



AGENDA
MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN
August 02, 2022
City Hall – 1st Floor Banquet Hall
212 SW 9th Street

I CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL: The meeting was called to order at **12:01pm** Parliamentarian, D. Blackburn, called roll. PRESENT: Charise Walker, Dana Parrish, Ginny Sahler, Luanne Gallagher, Cheryl Tate, Jean Bewley-Petersen, Brandi Thomas, Danielle Brewer, Samantha Lankford, Dani Blackburn, Sara Woods, Christina Woodson. ABSENT: Melody Scott, Emily Ellis, Indie Michaels, Dobanney Scott,, Maria Meredith, Vera Oldham,

II GUESTS: Per motion made/approved on 2-1-22, each meeting of MCSW will open the floor during the first 5 minutes of each meeting for guests to speak or introduce themselves.

- NO GUESTS PRESENT

III MINUTES: Discuss and take action on approval of the June 07, 2022 Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women minutes.

- **MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES AS PRESENTED GALLAGHER**
- **SECOND: THOMAS**
- **PARLIAMENTARIAN D. BLACKBURN CONDUCTED A ROLL CALL VOTE**
- **MOTION: CARRIES - UNANIMOUSLY**

IV DISCUSS RESTRICTING ALLOTTED TIME FOR GUESTS TO SPEAK IN MEETINGS: Woodson suggested that in order to be able to conduct necessary business, we should change the wording of the motion made on February 2022 by eliminating the words "or introduce themselves". Woods stated that regardless of wording the leader of our meeting needs to take charge, enforce and reiterate the rule for guests to speak. Topic will be discussed further at the next meeting and action will be taken then.

V MCSW OPENINGS:

- Give update on open positions - Sara Paape has resigned. Open positions are:
 - Ward 2
 - Western District
 - At Large, City Limits
- Discuss recruitment of potential new members for MCSW - Lankford asked for any suggestions of potential commissioners. No suggestions were made so Lankford asked each commissioner to come up with 1-2 names by the next meeting. Lankford also asked current commissioners to remember that we are always trying to increase diversity on the commission.

VI OUTSTANDING CITIZEN COMMITTEE:

- Nominate a new chair for Outstanding Citizen Committee. Lankford asked Woodson to share with those present some parameters that Paape used to bring nominations to the group. Woods stated that past chairs secured flowers or gift certificates for the recipients. We know of at least 2 applications that are pending. Parrish read from the bylaws the parameters given for this committee. Lankford suggested that we move back to once a month. At our next meeting Lankford will pass out a sign up sheet for commissioners to volunteer for some of the open positions that we currently have available.
 - **MOTION TO TABLE DISCUSSION UNTIL NEXT MEETING: - Woods**
 - **SECOND: Brewer**
 - **PARLIAMENTARIAN D. BLACKBURN CONDUCTED A ROLL CALL VOTE**
 - **MOTION: CARRIES Unanimously**

VII SUITS FOR SUCCESS:

- Discuss relocation/possible community partnership - Blackburn spoke with Lauren Ellis about potential locations that would receive the clothing. Woods spoke to Ed Trope @ Goodwill. Both will be invited to the September meeting. Lankford will also contact the Salvation Army and will invite all to speak so that a decision can be made and the clothes moved out of Cosmetic Specialty Labs.

VIII DISCUSS SEXUAL ASSAULT TASK FORCE:

- Updates from Blackburn and Lankford - Lankford and Blackburn met with the Mayor to get specifics and determine what he would like our involvement to be. According to our City Charter - this is something that we can participate in. This is not something that MCSW will run - we will work with existing community partners to see how we can support the mission. We need to establish a sub-committee for MCSW members to serve on. It is not mandatory for any commissioner to participate. The Mayor has ideas to implement prevention education. There are several community partners that we can also partner with for further educational tactics to employ. We must have diversity and inclusion in all our planning. Woods posed several questions that Lankford suggested asking once a committee is formed. Blackburn stated that this is still so new that there are many things that are still undecided and still in the works. Walker and Woods stated that they would be interested in helping. Lankford stated that a committee will be formed at the next meeting.

IX Reports:

- **CHAIRPERSON:** Dr. Samantha Lankford - Nothing to report
- **FIRST VICE CHAIR:** Charise Walker - Nothing to report
- **SECOND VICE CHAIR:** Maria Meredith - ABSENT
- **TREASURER:** Brandi Thomas - Nothing to report
- **PARLIAMENTARIAN:** Dani Blackburn - Nothing to report
- **MEMBERSHIP:** OPEN
- **PUBLICITY/SOCIAL MEDIA:** Cheryl Tate - She is still trying to urge people to like posts for greater viewing.
- **EDUCATION:** Charise Walker - Asked if we are still looking into hosting a forum. Lankford stated that we will be working on the Sexual Assault Committee so no additional forum will be added at this time.
- **OUTSTANDING CITIZEN:** OPEN
- **WOMAN OF THE YEAR:** Charisse Walker - Trying to confirm dates for the ceremony.
- **SUITS FOR SUCCESS:** Luanne Gallagher - Nothing to report
- **5-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN:** Dr. Samantha Lankford - We will be getting this committee together again soon to continue planning.
- **STEERING COMMITTEE:** OPEN -
- **BYLAWS:** Dani Blackburn - Bylaws need to be typed up
- **NOMINATING:** Dani Blackburn - Nothing to report

X Old Business:

Nothing

XI New Business:

Nothing

XII Announcements:

- Great Plains Technology Center Update: REI Women's Business Center, SBA and the GPTC Economic Development Center are hosting the Women's Business Summit on September 15, 2022. Woodson passed out information with QR code for those interested to sign up.
- Cameron University Update: Nothing
- **Next Meeting: September 06, 2022**

XIII Adjournment:

- **MOTION TO ADJOURN:** Woods
- **SECOND:** Petersen
- **PARLIAMENTARIAN, BLACKBURN CONDUCTED A ROLL CALL VOTE**
- **MOTION: CARRIES Unanimously**
- **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 12:53pm**

Meeting Notes Submitted by:

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August 2, 2022*

Minutes Approved on: