

**Howard County Commission for Women
Video Conference
November 10, 2020**

Members Present

Rhonda Jones, Chair
Jessica Epps, Vice Chair
Dianne Paulus, Recording Secretary
Mae Beale
Meg Boyd
Farida Guzdar
Kashonna Holland
Maxine Kellman-Allen
Phyllis Zolotorow

Members Absent

Staff Present

Stephanie Adibe, Executive Secretary

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Guests Present

Pam Guzzone
Kaymisha Knights

Speaker Series

The Commission welcomed Kaymisha Knights who presented on mental health for the Speaker Series.

Call to Order

With a quorum present, the CFW meeting was called to order at 7:05pm.

Approval of October Minutes

The minutes from the October meeting were reviewed. A motion was made to approve the October minutes. Motion passed.

Chair's Report

- Rhonda welcomed Pam Guzzone who is going through the approval process to join the Women's Commission.
- Draft video from Women's Hall of Fame virtual celebration has been shared with the chair. Video is being completed and will be shared with the commissioners for review after Friday.
- Commissioners are asked to continue their work and focus on their work group assignments and projects to ensure we are working toward our calendar due dates.

Executive Secretary's Report

- Stephanie is working with Jackie to confirm a meeting to connect with other commissions.

- New commissioners will be presented to the County Council on November 16, 2020. On December 7, 2020 – the council will take action on the appointments. Stephanie will share the link for the meetings for commissioners to attend or provide testimony.
- Social media campaign for women’s recognition month has been approved. Budget for the Women’s Hall of Fame may be used for this program.

New Business

- Holidays are approaching and Rhonda suggested virtual holiday party to celebrate with the commissioners. Poll to determine time that may work. Commissioners can support department food and toy drives for holidays as part of the event.
- Proposal for January check-in on strategic direction.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the open meeting. The motion was seconded, and all present were in favor, so the motion was passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Submitted by Dianne Paulus

The next meeting will be held on December 8, 2020 at 6:00 via Webex conference.