



BALTIMORE COUNTY
Commission for Women

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

January 19, 2023 at 6:00pm

Historic Court House

400 Washington Avenue, Room 118

Towson, MD, 21204

and via WebEx

Attendees: Rosalyn Berkowitz, Kara D. Beverly, Amy Blank, Sheila Derman, Michelle Greer, Robin Harvey, Yvette Hicks, Sabrina Jones, Sharon Kehnemui, Cherie Peay, Audrey Potter, Brenda Savoy, Helene Waranch, Carmen Christiana (Liaison), Sarah Curry (Intern)

Call to Order | Amy Blank, President

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm.

Adoption of the December 2022 Meeting Minutes | Amy Blank

The December 2022 Meeting Minutes were approved by common consent with stated corrections, including the addition of attendee last names and the beginning and ending balances from the Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance: \$4,607.82

Ending Balance: \$4,518.82

Work Group Reports

- ***Family Justice Center***

(Committee Members: Commissioners Berkowitz, Greer, Harvey, Lowe-Smith, Waranch, Derman, and Savoy)

- Commissioners Blank and Berkowitz met with the administrative office of the County Executive to discuss Family Justice Center.
- All Commissioners are asked to bring the request of creating a Family Justice Center to each County Budget meeting.
- Next steps:
 - Complete the Decision Memorandum, which will detail the plans for the Family Justice Center
 - Presentation to the County Council
 - Bring together affected parties/constituents to create an MOU

- **Strategic Communications**

(Committee Members: Hicks, Kehnemui, Peay, Savoy, and Ivanovich)

- Met with Joe Constantine, the Director of 311. In addition to discussing the purpose of 311, Mr. Constantine plans to share our Resource Guide with others by placing it on their website.
- Commissioner Ivanovich will create a Spanish translation of the Resource Guide.
- Commissioner Peay will draft a letter about the BCCW and the Resource Guide.
- The committee will provide quarterly updates to the Resource Guide.
- The Commission will take #BaltimoreCounty anytime we post on social media.

- **Woman of the Year**

(Committee Members: Hicks, Jones, Peay, Savoy, and Chaudry)

- Committee will be reimagining the award to honor the individual and their work.
- Will allow the Young Woman of the Year awardee to serve on the Commission for one year.

- **Public Policy**

- The committee will meet virtually on Monday nights at 7:00pm.
- Commissioner Blank will share a meeting invite with all Commissioners.

New Business

- Commissioners are encouraged to invite others to apply for vacant positions on the Commission.
- A survey will be distributed to Commissioners to assess ways that we can improve our operations and the work that we do.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17pm.

Next meeting:
Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 6:00pm.