DC Commission for Women  
Monday, March 4, 2019  
Meeting Minutes

Location: Conference Call: 1-605-313-4441

Participant Code: 310549#

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| **Commissioners** | **Attending** |
| Gabrielle Alfonso | yes |
| Nia Hope Bess | no |
| Donella Brockington, Vice Chair | yes |
| Aryn Bussey | no |
| Brandy Butler | yes |
| Courtney Christian | yes |
| Abby Fenton | yes |
| Jacquelyn Glover | yes |
| Tiffini Greene | no |
| Angie Lundy | yes |
| Camelia Mazard | yes |
| Princess McDuffie | yes |
| Susan Sarfati | yes |
| Shelley Tomkin | yes |
| Abigail Truhart | no |
| Jessica Tunon | yes |
| Latonya Clark | yes |
| Jenny Luray | yes |
| Veronica Nelson | yes |

A quorum was present.

1. **Meeting called to order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** Completed at 6:05 p.m.
3. **MOWPI Staff:** Jennifer Porter, Angela Richardson, Alex Chambers
4. **Meeting Minutes:** Minutes from February 12, 2019 meeting circulated, approved with no edits.
5. **Correspondence and Announcements:** None
6. **Director’s Report:** Director Porter is grateful for Commissioners’ support and leadership, and attendance at MOWPI events.

March Service Opportunities/Activities

* + 1. Women’s History Month Events- Associate Director Richardson sent out a google document with events for Commissioners to sign up to attend. MOWPI has been receiving requests for press interviews with Commissioners, and requests for Commissioners to MC or host. Please let staff know if you can attend. Each Commissioner should attend at least one event.
    2. **March 5**: Women of Excellence Awards; North Hall, Eastern Market 6 p.m.
    3. **March 7**: Work Smart Salary Negotiation Workshop will be recorded for Women’s History Month. AAUW is doing a recording specifically to mark the month. If commissioners can attend, please do.
    4. **March 8:**  International Women’s Day; “Breaking the Silence: Being a Latina in the District” event to be held at the Reeves Center.
    5. **March 10**: National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. MOWPI will be promoting on social media.
    6. **March 12**: Conversations with Women Who Lead Series, women breaking glass ceilings, networking and mini resume writing session.
    7. **March 27**: 40 under 40 Queer Women of Washington awards. Partnering with Blade Magazine/ Mayor’s Office on LGBTQ Affairs. Event will be held at Google headquarters.
    8. **March 28:** Vision Board Party at Excel Academy (10-11 am); Setting the Vision: Vision planning workshop for 7th graders. Please donate magazines during any women’s history event during the month.

1. **Committee Updates (Ideas and Engagement Opportunities)**: Once formed, each can meet individually. **Please sign up by the end of the week**. For recap: see below for committee duties.  
   * 1. Health Committee: Looking for organizations supporting mothers, reproductive justice, surrogacy, adoption, auntie moms. Soliciting ideas and speakers who can also be part of Well Women Wednesdays.
     2. Education and Labor: Committee will support and promote the AAUW Work Smart Salary Negotiation work shops; seek ways to empower women in career advancement; finds tools to ascertain measurable impact of Commission work, i.e., focus groups, surveys to discern what programming District women would like to see in the future; hold featured events highlighting women’s organizations in the District.
     3. Policy and Legislative Committee: Members encouraged to promote and accompany staff on the “Pink Tax Tour” highlighting District law banning taxation of feminine hygiene products. The tour will reach a different ward each month, and in conjunction with DC Department of Small and Local Business Development, focus on outreach to corner stores and drug stores (big box stores already have the tax in their systems). The next tour is scheduled for February 27, 3-5 p.m.

1. **Announcements/Good of the Order**
   1. Commissioner Mazard invited Commissioners to an event and will send out an email invite.
2. **Next Meeting Date**: The next meeting will be on April 2, 2019 at the Wilson Building.
3. **Motion to Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 6:21pm.