DC Commission for Women  
Tuesday, September 3, 2019  
Meeting Minutes

Location: Room G-9, Wilson Building  
 **Meeting called to order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Completed at 6:47 p.m.

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

A quorum was present.

**MOWPI Staff:** Jennifer Porter, Angela Richardson, Alex Chambers

**Meeting Minutes:** Minutes from April 2, 2019 meeting circulated, approved with no edits.

1. **Correspondence and Announcements:** None
2. **Report from Commission Chair:**
   1. Executive Committee/Committee Updates: Chair McDuffie will reach out to committee chairs via email. She will be asking chairs to engage their committee membership to have a meeting, via conference call, so that committees can better plan activities and work throughout the calendar year.
   2. Service Project Ideas: The Commission has the opportunity to engage with the Red Dot Campaign which distributes “period packs” to women experiencing homelessness. Director Porter indicated that there is thought to tie Commission work with this campaign to the Pink Tax Tour.
   3. Retreat Recap: Our retreat was awesome. Going forward, the Chair and MOWPI Director pledged to ensure that each committee, and its members, are clear on expectations and work. To that end, Director Porter will be joining each committee’s September meetings to provide an overview of MOWPI programs that feed into the purview of each committee, emphasizing the top three initiatives in which each committee should engage.

Other ideas that came from the retreat include:

* Broadening “Conversations with Women Who Lead” series to girls, middle to high school aged;
* Holding a “dress for success” campaign in conjunction with the summer youth employment program; and,
* Increased engagement with Excel Academy, including a fashion or talent show, self-care workshop, girls lock-in as part of summer youth employment program

1. **Director’s Report:**
   * 1. **Summer Series Recap:** MOWPI held many great events, namely the Empower Women Series. Director Porter expressed that attendees wanted to interact more with commissioners, and asked, that for future events and planning purposes, all commissioners make a more concerted effort to attend.
     2. **Women’s Equality Day Recap:** No final attendee counts yet, but a great, widely attended event. The Mayor was pleased, and many people visited the MOTA table to see if they could join the Women’s Commission.
     3. **Maternal Mondays/Maternal Infant Health Summit:** Facebook live event will be held this Friday, September 6, with Zeta Phi Beta’s Stork’s Nest. The Summit occurs September 10th. Commissioners are encouraged to attend as schedules allow.
     4. **Policy Boot Camp:** Commissioners are to submit speaker suggestions for each ward boot camp event.
     5. **Commission at Washington Spirit game, 9/14:** Please let MOWPI know about attendance plans.

**Announcements/Good of the Order**

Commissioner Clark invited participation in her sorority’s (AKA) HBCU Awareness Day, September 21. Details to follow.

1. **Next Meeting Date**: The next meeting will be on October 1, 2019 at the Wilson Building.
2. **Motion to Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.