

Oakland County Board of Commissioners
Women's Advisory Commission Meeting
1200 N. Telegraph Road, Committee Room A, Pontiac MI

June 16, 2011 Minutes ()

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Dr. Doris Taylor at 5:25 p.m.

Women's Advisory Commission members in attendance were:

Dr. Carnigee Ala-Benee' Truesdale	Wanda Lohmeier
Hirsch Srivastava	Sunsaria L. Baldwin
Dr. Doris Taylor	Michelle Styczynski
Lee Blizman	Jeanne Towar
Mishelle Kennedy	Sandy Burgess
Beth Matter	Kristine Zrinyl

Women's Advisory Commission members absent were:

Sue Thomasson (excused)	JoAnn McShane
Cheryl Verbeke	Janice Daniels
Christina Kuo (excused)	Dr. Jonice Crawford Butler
Kimberly Ann Beebe (excused)	Hon. Marcia Gershenson, Ex-Officio
Rebecca Clark	Hon. Christine Long, Ex-Officio

Public in attendance:

Renee Shorter, Worship	Sheryl Mitchell
Deborah Macon, parliamentarian	Joscelyn Andrews, facilitator

Approval of Agenda: Motion by Ms. Kennedy, supported by Mr. Srivastava, to approve the agenda with the change of moving the support calendar item to before Old Business on to this and future agenda's and to include an item of Old Business to allow an opportunity for review and updates on recommendations from prior years. Motion by Lohmeier, supported by Thomas to amend the agenda passed on roll call vote. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Approval of Minutes from April 21, 2011 meeting: Motion by Ms. Lohmeier, supported by Ms. Towar to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2011 meeting with corrections to reflect that the Old Business item agenda item would allow "an opportunity for review and updates from prior committees." Minutes adopted on voice vote with corrections.

Single Project Workshop: Joscelyn Andrews of JADE Strategies facilitated a workshop on the single topic of Financial Instability chosen by the WAC at the April 21, 2011 meeting as the WAC's focus issue. Ms. Andrews report will be attached to these minutes.

Moved by Mr. Srivastava, supported by Ms. Baldwin, that the Women's Advisory Commission formally thank Joscelyn Andrews and invite her to be an honorary member. **Approved unanimously.**

The WAC took a break at 6:05 p.m. and reconvened at 6:15 p.m.

Workshop Wrap-Up: There was a discussion of the make-up of the sub-topic teams. A sign-up sheet was passed around and Mr. Srivastava will send an updated list of sub-teams to WAC members.

Moved by Mr. Srivastava, supported by Dr. Carnigee Ala-Benee' Truesdale, to accept the WOC meeting calendar as submitted. **Approved unanimously.**

Moved by Mr. Srivastava, supported Ms. Kennedy, to accept the WOC executive board meeting calendar as submitted. **Approved unanimously.**

Old Business - Five Minute Reviews: The Economic Autonomy, Domestic Violence, and Health & Wellness Committees had no reports. Ms. Matter reported that the Leadership Committee put on a leadership seminar with two speakers that was well attended by over 40 people. She can share information on the seminar with anyone who wants it.

Announcements: Ms. Burgess passed out an article, "Women Under the Budget Knife," relating to Financial Instability. It was noted that President Obama made comments on women's issues in a speech today, so it is on the national agenda.

Ms. Macon noted that the Women Official Network awards celebration is Tuesday, May 24. Proceeds will support leadership development and training.

Ms. Baldwin invited the WAC to a stage play by National Theatrical Plays Friday, June 14, which supports Pontiac children.

Contact Sheryl Mitchell at 248-858-4078 (work) or 248-709-2492 (mobile). She can assist with the wealth of information available from Oakland County.

The next meeting of the Woman's Advisory Commission is Thursday, **June 16 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.** in Committee Room A. The Executive Committee of the WAC will meet Thursday, June 9 at 5 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Towar
Recording Secretary