DC Commission for Women
Tuesday, January 11, 2022
Meeting Minutes

Location: Teams

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| **Commissioners** | **Attendance** |
| Kaitlin Rizk | No |
| Lakeitha Anderson |  Yes  |
| Nina Robinson |  Yes  |
| Chloe Louvouezo |  Yes |
| Ayris Scales | Yes |
| Adjoa Asamoah |  Yes |
| Veronica Nelson |  Yes |
| Tiffini Greene | Yes |
| Camelia Mazard |  Yes |
| Susan Sarfati | Yes |
| Jessica Tunon | No |
| Angie Sue Lundy |  No |
| Jennifer Luray | Yes |
| Athena Cross | Yes |
| Jessica Stamp | Yes |
| Giovantee Bishop | Yes |

A quorum was present.

1. **Meeting called to order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm.
2. **Roll Call:** Completed at 6:12 pm
3. **MOWPI Staff:** Jennifer Porter, Brianna Battle, Alex Chambers
4. **Meeting Minutes:** No December meeting minutes (holiday break)
5. **Correspondence and Announcements:** None
6. **Director’s Report:** Director Porter spoke about Administrative and COVID-19 updates; introduced the new Associate Director, Brianna Battle, MOWPI’s focus for the year to include Women’s History Months events and initiatives, Washington Women of Excellence Awards 2022 needing nomination suggestions from the Commission and Commission service project.
7. **MOWPI January/Engagement Events**
	1. Report of Chairwoman Nelson
		1. Happy New Year and greetings shared with excitement for all the great work the DC Commission for Women will do in the year 2022.
		2. Chairwoman Nelson shared Policy and Legislative Committee Updates from December meeting.
	2. Celebrating our Commission
		1. Director Porter acknowledged Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc, and Divine Nine Service Sororities celebrating Founders Day.
		2. Director Porter observed January as Stalking Awareness Month
	3. Women’s History Month Calendar
		1. Director Porter shared last year’s Women’s Herstory Month calendar recapping previous events and assured Commissioners to expect a similar format for this year’s Women’s History Month calendar.
		2. Director Porter shared a list of confirmed and pending events in regards to Women’s History Month. Confirmed events and observances with secured dates include:
* 3/8-International Women’s Day
* 3/8-Conversations with Women who Lead in Infrastructure
* 3/16-Well Women Wednesdays
* 3/19-Herstory 5K
	1. Washington Women of Excellence Awards
		1. Director Porter shared details on the purpose and background of the Washington Women of Excellence Awards and previous categories for honorees such as, “Sheroes of Health”, “Sheroes in Food”, “Sheroes in Service” etc.
		2. Director Porter informed Commissioners to share their Washington Women of Excellence Awards nominations by Friday, January 21, 2022 to include the following items:
* Full Name of the Nominee
* Title
* Short Biography
* Why are you nominating them?
* Headshot
* Ward (nominee must be a DC resident)
	+ 1. MOWPI’s Calendar

Director Porter shared a list of confirmed and pending dates for the month of March for Commissioners awareness.

1. **Committee Updates**:
	1. Policy and Legislative Committee
		1. Policy and Legislative Committee: Chairwoman Nelson reported on behalf of the committee, updates to include steps taken to identifying locations and or virtual and suggested the Policy Boot Camp be postponed to a later date.
2. **Unfinished Business**
	1. Chairwoman Nelson expressed a desire to have Commissioners share work they are doing in the community and suggestions for MOWPI in future meetings.
3. **Announcements/Good of the Order**
4. No announcements to report
5. **Next Meeting Date**: The next meeting will be on February 1, 2022 virtually on Teams.
6. **Motion to Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.