



**BALTIMORE COUNTY**  
*Commission for Women*

**BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

**October 17, 2024**

**6:00pm**

*Historic Court House*

*400 Washington Avenue, Room 118*

*Towson, MD, 21204*

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**Attendees:** Kara D. Beverly, Latasha Blackmond, Rosemarie Brady, Karen Coffey, Michelle Greer, Yvette Hicks, Sabrina Jones, Gabrielle Manning-Jones, Morgan Phillips, Carmen Christiana (Liaison), Patricia Escobar (Health Department)

**Absent:** Amy Blank, Rosalyn Berkowitz, Elizabeth Best, Sheila Derman, Sharon Kehnemui, Jessica Klaitman, Cylia Lowe-Smith, Cherie Peay, Brenda Savoy, Helene Waranch

**Guest:** Katie Babcock

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:04pm.

**Establishment of Quorum**

A quorum of voting members of the Commission was not established when the meeting was called to order or at any time throughout the meeting. Only reports for informational purposes were presented.

**Adoption of the September 2024 Business Meeting Minutes**

The minutes for the September 2024 Business Meeting were not presented.

**President's Report – Commissioner Sabrina Jones**

- **International Visitors Leadership Program Sponsored by the Department of State.** Commissioners hosted a delegation of women from the Middle East on September 26, 2024. Commissioners Amy Blank and Rosemarie Brady gave presentations that were well-received by the delegation, as well as World Trade Center representatives.
- **Friends Account.** Sheraie has agreed to lead the Commission's Friends Account.
- **National Association of Women Commission (NACW).** Any Commissioner interested in serving as the Commission's representative to the NACW, please contact Commissioner Jones.
- **Community Summit.** Commissioner Jones represented the Commission at the [Baltimore County Community Leader Summit](#) on September 26, 2024. Please contact Carmen Christiana if you are interested in helping the Commission get involved with another district.
- **BCCW Holiday Party.** The Commission will host a holiday party in lieu of the December meeting. Commissioner Jones will send out a survey to determine whether the party will be held on December 12, 2024 or December 19, 2024.
- **Maryland Commission for Women.** Commissioner Jones spoke with Commissioner Monica Watkins from the Maryland Commission for Women. The State Commission is interested in partnering with local commissions. More details to follow.

**Treasurer's Report – Carmen Christiana**

- Beginning Balance - \$7,500.00
- Ending Balance - \$7,387.93



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### Committee Reports

- **Community Engagement – Commissioners Gabrielle Manning-Jones & Morgan Phillips**
  - BCCW will be participating in a Community Health and Resource Health Fair in Turner Station on Monday, October 21, 2024. Will need information to distribute and
  - Refining mission for the BCCW and our messaging for the public at community events.
- **Domestic Violence – Commissioner Michelle Greer**  
***See attached presentation.***
  - *A Day of Education, Empowerment, and Elevation for Women Survivors of Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking* will take place on Saturday, May 3, 2025. The event will be held at Stevenson University (Rockland Hall) from 10:00am-2:00pm.
    - Proposed budget: \$7,000.
    - Attendance goal = 150; Target audience = survivors of domestic violence and their supporters.
    - Sponsorship packet will be available in November for solicitations.
    - Commissioners are encouraged to join the planning committee or to direct their questions, suggestions, and resources to the committee.
  - **Christmas Donations**
    - [Sass](#) will donate items for 50 individuals at the Family Crisis Center. The committee plans to have gift bags assembled and branded by December 1, 2024.
    - Commissioners are asked to donate items/funds for gift bags.
- **Woman of the Year Awards – Commissioner Yvette Hicks.** This annual event will take place on Thursday, May 22, 2025 at the Sheraton North. All Commissioners are asked to attend and assist the committee with vetting award applications.
- **MentHERship – Commissioner Yvette Hicks.** The committee has contacted two candidates and plans to interview one candidate with hopes that she will be able to start working with the Commission in January 2025.
- **Strategic Communications – Commissioner Latasha Blackmond**  
The committee is working with the Community Engagement Committee to develop a community listserv.

### Announcements

- *Financial Literacy Series.* Commissioners are encouraged to attend the October 23, 2024 installment of the Commission's 3-part financial literacy series, hosted by the Economic Empowerment Committee.
- *Presidential Election.* Early voting lasts from October 24, 2024-October 31, 2024. Election Day is November 5, 2024. Throughout the election season, the polls will be open from 7:00am-8:00pm. Maryland also has same-day voter registration for those who are able to present appropriate documentation. Please remember to vote and to encourage your friends and family to vote.
- *Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women (MLAW) Annual Conference.* Registration is now open. The conference will take place in-person on November 23, 2024 in Columbia, MD.

### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17pm.

**Next meeting:  
Thursday, November 21, at 6:00pm**