



MEETING AGENDA
MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN
February 28, 2023
Lawton City Hall - 1st Floor Banquet Room
212 SW 9th Street

I CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

II INVOCATION: Christina Woodson

I want to let those in attendance know that you do not have to join in if you feel uncomfortable doing so. I encourage you to offer a prayer in your heart in accordance with your faith and belief.

III WELCOME:

RETURNING COMMISSIONER - Yvonne Landmark

GUESTS: Welcome guests

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

IV BUSINESS:

- A) **MINUTES:** Consider approval of the January 24, 2023 Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women minutes. (Copy of minutes filed with the Office of the City Clerk)

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Motion to approve/amend minutes.

- B) **FINANCIALS:** Consider approval of the financial statement prepared for February 1, 2023. (Copy of financial statements filed with the Office of the City Clerk)

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Motion to approve financial statement prepared for February 1, 2023

- C) **NOMINATIONS and ELECTION OF TREASURER:** Consider nominations from the floor to fill the remaining term of Treasurer left by outgoing Commissioner Brandi Thomas.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Vote by ballot to select a new Treasurer from nominations given.

- D) **OFFICER NOMINATIONS:** Parliamentarian will open floor to nominations for 2023/23 Slate of Officers

RECOMMENDED ACTION: No additional action taken at this time.

NOTE: Prior to the March 28 meeting per MCSW Bylaws Article IX Section 1 states: "The Chair of the Nominating Committee must receive the written consent of all nominees ten (10) days prior to the election or that nomination will not be placed on the ballot."

- E) **OUTSTANDING CITIZEN OF COMANCHE COUNTY:** Consider approving the recommendation of the following individuals for Outstanding Citizen of Comanche County. Nominees: Kat Funaki, Hungry Hearts - Adriene Davis, Desirae Schneider, and Markaila McCorkle.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Motion to approve the recommended individuals for Outstanding Citizen of the Month.

- F) **SUITS FOR SUCCESS PROPOSAL:** Discuss and take necessary action on Suits for Success rebrand and restructure proposal (see attachment).

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Motion to approve the Suits for Success rebrand and restructure proposal.

V REPORTS:

OFFICERS:

- **CHAIRPERSON:** Christina Woodson- We had the first Mayor/Council Member meeting last week. See attached report. As more meetings are scheduled Commissioners will be called to attend if possible.
- **FIRST VICE CHAIR:** Charise Walker - Nothing new to report
- **SECOND VICE CHAIR:** Maria Meredith - Bylaws update with Dani Blackburn.
- **TREASURER:** OPEN - Nothing new aside from financials presented above.
- **RECORDING/CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:** Dani Blackburn- Nothing new to report

*This Notice of Meeting and Updated Agenda was sent via email on 2-27-23 at 11:30am to the City Clerk's Office at Lawton City Hall.

- **PARLIAMENTARIAN:** Sarah Woods- Nothing new to report

COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

- **MEMBERSHIP:** Patricia Williams - Membership Team SOP has undergone several revisions. SOP has been sent to all Commissioners for review. For any suggested edits - send by email to patricia.williams.ynri@statefarm.com. If no suggestions come in prior to the March 28th meeting we will consider the edit submissions closed on March 27, 2023 (EOD) and we will vote to approve on 3-28-23.
 - **BOARD BUDDIES:** Be sure to touch base with your Board Buddy! Have coffee and make a new friend!
- **PUBLICITY/SOCIAL MEDIA:** Cheryl Tate -I have been posting about Notable Local Legends this month. It is a very interesting piece of Lawton history. Please read, like and share. Also please join us for a photo with the new upcoming Citizen of the Month. We would love to have you join us for a picture.
- **EDUCATION:** OPEN - As mentioned last month, we have a project in the works to honor women in the military called Living Women in History that Mayor Booker has given approval for. This project is being headed up by Commissioner U. Lisa Williams. If you are interested in participating with this project please email U. Lisa Williams at womenvetslawtonftsil16@gmail.com. Commissioner Williams has begun gathering bios and pictures from potential honorees to be used in the display.
- **OUTSTANDING CITIZEN OF COMANCHE COUNTY:** Dana Parrish- Today at 2:00pm we will be honoring All About Understanding which is a program designed to bridge the gap between the traditional classroom and real life situations. They aim to equip the world's future leaders with a variety of life skills necessary to become productive citizens and take pride in striving for a better future. Come support our recipients!
- **SUITS FOR SUCCESS:** Bernita Taylor - On February 3rd six commissioners and three members of the community moved the Suits for Success clothing that has been housed at Cosmetic Specialty Labs to The Might Community Development and Resource Center facility. These items will be given out as needs come in by the staff at Might.
- **5-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN:** OPEN- Nothing new to report.
- **STEERING COMMITTEE:** Danielle Brewer- The Steering Committee met on Monday 2-2-23. (See Attached minutes of the meeting for details.) Danielle Brewer will share for 3-5 minutes (at each meeting) to educate Commissioners each month on the official MCSW mission, purpose, vision, and core values of the Commission. See **ANNOUNCEMENTS** for next meeting date.
- **BYLAWS:** Sarah Woods, Maria Meredith, Dani Blackburn- (Report from Dani Blackburn) Bylaws revisions have been sent to all Commissioners. Please read and send any questions or suggested edits to dblackburn@hcacpas.com. The Bylaws will be reviewed by our City Attorney prior to our vote to approve all revisions.
- **NOMINATING:** Sarah Woods - Sarah Woods and Bernita Taylor will secure written consent of all 23/24 Officer nominees prior to the March 28th presentation of the slate of officers

VI Announcements:

- For all communications concerning MCSW (name tags, supplies, OCCC, or MCSW nominations) send requests to Donalynn.Blazek-Scherler@lawtonok.gov. She will now oversee everything concerning MCSW with the exception of posting the agenda. The agendas will still go to the City Clerk's office.
- **MARCH 9, 2023 @ NOON** - Lunch will be provided (please RSVP) Meeting will be held at Might Community Development and Resource Center - 714 SW 45th Street, Lawton, OK 73506
- **MARCH 20, 2023 @ 5:30pm** - MCSW Steering Committee meeting at Atlanta Bread Company
- **MARCH 23, 2023 @ 1:00pm-3:00pm** - Housing Task Force meeting at City Hall Ballroom
- **MARCH 28, 2023 @ 12:00pm-1:00pm** - MCSW Monthly Board Meeting in the City Hall Ballroom.
- **MARCH 28, 2023 @ 2:00pm**- Outstanding Citizen of Comanche County Presentation to Jerry Nottingham.
- **MAY 10, 2023 @ 12:00-1:00**- MCSW and LBW join together to host ReMerge of Oklahoma. ReMerge of Oklahoma County is a program that serves high-risk, high-needs mothers facing non-violent felony offenses in Oklahoma County. ReMerge is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit dedicated to restoring women to their families and our community. Make plans to attend! To register for the Lawton Business Women's meeting on May 10th go to www.lawtonbusinesswomen.com to preregister. For more information on the ReMerge program, visit their website at www.REMERGEOK.org.

VII Adjournment: