



**MEETING MINUTES
MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN**

April 25, 2023

**Lawton City Hall - 1st Floor Banquet Room
212 SW 9th Street**

- I CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:** Woodson called the meeting to order at 12:04 PM
Present: Melody Scott, Dana Parrish, Rebekah Pullicar, Bernita Taylor, Patricia Williams, Cheryl Tate, Yvonne Landmark, U. Lisa Williams, Teresa Abram, Dani Blackburn, Sarah Woods, Christina Woodson
Absent: Liz Ware, Leslie J. Watts, Dobanney Scott, Ginny Sahler, Wynonna Alberty, Maria Meredith
12 commissioners present. Quorum established.
- II INVOCATION:** Given by C. Tate
Those in attendance do not have to join in if you feel uncomfortable doing so. You are encouraged to offer a prayer in your heart in accordance with your faith and belief.
- III WELCOME:**
GUESTS: Welcome guests - No Guest Present
- IV BUSINESS:**
- A) **MINUTES:** Consider approval of the March 28, 2023 Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women minutes. (Copy of minutes filed with the Office of the City Clerk)
- Motion to approve minutes: M. Scott
Second: C. Tate
Further discussion: None
Woods called the roll: 10 Y, 0 N, 1 Abstain (Blackburn). Motion Carries.
- B) **FINANCIALS:** Consider approval of the financial statement prepared for April 1, 2023. (Copy of financial statements filed with the Office of the City Clerk)
- Discussion: NONE
Motion to approve financial statement prepared for April 1, 2023: D. Blackburn
Second: Y. Landmark
Woods called the roll: 11 Y, 0 N. Motion Carries
- C) **MCSW LIMITED SERVICE AGREEMENT:** Present 2023 MCSW Limited Service Agreement & Budget Request.
- Discussion: Importance and use of request form is explained by Chairperson Christina
- a) S. Woods – Are printing fees coming out of our budget and should a request for be done for that?
- b) Chairperson - With all Information and Agendas being emailed to commissioners to print themselves, we have no printing fees
- c) D. Brewer – Will budget be enough for Women of the Year (WOY)?
- d) Chairperson – WOY banquet has been merged with the City of Lawton Birthday; we are only responsible for the awards for recipients.
- Motion to approve 2023 MCSW Limited Service Agreement & Budget Request: D. Blackburn
Second: D. Parrish
Woods called the roll: 10 Y, 0 N, 1 Abstain (U. Williams). Motion Carries

D) 2023 BYLAWS REVISION: Article XII Section 2 of the MCSW Bylaws states:

"Notice of amendments to the Bylaws shall be given at a regular meeting one month prior to a vote."

Notice of changes was given at the February 28, 2023 meeting. All changes have been reviewed and approved by the City Attorney.

Discussion: NONE

Motion to approve the 2023 MCSW Bylaws Revision as presented on 2-28-23: B. Taylor

Second: M. Scott

Woods called the roll: 10 Y, 0 N, 1 Abstain (U. Williams) Motion Carries

Commissioner Dobanney Scott arrives at 12:41

V REPORTS:

OFFICERS:

- **CHAIRPERSON:** Christina Woodson- All Commissioners are encouraged to engage in the community and talk to women about needs, challenges or victories in your Ward and our community at large.
- **FIRST VICE CHAIR:** OPEN
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WOMAN OF THE YEAR: C. Woodson reminds commissioners nominations for WOTY will close April 28th

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- **SECOND VICE CHAIR:** Maria Meredith -
- **TREASURER:** Melody Scott - Nothing new aside from financials presented above.
- **RECORDING/CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:** Dani Blackburn- Nothing new to report
- **PARLIAMENTARIAN:** Sarah Woods- Nothing new to report

COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

- **MEMBERSHIP:** Patricia Williams - Per our Bylaws all Commissioners need to sign up for at least one committee.
- **PUBLICITY/SOCIAL MEDIA:** Cheryl Tate - Please share the post from our Mayor's Commission Page with the application for Woman of the Year. Please continue to like and share our page.
- **EDUCATION:** OPEN - Commissioner U. Lisa Williams is still receiving bios. Looking at deadline for July to have everything completed to present in August-"Women's Equality Day"
- **OUTSTANDING CITIZEN OF COMANCHE COUNTY:** Dana Parrish-

D. Parrish explains the mishap with honoree Adrienne Davis on Tuesday April 11th. City of Lawton Liaison Donnalyn will conduct all scheduling moving forward and dates will be reported at following meeting. C. Woodson hands out homework to commissioners to search Community magazines to find more outstanding people impacting the community so we can highlight them.

- **SET FOR SUCCESS:** Bernita Taylor - Next meeting will be today at 1:00pm following the MCSW meeting.

B. Taylor reported that all clothing was organized during UNITED DAY OF CARING and canceled follow up meeting scheduled April 25th and May 9th. Donation scheduled will continue in May for other necessary action items.

- **5-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN:** OPEN- Nothing new to report.
- **STEERING COMMITTEE:** Danielle Brewer- We will be covering the "Philosophy" of the MCSW.

D. Brewer shares the Philosophy of MCSW and reminds commissioners that our job is to advise the Mayor on the concerns of women in the Comanche County community. U. Williams shares how commissioners can get out in the community to learn of concerns. D Brewer hands out homework

for commissioners to brainstorm on the role they wish to play in the mission and philosophy of MCSW

- **BYLAWS:** Sarah Woods, Maria Meredith, Dani Blackburn- Nothing new to report.
- **NOMINATING:** Sarah Woods- Nothing new to report

VI Announcements:

- **April 25, 2023 @ 1:00pm** - Set For Success Committee Meeting immediately following MCSW in City Hall Ballroom.
CANCELED
- **May 9, 2023 from 10:00 - 3:00pm @ Might CDRC** - Quarterly work day. Might CDRC is located at 714 SW 45th Street, Lawton, OK 73506.
CANCELED
- **MAY 10, 2023 @ 12:00-1:00-** MCSW and LBW join together to host ReMerge of Oklahoma at the Lawton Country Club. 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.
- **Next MCSW Meeting: May 23, 2023 @ 12:00 pm** - City Hall Ballroom.

VII Adjournment: 1:11 PM

Discussion: NONE
Motion to Adjourn made by: Y. Landmark
Second: D. Parrish
Woods called the roll: 12 Y, 0 N Motion Carries

Minutes Submitted 5-18-23

Patricia Williams

Patricia Williams, Secretary

Christina Woodson

Christina Woodson, Chair