

**Howard County Commission for Women
Video Conference
October 13, 2020**

Members Present

Rhonda Jones, Chair
Jessica Epps, Vice Chair
Dianne Paulus, Recording Secretary
Mae Beale
Meg Boyd
Farida Guzdar
Kashonna Holland
Maxine Kellman-Allen
Phyllis Zolotorow

Members Absent

Staff Present

Stephanie Adibe, Executive Secretary

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Guests Present

None

Call to Order

With a quorum present, the CFW meeting was called to order at 7:06pm.

Approval of June Minutes

The minutes from the June meeting were reviewed, and minor corrections noted. A motion was made to approve the June minutes as amended. Motion passed.

Chair's Report

- Rhonda updated the commission on her latest meeting with Jacqueline Scott to ensure we are in line with Department focus and priorities for the year. We are encouraged to partner with other department and commission programs and priorities, especially around COVID-19 issues impacting citizens across the county. Jackie will also be working to schedule a meeting for commissions across the county to better align and work together.
- Rhonda shared thanks to the commission for supporting the Census video.
- Applications for student commissioner have been received – commissioners are asked to review, and we will be selecting the student commissioner for the year at the next meeting.
- The Speaker Series was discussed and agreed to reschedule the postponed speaker for the spring for our next meeting on November 10. The original topic was mental health, and the speaker will be asked to refine to specifically talk about mental health challenges around COVID-19 and how best to cope.

Executive Secretary's Report

- Stephanie did not have a formal report for this month.
- Stephanie will confirm the support the department can provide on upcoming efforts (including the speaker series)

New Business

- The Commission will need to determine our approach for Women's Hall of Fame and plans for Women's History month (March) near-term. Initial discussions include a month of recognizing every-day heroes and accomplishments by women throughout the County. Stephanie will research options or restrictions for this type of campaign.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the open meeting. The motion was seconded, and all present were in favor, so the motion was passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Submitted by Dianne Paulus

The next meeting will be held on November 10 at 6:00 via Webex conference.