

Meeting Minutes

February 27, 2018

The Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) convened for its regular monthly meeting at 6:00 pm on the above date in Room 101H at the Greensboro Cultural Center, with Chair Deborah Goddard presiding.

Present: Chair Deborah Goddard, Vice Chair Joyce Jasper-Morant, Commissioners Lucas-Patrick, Sevier, Foster, Bullock, Cutler,

Absent: Dorley, White

Council Liaison:

HRC Liaison:

Human Relations Department Staff: Love Crossling, Taylor Strassburg (I)

Visitors: Sierra Llyod, Lakisha Tucker

I. Call to Order

Chair Goddard called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

II. Moment of Silent Meditation

Chair Goddard called for a moment of silent meditation.

III. Introduction of Visitors and Speakers

Chair Goddard welcomed everyone in attendance and asked that any visitors introduce themselves.

Lakisha Tucker introduced herself as a mother, sister, daughter, teacher, and survivor. She attended tonight to promote her event, "I am Bold and Courageous," that event is meant to educate and bring awareness to the community about domestic abuse. She began noticing this issue facing our community as a teacher seeing the negative effects associated with adverse familial experiences in children in the classroom. Tucker's presentation was well-presented and backed up with shocking statistics on sexual assault and intimate partner violence. Her event will have A&T's step teams, various guest speakers, free giveaways, and will be held on March 24th from 3-5pm at the Windsor Recreation Center.

IV. Committee Reports

Chair Report

Chair Goddard brought attention to the previous executive meeting where they discussed the restructuring of committees within the commission. The group of five executives came to a consensus to combine the current committees to create four overarching titles: Education and Equality, Health and Wellbeing, Leadership through Service, and... Commissioner Sevier explained the connections between the Health committee and the Services to the Aging committee, and how both she and Commissioner Jasper-Morant have already begun working together on several instances in the last few months. Chair Goddard

explained that through this change it will help the commission avoid vacant seats, and allow for several commissioners to be accountable for each committee, thus one person can always be in attendance to receive the information for the committee as a whole.

Chair Goddard mentioned in her report with the characteristics that make up a good commissioner, specifically the importance of commitment, participation, communication, and so on.

Goddard also stated that there will be no executive meeting held in March.

Chair Goddard welcomed Cherri Walston, the newest commissioner to the CSW. She will have orientation later this week with Chair Goddard and Jodie Stanley.

Domestic Violence Committee

Chair White was not in attendance.

Chair Goddard stated that Commissioner Bullock has taken over the Domestic Violence committee until Commissioner White has returned from her leave of absence. Bullock stated that she has reached out to World Relief to partner with an event to address human trafficking in the Greensboro area. The tentative date for the event will be May 21st at 5pm.

Education Committee

Commissioner Lucas-Patrick discussed the current status of the event on April 21st, “Getting Back on Track,” for adults wanting to pursue their education. In planning the event, Barbara Harris, a representative from GTCC, and a woman named Ally have confirmed their attendance as speakers. Lucas-Patrick stated the event preparation is coming together well and they should have flyers available next week.

Women & Equality Committee

Chair Goddard noted that this chair position was still vacant.

Health Committee

Commissioner Sevier stated that the event planning is coming together well. Sevier is hoping to have Dr. Jane Fernandez as a potential speaker; they have an appointment to meet and discuss her role as a speaker on March 16th. Sevier restated that Fernandez would be a great addition to the event, very inspirational. Chair Goddard agreed Dr. Fernandez would be an incredible speaker. Sevier concluded her report with mention of an article that Fernandez wrote on the topic of DACA.

Committee for the Aging

Commissioner Jasper-Morant stated that they have nearly completed the preparations for the event on April 26th surrounding the topic of obstacles seniors face in our community. Flyers will be coming out the first of March. Jasper-Morant stated that they are anticipating a successful outcome.

Leadership Committee

Chair Goddard stated that they may have an event May 3 or May 10. Most of the work for this event will be completed by the partnering organization, as they have already set a speaker. The commission will primarily be needed for marketing purposes.

Staff Report

Dr. Crossling stated that this will be a short staff report. Crossling reiterated the events coming up that have been addressed throughout the meeting in individual remarks. Crossling mentioned her father's passing and her appreciation to the members of the commission for their support in her time of need. Due to these recent circumstances, Crossling was unable to have the typical, lengthier report ready. Crossling encouraged members to come to the staff for assistance with developing any of the individual programs that are coming up in the next months.

Goddard thanked Crossling for her diligence.

Goddard asked all to review minutes.

V. Approval of Minutes

Chair Goddard asked commissioners to review last month's minutes. Commissioner Cutler asked to change Hernandez to Fernandez. Commissioner Jasper-Morant asked to change James to Jene.

Motion to Approve the January Minutes

Motion 1st: Commissioner Jasper-Morant

Motion 2nd: Commissioner Lucas-Patrick

Unanimous Approval

Chair Goddard asked to cover any upcoming announcements. Goddard shared the events being hosted by the Greensboro Library in March for Women's History Month; the events will be March 8, and March 16, and March 30.

Commissioner Bullock mentioned that she has been asked to participate in an event surrounding domestic violence, but it is not through the commission. Bullock asked if it were appropriate to mention that the commission has a committee addressing these ideas. Crossling responded that it is appropriate to mention the commission, but to do so organically.

Commissioner Lucas-Patrick mentioned an upcoming event, in which flyers are currently being created and a registration link is being made; more information to come.

Commissioner LP is being receiving an award in reference to her community service. This will take place on March 10th. Crossling mentioned that it is good to have the commission know about high profile awards such as this.

Chair Goddard praised the group tonight for having a full body in attendance.

VI. Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting

Motion 1st: Commissioner Cutler

Motion 2nd: Commissioner Jasper Morant

Unanimous Approval

Chair Goddard adjourned the meeting at 6:40.