

Board of Commissioners
Meeting Notes
Wednesday, July 12, 2023
12:00-1:30 PM
Indiana Government Center South
Conference Room 7
302 W. Washington St, Indianapolis

- I. **Call to order** The meeting was called to order by First Vice-Chair Kori Chambers at 12:06 PM EST.
- II. **Establishment of Quorum and Roll call:** Commissioner Christine Altman [**in-person/present**], Commissioner Caryl Auslander [**not present**], Commissioner Sen. Vaneta Becker [**in-person/present**], Commissioner Cynthia Carrasco [**not present**], Commissioner Kori Chambers [**in-person/present**], Commissioner Molly Chavers [**in-person/present**], Commissioner Kayevonne Parham [**virtual/present**], Commissioner Sharon Jackson [**in-person/present**], Commissioner Ambre Marr [**in-person/present**], Commissioner Rep. Peggy Mayfield [**not present**], Commissioner Stephanie Moore [**not present**], Commissioner Rep. Tonya Pfaff [**not present**], Commissioner, Sen. Shelli Yoder [**in-person/present**], Chair Dr. Lindsay Weaver [**in-person/present**]. **Quorum established at 12:08 PM EST with Dr. Lindsay Weaver presiding order of the meeting.**

Staff: Jordan Teske-Harrison, Director of the Indiana Commission for Women

Guests: Teshezia George (Executive Director for the Gary's Women's Commission), Brittney Williams (Co-Founder & CEO of No Limits Production & Culture Punch), Najah Harris (Co-Founder & CEO of No Limits Production & Culture Punch), Dr. Michella Marino (Deputy Director of the Indiana Historical Bureau), Lee Ann Richardson (Executive Director of NAWBO), Kate Schedel (Director for the Indiana Department of Health's Maternal and Child Division's Programs), Haley ((Director for the Indiana Department of Health's Maternal and Child Division's Epidemiology), Mallory Lown (Indiana Department of Health's Maternal and Child Division), Cameron Willett (Indiana Department of Health's Maternal and Child Division), Linzi Horsley (Indiana Department of Health's Maternal and Child Division).

- III. **Approval of minutes from last meeting: Commissioner Kori Chambers motioned to approve the meeting minutes from May 10, 2023. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sen. Becker. The motion carried unanimously.**

a) May 10, 2023

IV. Review and Approval of Financial Report: Commissioner Kori Chambers motioned to approve the meeting minutes from May 10, 2023. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sen. Becker. The motion carried unanimously.

- a) April 2023
- b) May 2023
- c) Torchbearer Awards
 - Tabletop flower arrangements (**sponsor obtained**)
 - Printed Programs
 - Swag bags
 - Awards – new vendor

V. Director's Report: Commissioner Sharon Jackson motioned to approve the Director's Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Kori Chambers. The motion carried unanimously.

- a) Culture Punch Presentation: Najah and Brittney are International Award-winning filmmakers and directors who founded their production company called No Limits Productions and a fine arts summer program called Culture Punch. Their mission is to produce opportunities for youth to collaborate and create without limits. The students they serve grow into individuals who persist through difficulty, use their talents to serve others and understand the value of collaborating with people from different backgrounds. Inspired by the message of unity and empowerment within the song of Rhythm Nation they've completed a stage play to give Ms. Jackson 100% ownership and invite her to perform with the kids in their program.

Within their research of Ms. Jackson's career, they discovered that after 50 years, she has not received any recognition from any organization or leader in Indiana. In May 2023 Najah and Brittney were accompanied by representatives from the Indiana Commission for Women and the City of Indianapolis to meet Ms. Jackson and present her the invitation to be recognized and honored.

- b) New ICW "Eminence" Award*: Eminence is recognized as superiority in position, character, and achievement through significant contributions to a profession for outstanding excellence. The Eminence Award was created in 2023 to honor individuals or organizations that have ignited an everlasting legacy and brought credit and honor to Indiana. This is the highest honor bestowed and selected by the Indiana Commission for Women Board of Commissioners. This year's first-ever recipient will be bestowed to Ms. Janet Jackson.

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM AND ROLL CALL: Commissioner Rep. Peggy Mayfield [**in-person/present**], Commissioner Cynthia Carrasco [**in-person/present**], Commissioner Rep. Tonya Pfaff [**in-person/present**], Commissioner Caryl Auslander [**virtual/present**].

VI. Chairman's Report: Report was deferred. Announcement was made to welcome the new ICW Chair Cynthia Carrasco.

VII. Committee Report: Commissioner Sharon Jackson motioned to approve the Director's Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Kori Chambers. The motion carried unanimously.

- a) Infant and Maternal Mortality Subcommittee
 - Updates on the Infant & Maternal Mortality Virtual Seminar with the Indiana Department of Health's Maternal Child Health Division: The Indiana Commission for Women and the Indiana Department of Health's Maternal and Child Health Division are collaborating to produce a virtual seminar for National Infant Mortality Awareness Month in September 2023. The panel will be 45 minutes long and include 4-5 panelist from Fort Wayne, New Albany, South Bend, Vigo, and Indianapolis. Kate Schedel and Haley Hannant presented some quick facts regarding the status of Maternal Mortality in the state of Indiana.
- b) Financial Independence and Literacy Subcommittee **[report was deferred]**
 - Michigan Women's Commission Tri-Share Child Care Program:
 - <https://www.michigan.gov/mwc/initiatives/mi-tri-share-child-care>
 - Follow-up with Noble County Tri-Share Program:
 - <https://noblethriveby5.org/tri-share/>

VIII. New business: Commissioner Kori Chambers motioned to approve the Torchbearer Award Ceremony and the seven recipients of the 2023 Torchbearer Awards. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sen. Vaneta Becker. The motion carried unanimously.

- a) 2023 Torchbearer Award Winners
 - Keynote Speaker: Three Keynote Speakers were selected for an invitation for the Award Ceremony
 - New Torchbearer Award Chair **[deferred]**
- b) Review and approval of the ICW 2022 Annual Report **[edits to be made to be approve for the next subsequent meeting]**

IX. Commissioner's Comments: no commissioner comments.

X. Public Comments: no public comments.

XI. Adjournment: The meeting was called to adjourn by Chair Dr. Lindsay Weaver at 1:30 PM EST.

Next Meeting: September 27, 2023

Subsequent Meeting: November 15, 2023