

Board of Commissioners  
Meeting Notes  
Wednesday, July 20, 2022  
12:00-1:30 PM  
Indiana Government Center South  
Conference Room 17  
302 W. Washington St, Indianapolis

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by chair Dr. Lindsay Weaver at 12:06 PM EST.

**ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM AND ROLL CALL:** Commissioner Christine Altman **[not present]**, Commissioner Caryl Auslander **[in-person/present]**, Commissioner Sen. Vaneta Becker **[not present]**, Commissioner Cyndi Carrasco **[in-person/present]**, Commissioner Kori Chambers **[not present]**, Commissioner Molly Chavers **[virtual/present]**, Commissioner Kayevonne Dailey **[not present]**, Commissioner Sharon Jackson **[in-person/present]**, Commissioner Rep. Sheila Klinker **[not present]**, Commissioner Ambre Marr **[in-person/present]**, Commissioner Rep. Peggy Mayfield **[not present]**, Commissioner Stephanie Moore **[virtual/present]**, Commissioner Sen. Shelli Yoder **[virtual/present]**, Chair Dr. Lindsay Weaver **[in-person/present]**. **Quorum was not established at 12:08 PM EST.**

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

**GUESTS:** Meredith Lizza (Broad Band Executive for the Office of Governor Eric J. Holcomb), Emma Hart (Intern for the Indiana Civil Rights Commission), Jason Kabir (Intern for the Indiana Department of Health).


**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Commissioner Caryl Auslander motioned to approve the meeting minutes for May 11, 2022. Motion seconded by Commissioner Molly Chavers. The motion carried unanimously.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT:** Director Jordan Teske-Harrison provided updates to the progress of the 2022 Sponsorships and the MOU status of sponsoring the Indiana Department of Correction's (IDOC) first Doula Program. Commissioner Sharon Jackson motioned to approve the review and approval of the financial report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cyndi Carrasco. The motion carried unanimously.

**ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM AND ROLL CALL:** Commissioner Christine Altman **[in-person/present]** and Chair Dr. Lindsay Weaver **[in-person/present]**. **Quorum was established at 12:13pm.**

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Youth Symposium with ProAct Indy = Tuesday March 14, 2022 from 12:00-2:00pm at the Indiana Statehouse's North Atrium: Director Jordan Teske-Harrison shared with the commission a collaborative project idea with ProAct Indy to provide a space for students to present their service project ideas at the Indiana Statehouse



during General Assembly for 2023 and 2024. Students would be able to share their services projects ideas implemented in their communities, and have the chance to interact with their legislators. ProAct Indy empowers youth to better serve their communities, and one of these areas is working with schools and their students to strategically plan service projects in their communities. ProAct Indy encourages students to oversee fundraising their service projects to fully grasps the reality of the challenges and success that organizations and individuals undertake to serve their communities. Some students create bake sales, car washes, teacher vs student night games, etc. to fund their service project ideas. One of the successful examples of the students' service projects were able to successfully provide free feminine products in their schools' bathrooms. **Commissioner Christine Altman motioned to approve the Youth Symposium with ProAct Indy for 2023 and 2024. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sharon Jackson. The motion carried unanimously.**

The Indiana Department of Health's Office of Women's Health Partnership Projects for 2022-2023: The Office of Women's Health would like to partner together with initiating a listening session series focusing on "Where is Women's Health Now? In light of Covid 19?" The sessions would begin January 2023 in two sites in each district per month. **Commissioner Christine Altman motioned to approve the Indiana Department of Health's Office of Women's Health Partnership Project for 2022-2023. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cyndi Carrasco. The motion carried unanimously.**

Safe Stays for victims of domestic/family violence, sexual assault, and stalking: Due to time constraints Director Jordan Teske-Harrison deferred the report for the August 10, 2022 subsequent meeting date.

**ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM AND ROLL CALL:** Rep. Peggy Mayfield [in-person/present]


**Commissioner Christine Altman motioned to approve the Director's Report. Motion seconded by Commissioner Sharon Jackson The motion carried unanimously.**


**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Chairman's report was deferred for the August 10, 2022 subsequent meeting date.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Infant and Maternal Mortality: The Indiana Department of Health's Office of Women's Health offered to collaborate with the commission on the Radio One Proposal on hosting a virtual seminar on infant and maternal mortality and women's health through the decades. The subcommittee would like to primarily focus on hosting a virtual seminar on infant and maternal mortality. The subcommittee will strategize a new plan with the Indiana Department of Health's Office of Women's Health and The Indiana Department of Health's Maternal and Child Health Division.

Financial Independence and Literacy: Naomi Bechtold, The Purdue Extension Specialist, has been assisting the subcommittee with gathering statistics on personal financial management for women in Indiana, and NAWBO Indianapolis has offered to partner together with the commission to analyze and collect data on post Covid-19 effects of women leaving or entering the workplace and the financial hardships women are currently facing in Indiana.





Women in Public Service: The subcommittee is exploring programs in the state of Indiana focusing on increasing young girls and women into public service, and what support the commission can provide toward this area for Indiana.

**Commissioner Caryl Auslander motioned to approve the subcommittee reports. Motion seconded by Commissioner Rep. Peggy Mayfield. The motion carried unanimously.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

2023 Budget Planning: Discussions were held on how to spend the 2023 Budget. A draft budget was displayed for the potential future budget expenses.

2022 Torchbearer Awards: Open nominations for the 2022 Torchbearer Awards closed July 1, 2022. Twenty-two nominations were submitted for the Council of Judges to review. Six winners have been selected for each of the special award categories. Background checks have been submitted to the Governor's Office for final approval before the announcements. Additionally, a final vote of the award recipients by the board will be approved at the next subsequent meeting on August 10, 2022. Chairs for the venue were put forward for a motion for purchase. **Commissioner Caryl Auslander motioned to approve the venue chairs for the 2022 Torchbearer Awards. Motion seconded by Commissioner Ambre Marr. The motion carried unanimously.**

**COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS:** no comments from commissioners.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** no comments from public.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was called to adjourned by Chair Dr. Lindsay Weaver at 1:31 PM EST.

**Next Meeting:** August 10, 2022

**Subsequent Meeting:** September 14, 2022

