alesia Taylor-Boyd seconded the motion. None opposed; none abstained; the motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Alyssa Batchelor moved that the meeting adjourn. Phylicia Woods seconded the motion. None opposed; none abstained; the motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 1:33 p.m.