DC Commission for Women
Tuesday, February 4, 2020
Meeting Minutes

Location: Room G-9, Wilson Building
 **Meeting called to order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Completed at 6:10 p.m.

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

A quorum was present.

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

**Meeting Minutes:** Minutes from January 14, 2020 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.
	2. Commission Role Expectations for 2020: Chair McDuffie and Director Porter discussed Director Porter’s transition and phase for maternity leave and the importance of Commissioners stepping up for support in workshops and signature events. The importance of Commissioners supporting MOWPI during Women’s History Month. Chairwoman McDuffie ensures the Commissioners that MOWPI will share upcoming events to include volunteer opportunities.
	3. Service Project Ideas: No updates
3. **Director’s Report:**
	* 1. **Recap of the #BeTheMovement Policy Boot Camp:** Director Porter recaps on what an amazing turnout MOWPI had at the #BeTheMovement Policy Boot Camp. Director Porter thanks the Commissioners for the volunteer support and leadership in introducing the speakers to the women of the boot camp. Director Porter specifically highlighted Commissioner Shelley Tomkin for being a speaker on the panel and sharing vital information and her personal journey.
		2. **Updates about Women’s History Month & the Washington Women of Excellence Awards:** 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. Director Porter specifically highlighted the importance of the Commission sharing nominations of women to be honored with the District for MOWPI’s Washington Women of Excellence Awards. In addition, MOWPI will need Commissioners support in volunteering and being presented at the Washington Women of Excellence Awards and at events to take place within Women’s History Month and beyond.
		3. **Upcoming Mayoral Events:** Director Porter shared updates on upcoming events to include the Budget Engagement Forums, the 2020 State of the District and Census. Commissioners are encouraged to join Mayor Bowser for one of the Budget Engagement Forums which will take place on February 18, 2020, February 20, 2020 and February 22, 2020.
		4. **Discuss Black History Month:** Director Porter discusses the events the Mayor’s Office on African American Affairs is pushing out, the hashtag of #BlackHistoryDC to amplify, and the importance of celebrating African Americans within the District beyond Black History Month. Director Porter distributed DC Black History Month 2020 Guide to Events.
		5. **Discuss Well Women Wednesday:**  Director Porter and MOWPI are more than excited to re-launch the Well Women Wednesday’s series. MOWPI will need Commissioners to be present at the Well Women Wednesday’s workshops and as always share women who they believe are leading in their communities to promote health and wellness.
		6. **Committee Updates & Engagement Opportunities:** Commissioner Stamp shared her engagement with Trinity University and their events this week regarding Women and girls in sports. MOWPI is happy to amplify the event and also highly encourages Commissioners to share events they would like MOWPI to support or amplify.

 **Announcements/Good of the Order**

1. **Next Meeting Date**: The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at the Wilson Building.
2. **Motion to Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.