

Meeting Minutes
Permanent Commission on the Status of Women
January 14, 2015, 12:00-1:00pm
Nash School, Augusta

I. Welcome and Introductions

Attending in person: Elizabeth Ward Saxl, Regina Rooney, guest Kim Condon Lane

Attending remotely: Andrea Irwin, Jennifer Burke, Jessica Maurer, Holly Stover, Sarah Ruef-Lindquist, Samantha Lott Hale

Absent: Amy Gallant, Rebekah Smith, Marianne Moore, Fatuma Hussein, Gary Wolcott

II. Review and Approve Minutes from December Meeting

Motion to approve minutes from 12/10/14 meeting as amended – Regina, second - Jen, all in favor.

Elizabeth – Under Governance, Jessica happy to stay on.

III. Discuss and review Final Draft of Policy Recommendations, Executive Summary and next steps of Report - Regina

- **Final Draft** - We want consensus. I have not heard feedback that there were any concerns remaining.

Motion to move the policy recommendations as drafted – Elizabeth, second – Sam, all in favor.

- **Executive Summary & Conclusion** – We wanted the policy recommendations in the Executive Summary. Looking for approval that this is the direction we want to take, with the understanding that there may be some wordsmithing.

Elizabeth –Prefer the underlined description of the Commission.

Motion to move forward with this section of the Executive Summary – Sarah, second – Andrea, all in favor.

- **Next Steps** – Reports Committee and Outreach will work as one on the report, putting it all together and laying it out. The next Report Committee meeting is January 26 at 11:00. Regina will send out the GTM info. Will also discuss presentation to the Legislature. All are welcome to participate.

IV. Other Committee Reports/Updates

a. Governance – Elizabeth

- Speaker has finished his current appointments. Andrea and I are official again.
- All members who are expiring are interested in staying on. Briefed Scott Van Orman.
- Working on tribal seat.
- Kim Condon Lane here today.
- Jessica Laliberte (Speaker/At large) just indicated that she needs to resign. Looking for recommendations. Hope to have more names for you next meeting.
- Melissa Simones resigned in December as she is working in the Senate President's Office.
- No resume or response from Cheryl.
- Holly will check in with Gary.

b. Finance –Marianne absent

c. Outreach - Andrea

We need a chair. Very important to follow up as we present our report. Practical to combine the two committees. Will try it with Regina as chair and see how it goes. Need members to focus on different tasks: survey, report, outreach.

Andrea – Received a nice email from Bre Kidman. She is starting her externship today and offered to work with us where possible.

V. Other Business

Desire to continue the New England Women's Policy Conference with a steering committee. Holly willing to continue in this capacity. Developing a coordinated "Call to Action" on the work of the conference to use to direct our work (Maine) and shared work. There is a draft. Plans for another conference in two years. Holly will check in with VT commission regarding funding.

VI. Adjourn

- Women's Day at the State House on 1/20/15.
- Domestic Violence Day at the State House on 2/10/15.
- Next Meeting is Wednesday, February 11, 2015, 12:00-1:00 pm
- Motion to adjourn - Sarah, second - Regina, all in favor (1:00)