

Meeting Minutes
Permanent Commission on the Status of Women
June 8, 2016, 12:00a – 2:00p
Office of the Secretary of State, Nash School, Augusta

I. Welcome and Introductions

In person: Amy Gallant and guest, Clara Whitney from Good Shepard Food Bank
Attending Remotely: Vera Roberts, Sarah Ruef-Lindquist, Marianne Moore, Jane Haskell, Samantha Lott Hale, Marjorie Crowley, Fatuma Hussein, guest: Holly Stover
Absent: Rebekah Smith, Elizabeth Ward Saxl, Regina Rooney

II. Review and Approve Minutes from April 13, 2016 Meeting

Motion to approve minutes from April 13, 2016 - Marjorie, second – Jane, opposed – none, abstentions – none

III. Governance: Membership Update – Sarah and Amy

- Kelly Bentley has been confirmed.
- Amy, Regina, and Sam will not be reappointed, however remain on the commission until replaced.
- Clara Whitney is the public policy director for Good Shepherd Food Bank. Amy asks the commission to consider submitting an appointment to the Governor for Clara to represent women with low income on the PCSW.
- Amy, in her new capacity at AARP, would be happy to rejoin the commission if the elderly or at large seat opens up.

IV. Policy Meeting Planning – Sarah

- Sarah sent electronic letters to: Ana Hicks/Speaker Eves, Andrew Roth-Wells/Rep. McCabe, Earl Bierman/Rep. Fredette, Robert Caverly/Pres. Thibodeau, Diane Johanson/Sen Mason, Ericka Dodge/Sen. Alford, and John McGough/Gov. LePage
- Ana and Andrew accepted. Ericka is unable to attend and has not yet named a surrogate.
- Discussed the framework of meeting and potential questions. Kelly will summarize and share. Jane will send out debriefing questions

V. NEWPI Conference Planning: Update – Sarah/Marianne

Need direction regarding survey sent this week. What are the top 3 tracks that we would like to be responsible for organizing?

VI. Communications Committee: Update –Samantha

Sam is testing different days to release fb posts.

VII. Next meeting:

July 13, 2016: 12:00 pm–1:00 pm Policy Meeting, 1:00 pm–2:00pm debriefing.
Sarah will check with Regina to see if a full commission meeting is necessary in August for report planning.
Meeting ended at 1:00