

Board of Commissioners
Meeting Notes
Wednesday, December 8, 2021
12:00-1:30 PM
Indiana Government Center South
Webex Meeting

CALL TO ORDER: Please understand that this is a public forum meeting and will be recorded. If you are connected via WebEx or conference call, please silence your speakers to minimize background noises that may interfere with the recording and present speakers. The meeting was called to order by chair Dr. Lindsay Weaver at 12:05 PM EST.

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM AND ROLL CALL: commissioner Christine Altman **[present]**, Sen. Vaneta Becker **[present]**, commissioner Kayevonne Daily **[present]**, commissioner Cyndi Carrasco **[present]**, commissioner Kori Chambers **[present]**, commissioner Molly Chavers **[present]**, Rep. Sheila Klinker **[not present]**, Rep. Peggy Mayfield **[present]**, commissioner Stephanie Moore **[not present]**, commissioner Joileen (Joie) Winksi **[not present]**, commissioner Sen. Shelli Yoder **[not present]**, Chair Dr. Lindsay Weaver **[present]**. Quorum was established at 12:08 PM EST.

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


GUESTS: Alexis Gonzalez (Director of the Hispanic and Latino Affairs Commission), James Garrett (Director of The Social Status of Black Males), Ashleigh Wethington (Civil Rights Specialist & REPACE Investigator for the Indiana Civil Rights Commission), David Fleischhacker (Deputy Director and General Counsel for the Indiana Civil Rights Commission), Lisa Welch (Director of Native American Indian Affairs Commission).

Chair suggestions to suspended roll call vote was not made with objections.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Commissioner Christine Altman motion to table and amend November 10, 2021 minutes. Commissioner Sen. Vaneta Becker seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Minutes were requested to be summarized rather than a word-by-word transcript.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT: Commissioner Christine Altman moved to table the review and approval of the financial report for January 12, 2022 subsequent meeting date. Commissioner Sen. Vaneta Becker seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Summary: A new executive financial report was provided to clarify financial questions regarding the commissions total operating funds and planned total operating funds. Additional clarification was provided



about the dedicated fund. It was mentioned that the dedicated fund is non-reverting, however, the operating funds are reverted.

ICW's Historical Expenditures and Donations: Documents were presented regarding the commission's historical expenses and donations from the past three years. The document highlighted what occurred from 2021-2017 in the general fund (purple tabs) and the dedicated fund (blue tabs). The (red tab) is the total donations, the total expenses taken from the general fund or from the donation fund, as well as the total accumulated expenses by the year from the general fund and the donation fund.

Further questions were raised to present documentation from the meeting minutes where the commission voted for expenses to be paid out of the dedicated funds or the operating funds from past events and programs for January 12, 2022 subsequent meeting date.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Writing Her Story Initiative: The Indiana Commission for Women (ICW) created the *Writing Her Story* initiative in 2012 to highlight the resilience and strength of Hoosier women and celebrate their accomplishments and contributions. This annual project captured stories of extraordinary women and showcased how they have moved Indiana forward. In many ways, these remarkable women quietly do extraordinary with very little recognition. This upcoming March a new idea was presented to recognize past Torchbearer recipients.

Strategic planning research: Conducting research on strategic planning and examining other state commissions strategic plans.

Special Announcement: The American Medical Women's Association, The Global Initiative Against HPV and Cervical Cancer, and Indiana University's National Center of Excellence in Women's Health host an annual Us vs HPV webinar series from January 24-28, 2022 to promote awareness about HPV and HPV-related diseases. This upcoming year the commission will be listed and highlighted as an official supporter for this event; and will be featuring the commissions first collaborative PSA with our partner Indiana University's National Center of Excellence in Women's Health as a promoter of the event.


Commissioner Sen. Vaneta Becker moved to approve the Director's report. Commissioner Cyndi Carrasco seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

Announcement was made to focus discussions on subcommittee planning. Made additional comment per the request of Director Jordan as to address future strategic planning and how the commissions funds can be used for the subcommittee focus areas to aid Hoosier women statewide.

Commissioner Molly Chavers motion that the Chair gave a great overview about subcommittee planning and made a motion to accept the Chair's report. Commissioner Sen. Vaneta Becker seconded. The motion carried unanimously.





COMMITTEE REPORTS: Subcommittee Discussion

Subcommittee Proposed Initiatives: There was discussion held regarding setting three strategic goals the commission would like to focus on for the year. In October and November's commission meeting subcommittee topics mentioned were infant and maternal mortality, financial independence and education for women, increasing women in public service, and statewide public outreach. Subcommittee discussion was held to choose the proposed 2022 initiatives. Infant and maternal mortality, financial independence and education for women, and increasing women in public service were chosen as the three main focus areas of the subcommittees. Statewide public outreach was selected to be a collaborated effort amongst the commission to continue to increase outreach and awareness of the commission statewide. Selections were made by the commissioners as well as recommendations as to who might be of interest to lead a subcommittee. Recommendation was made to complete unfinished business tabled agenda items that need to be approved on January 12, 2022 subsequent meeting, and then break out into subcommittee breakout room meetings for further discussion on measurable objectives and actions. In addition to determining how often the subcommittees need to meet.

Chair asked for a motion to approve the development of the three subcommittees focused on infant and maternal mortality, financial independence and education for women, and increasing women in public service. Commissioner Molly Chavers moved to vote on the development of the three subcommittees focused on infant and maternal mortality, financial independence and education for women, and increasing women in public service. Commissioner Christine Altman seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS: The first Indiana POWER Caucus and Indiana Commission for Women lunch and learn will take place January 18, 2021. The Indiana Power Caucus is a legislative discussion forum for women legislators and supporters interested in improving the quality of life for women and all citizens of Indiana. This lunch and learn will be a networking event along with providing information about each other's organizations to learn how to partner together to support Hoosier Women.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS: no comments from commissioners.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: no comments from the public.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was called to adjourned by Chair Dr. Lindsay Weaver at 1:36 PM EST.

Next Meeting: January 12, 2022

Subsequent Meeting: February 9, 2022

