

Board of Commissioners
Meeting Notes
Wednesday, February 9, 2022
12:00-1:30 PM
Indiana Government Center South
Conference Room 17
302 W. Washington St, Indianapolis

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 **[not present]**, commissioner Cyndi Carrasco **[present]**, commissioner Kori Chambers **[not present]**, commissioner Molly Chavers **[not present]**, commissioner Kayevonne Daily **[not present]**, Commissioner Sharon Jackson **[present]**, commissioner Rep. Sheila Klinker **[not present]**, commissioner 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 not established at 12:06 PM EST.**

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

GUESTS: Lisa Welch (Director of Native American Indian Affairs Commission), Meredith Lizza (Broad Band Executive for the Office of Governor Eric J. Holcomb), Rene Ray (Chairperson for the Women in Leadership in La Porte County).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The approval of January 12, December 8, 2021, and November 10, 2021 minutes is tabled for March 9, 2022 subsequent meeting date. **Quorum was not established.**

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT: Review and approval of the financial report is tabled for March 9, 2022 subsequent meeting date. **Quorum was not established.**

<u>List of 2021 donations for review and approval:</u> The donation proposal was to be presented to spend the operating funds by the fiscal year end shutdown that begins in early May and goes through the end of June. To avoid the operating funds to be reverted. **Quorum was not established for the donation proposal to be voted on.**

A follow-up dialogue was held based on November 10, 2021 commission meeting concerning Director Jordan permission upon the commission's approval to donate certain amount of funds for sponsorship purposes

without needing a quorum vote. Due to procurement guidelines and possible time constraints of sponsorship package donations, this vote would be feasible to not miss out on opportunities to expand the commission outreach. There was a proposed allowance of providing Director Jordan \$1,000 maximum per spend of \$5,000 per year on the agreed upon priorities of the commission for the year. If the amount is not used or there is a remaining amount, the funds will be redistributed to other initiative project funds. Consideration was held on providing allowance for Director Jordan an amount to spend with the approval of the Executive Committee. Additional suggestions were contributed to providing more detailed information of the budget expanses from in addition to the executive summary for future meetings.

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM AND ROLL CALL: With the arrival of commissioner Molly Chavers at 12:09 PM EST Quorum was not established.

Further conversation was held regarding the donation proposal and the reasoning behind the donation allocations to the organizations and agencies, and their purposes to using the funds. To use the funds efficiently and timely through the state procurement process, allocating donations would be sufficient use of the operating funds for this year. Allocating donations to other governmental agencies and outside organizations that assess the needs of women in all aspects of society, and combat discrimination of women is one of the core values of the commission. The list below are the governmental agencies and outside organizations that have partnered and collaborated with the commission in 2021, as well as correlate with the four focus areas of the commission. Distributing funds to these organizations will continue to build awareness of the commission, develop further partnership relationships, and assist other needs that align with the commission's statutes that affect Hoosier women. Additionally, the organizations would be providing a summary of how the funds would be used.

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM AND ROLL CALL: With the arrival of commissioner Stephanie Moore at 12:20 PM EST Quorum was not established.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Special Announcement was made on the results of the US vs HPV collaborated PSA with Indiana University's National Center of Excellence in Women's Health. With the help of the PSA, the webinar series reached 500 registrations. Additional details were shared on the upcoming launch of the new Indiana Commission for Women website design.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Announcement of gratitude to the commissioners who joined the lunch and learn with the POWER Caucus, and a review of the discussion held at the event. Based on the overview of the lunch and learn, the chair suggested although infant and maternal mortality is one of the top priorities of the three subcommittees, the commission made not be able to lead the cause but rather be supporting others through donations or promotion of their programs and initiatives. However, leading the cause on financial independence and literacy and increasing women in public service may be an area the commission could lead in. To help guide this initiative and to strategically develop a plan to how the commission could advance financial literacy for women in Indiana by providing recommendations of policy changes, investment programs, or education programs with the help of a research contractor. The chair requested ideas and comments as to how this procedure could occur.

Suggestions were made for collecting research data using a Qualtrics system, the state's MPH performance system, hiring a research contractor, dissecting data from other sources from community investment banks to gather this data for recommendations.

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM AND ROLL CALL: With the arrival of commissioner Kori Chambers at 12:47 PM EST Quorum was established. Commissioner Christine Altman made a motion to adopt the spending plan (i.e 2021 donation proposal) with the removal of one of the organizations listed. Clarification from the organization was submitted to remove themselves from the donation list due to their ability to only receive state grants. Motion was seconded by seconded by commissioner Stephanie Moore. Roll call was taken at 12:57. Quorum was not established.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Decision was made to hold another strategic planning meeting on March 9, 2022 instead of the regular commission calendar meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Decision was made to hold an emergency commission meeting before the end of February to approve the prior meeting minutes, the 2021 donation proposal listing, the 2021 Indiana Commission for Women annual report, and appoint the Executive Committee.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS: no comments from commissioners.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: no comments from the public.

ADJOUREMENT: The meeting was called to adjourned by Chair Dr. Lindsay Weaver at 1:05 PM EST.

Next Meeting: Emergency Meeting (February 21, 2022)

Subsequent Meeting: April 13, 2022