



BALTIMORE COUNTY
Commission for Women

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

January 16, 2025

6:00pm

Via WebEx

Attendees: Rosalyn Berkowitz, Kara D. Beverly, Latasha Blackmond, Amy Blank, Rosemarie Brady, Karen Coffey, Michelle Greer, Yvette Hicks, Sabrina Jones, Jessica Klaitman, Cylia Lowe-Smith, Gabrielle Manning-Jones, Cherie Peay, Morgan Phillips, Brenda Savoy, Helene Waranch, Carmen Christiana (Liaison), Patricia Escobar (Health Department)

Absent: Elizabeth Best, Sheila Derman, Sharon Kehnemui

Guests: Kiren Ali, Luisa Depkin, Layla Greten

Call to Order

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

Establishment of Quorum

A quorum of voting members of the Commission was established.

Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted with one stated addition by unanimous consent.

Adoption of the November 2024 Business Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the November 2024 Business Meeting were adopted with one stated correction by unanimous consent.

Adoption of the October 2024 Business Meeting Minutes

The minutes for the October 2024 Business Meeting were adopted as presented by unanimous consent.

President's Report – Commissioner Sabrina Jones

- Review of last year's accomplishments last year.
- Commissioner Kehnemui has submitted her resignation from the Commission. Her commitment to the commission over the past 6 years is appreciated.

Treasurer's Report – Carmen Christiana

- Beginning Balance - \$7,134.33
- Ending Balance - \$7,059.33

Committee Reports

- **Domestic Violence – Commissioner Michelle Greer**
 - The Commission donated gift bags to the Family Crisis Center, as well as additional donations to support 50 children.
 - *A Day of Education, Empowerment, and Elevation for Women Survivors of Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking* will take place on Saturday, May 3, 2025. All Commissioners are asked to circulate the sponsorship packet.



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- **Public Policy Committee – Commissioners Kara D. Beverly and Amy Blank**
 - [MLAW Fall Conference](#) will take place on Saturday, November 23 in Columbia, MD. The BCCW is a Bronze Sponsor. Conference tickets are on sale until Friday, November 22nd.
 - Luisa Depkin and Layla Greten are founders and co-Leads of Team ENOUGH-Baltimore Chapter, which is part of a larger gun violence prevention organization, *Brady*. They will be working with the Public Policy Committee this legislative session.
- **MentHERship – Commissioners Yvette Hicks and Cylia Lowe-Smith**
 - Kiren Ali is a Junior at Towson High School and will join the Commission as an intern.
- **Economic Empowerment and Strategic Communication – Commissioner Latasha Blackmond**
 - The committees will host a financial literacy workshop with speaker Tilcia Toledo (Senior Managing Director at FTI Consulting) in March or April.
 - Commissioners will be asked to promote and support the event.
- **Woman of the Year Awards – Commissioner Yvette Hicks.** This annual event will take place on Thursday, May 22, 2025 at the Sheraton North. The link to the nomination form is available: <https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/women/woman-of-the-year>. Please share the information with your networks.

New Business

- Commissioner Jones is in conversation with the County Administrator about planning a reception for the new County Executive, Kathy Klausmeier.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58pm.

**Next meeting:
Thursday, February 20, 2025 at 6:00pm**