

JUNE 22, 2020 MEETING MINUTES 4:30 PM



## Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women

### **Commissioners Meeting called to order at 4:34 PM**

Jaynelle Pemberton, CHAIR  
Patricia DeWitt, Commissioner  
Ashlie Empleo, Commissioner - **Excused**  
Shawna Grant, Commissioner  
Demika Jackson, Commissioner  
Colleen Kelleher, Commissioner  
Tammy D. Taylor, Commissioner - **Unexcused**  
Sheila Spivey, UNF – Ex-officio Member  
Eileen Rodden, Women's Ctr – Ex-officio Member

### **Staff**

Barbara Florio - Liaison  
Nicole Spradley – MCSW Staff Support

### **Guest Attendees**

Nyah Thornton  
Dr. V. Dunbar

### **Approval of Minutes**

February 24, 2020 minutes were reviewed and approved.  
Motion to approve: Commissioner Shawna Grant  
Motion seconded: Commissioner Demika Jackson

### **Public Comments**

No public comments.

### **Chair Report**

Chair Pemberton shared a powerpoint presentation summarizing the Commission's activities and social media posts from the last few months. She recommended rescheduling the Courageous Conversations Series event that was cancelled due to Covid-19. The Commission took a moment of silence to reflect on current events.

### **Committee Reports**

- **Governance** – Chair Pemberton welcomed new Commissioner Colleen Kelleher to the Commission.
- **Advocacy and Education** – Commissioner Jackson suggested hosting the Courageous Conversations event on Zoom next month and will discuss the logistics with Liaison Florio.
- **Communications** – Commissioner Grant reported that there has been a lot of interest in the social media

page over the last few months. She wants to continue highlighting what the Commissioners are doing and asked them to submit information to Nicole Spradley.

- Events – Commissioner Tammy Taylor was not present. Chair Pemberton mentioned that Commissioner Taylor had been planning the Courageous Conversations event until everything shut down due to Covid-19.

### **New Business**

Liaison Florio reported that the Commission's finances have not changed and that none of the City's Boards and Commissions would see an increase in budget. The \$100 membership for the Florida Women's Commission on the Status of Women was allotted. She mentioned that the annual report was due in June, but an extension was granted due to Covid-19. She asked that the report be completed by the end of the summer. She announced that Commissioner's Empleo and Jackson will be renewed for a second term, Commissioner Matos asked not to be re-appointed due to time constraints and Commissioner Kelleher recently joined the Commission.

Commissioner Rodden mentioned that Governor DeSantis signed a bill into law regarding elder abuse.

Chair Pemberton agreed that they should have a guest speaker at the next meeting.

Questions regarding the database were brought up and will be discussed at the next meeting.

Commissioner DeWitt will send Nicole Spradley a video from AAUW on Women's Suffrage to distribute to the Commission.

### **Unfinished Business**

None.

### **Meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM**

**CERTIFICATION**

**\*\* Meeting minutes were approved at the July 27, 2020 MCSW Zoom meeting\*\***

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**Ashlie Empleo, Secretary**

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