

# Minutes for the Commission for Women

## Commission for Women Meeting – March 31, 2023

### Call to Order

A meeting of the Commission for Women was held on March 31, 2023, at the Leidos headquarters located at 1750 Presidents Street in Reston.

### Attendees

Phylicia Woods – Providence District; Helen Cole – Hunter Mill District; Mattie Palmore – At-Large, Underserved; Jordan Tautges – Springfield District; Alesia Taylor-Boyd – Lee District; Lanita Thweatt – Mt. Vernon District; Pamela Montesinos – Sully District; Alessandra Simmons-Robles, Student Representative; Alyssa Batchelor – At-Large; Carla Post – Dranesville District; Enjoli Ramsey – Braddock District.

### Members Participating Remotely

Amber Beichler – At-Large, via Zoom from home.

**Absent:** Sabrina Rose-Smith, Mason District; Emily McCoy – Lee District (Ex- Officio).

**Staff in attendance:** Toni Zollicoffer and Lois Kirkpatrick

**Visitors:** Approximately 100.

**Guest Speakers:** Crystal Kramer, Alexandria Commission for Women; Caroline Gary Romano, Arlington Commission on the Status of Women; Teresa Presson, Fairfax City Commission for Women; Veronica Nelson, D.C. Commission for Women; Ferri Riar, Loudoun Coalition on Women and Girls; Nancy Lyons Sargeant, Bloomberg Radio.

**Start time:** 9:02 a.m.

**End Time:** 10:07 a.m.

**Women's History Month** – Carla Post welcomed guests to Leidos. Phylicia Woods discussed achievements of the Fairfax County Commission for Women. Guest speakers from neighboring commissions described recent achievements of their commissions, as well as current projects. Toni Zollicoffer explained how to participate in the networking activity. Jordan Tautges introduced the keynote speaker, who talked about important news stories she covered as a reporter, and the women's suffrage movement. Helen Cole introduced student commissioner Alessandra Simmons-Robles, who delivered the call to action. Phylicia Woods gave closing remarks.

### Main Motions

N/A