DC Commission for Women
Tuesday, January 14, 2020
Meeting Minutes

Location: Room 507, Wilson Building
 **Meeting called to order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Completed at 6:23 p.m.

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| **Commissioners** | **Attending** |
| Gabrielle Alfonso | yes |
| Nia Hope Bess | no |
| Donella Brockington, Vice Chair | yes |
| Aryn Bussey | no |
| Brandy Butler | yes |
| Courtney Christian | no |
| Abby Fenton | no |
| Jacquelyn Glover | yes |
| Tiffini Greene | no |
| Angie Lundy | no |
| Camelia Mazard | yes |
| Princess McDuffie, Chair | yes |
| Susan Sarfati | yes |
| Shelley Tomkin | no |
| Abigail Truhart | no |
| Jessica Tunon | no |
| Latonya Clark | yes |
| Jenny Luray | no |
| Veronica Nelson | yes |
| Athena Cross | yes |
| Jessica Stamp | Yes  |

A quorum was present.

**MOWPI Staff:** Jennifer Porter, Alex Chambers

**Meeting Minutes:** Minutes from October 1, 2019 meeting circulated, approved with no edits.

1. **Correspondence and Announcements:** None
2. **Report from Commission Chair:**
	1. Executive Committee/Committee Updates: Chair McDuffie discussed the importance of Commissioners continuing to meet up for the year of 2020 in efforts to support and lead events within the Mayor’s Office on Women’s Policy and Initiatives. Chair McDuffie sent around a sign-up sheet for Commissioners to sign up for new Committees or to remain on previous Committees.
	2. Commission Role Expectations for 2020: Chair McDuffie and Director Porter discussed Director Porter’s transition phase for maternity leave and the importance of Commissioners stepping up for support in workshops and signature events.
	3. Service Project Ideas: The Commission has had the opportunity to engage with the girls of Excel Academy. This year the Commission will work to serve girls, women in the fields of maternal health, health and wellness, civic engagement, sorority organizations and senior women.
3. **Director’s Report:**
	* 1. **Recap of a year of service:** Director Porter recaps on what an amazing year of service and dedication we have had with the Commissioners. This past year the Commission was able to support Mayoral initiatives, the National Maternal & Infant Health Summit, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Black Maternal Health Week, Work Smart Salary Negotiation Workshops, Conversations with Women Who Lead, Women’s Equality Day, Washington Women of Excellence Awards, Legislative Days, Pink Tax and the Diaper Tax. Commissioners will continue to support the Mayor in all of the initiatives and efforts for events.
		2. **Updates about Women’s History Month:** MOWPI will be working with the DC Commission for Women to host a series of events for Women’s History Month. Events will include our annual events; Washington Women of Excellence Awards, Work Smart Salary Negotiation Workshop, Well Women Wednesdays, HERStory 5K, Latinx Breaking the Silence: Being a Latina in the District, MOLGBTQ 40 Under 40 Queer Awards, and MORCA’s Women Re-entry Conference.
		3. **Upcoming Mayoral Events:** Director Porter shared updates on upcoming events to include, the Martin Luther King Jr. Parade, the Budget Engagement Forums, the 2020 State of the District and Census. Also, the end of Open Enrollment on January 31, 2020.
		4. **Discuss #BeTheMovement Policy Boot Camp:** The #BeTheMovement Policy Boot Camp will take place on Saturday, January 25 from 9:00 am-1:00 pm. Commissioners will be needed to volunteer in support of guiding, registration, and networking with the attendees.
		5. **Onboarding of the new Associate Director:** MOWPI will be onboarding a new Associate Director, Joya Smith.
		6. **Committee Updates & Engagement Opportunities:** Commissioner Sarfati suggested Carla Hayden of the Library of Congress to be honored as a Washington Women of Excellence for 2020.

 **Announcements/Good of the Order**

1. **Next Meeting Date**: The next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at the Wilson Building.
2. **Motion to Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.