



**Council for Women & Youth Involvement**  
Department of Administration

**N.C Council for Women Board Meeting Minutes**

September 23, 2021, 10:00 am until 12:00 pm

This Meeting was Conducted Remotely by Microsoft Teams: Hosted by Danielle Carman

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**Ethics Statement:**

The State Government Ethics Act mandates that, at the beginning of any meeting, the Chair remind all members of their duty to avoid conflicts of interest and inquire as to whether any member knows of any conflict of interest or potential conflict with respect to matters to come before the Council.

**Members Present:** Jenny Black, Chair, Annette Taylor, Vice Chair, Candance Gingles, Elsa Jimenez-Salgado, Dana O'Donovan, Mindy Oakley, Patricia Parker, Dr. Joyce Payne, Dr. Tracey Ray, Judge Robin Robinson, Adrienne Spinner, Carrie Stewart, Lyric Thompson, and Karen Wallace Meigs

**Members Absent:** Andreina Hall, Emily Kirby, Del Mattioli, Crystal Moore, Dr. Kimberly Moore, and Kate Woodbury

**NC Council for Women & Youth Involvement Staff Present:** Danielle Carman, Charnessa Ridley, Deborah Torres, Angela Winston-Hill, Gabby Smith, Deatrice Williams, Bernetta Thigpen, and Lori Gerber

**Guests Present:** Pam Cashwell, DOA Secretary, David Elliott, DOA Deputy Secretary, Evin Grant, DOA Policy Director, and Katie Hall, DOA Legislative Liaison

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**Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jenny Black at 10:00 a.m.**

Welcome/Member Roll Call: Chair Jenny Black welcomed Secretary Cashwell and Deputy Secretary Elliott. Executive Director Carman introduced new Deputy Director Ridley. Black read the Ethics Statement. No conflicts of interest were noted. Carman conducted the roll call and members stated present as their names were called.

Approval of Minutes: O'Donovan moved to approve the March 11, 2021 minutes as written. Gingles seconded. All members unanimously approved the minutes.

**Chairperson's Report – Jenny Black**

- Volunteer solicited to serve as the Council's designee on the NC Domestic Violence Commission.
- Co-Chairperson Taylor was appointed by Governor Roy Cooper to the Andrea Harris Social, Economic, Environmental, and Health Equity Task Force. The Task Force was appointed by Governor Cooper as part of the state's coronavirus response, and seeks to address the social, environmental, economic, and health

disparities in communities of color disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. Taylor has been assigned to the Education Sub-Committee. Task Force meetings are open to the public.

- Discussion of Poverty & Opportunity Draft Report.

#### **Vice Chairperson's Report: Speaker's Bureau – Annette Taylor**

- Promote and coordinate speaking opportunities for CFW Board across NC
- Focus on Exploiting Inequity Report and Status of Women Reports
- Identify opportunities to share report data with targeted organizations
- Speaker's Bureau volunteer for Women on Board Program

Council members asked staff to collect any past presentations about the Status of Women report series and any previously created one-pagers with county-specific metrics, and add them all to the Teams team for the Council. The ultimate goal is to develop a resource library of presentations housed on Teams, including presentations about CFW's work in general, the Status of Women report series, putting the report recommendations into action, and legislative successes (e.g., the child marriage bill).

#### **Spotlight: New Hanover County Women's Commission meeting 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month @ 4pm**

Judge Robinson asked Carman if she could make a presentation to the Commission about CFW's work in February or March 2022. Carman said she would follow up on that request.

#### **Legislative Committee – Kate Woodbury/Lyric Thompson**

Expand awareness of the Status of Women NC outreach and policy recommendations:

- Child Marriage in North Carolina the Bill was pass in August 2021.
- Medicaid Expansion/Increase access to healthcare
- Support increased funding of domestic violence and sexual assault programs
- Support pre-K education/affordable childcare

#### **Fundraising Committee – Del Mattioli/Candance Gingles**

- Marketing The Status of Women Report -Poverty and Opportunity.
- Securing partnership opportunities for Status of Women reports and other projects.
- The Council asked staff to come to the next meeting with a plan for distributing the Poverty & Opportunity report, including recommendations with respect to any needed printing budget, a target distribution list, and what state resources might be available to make the report more electronically accessible.

#### **Executive Director's Report – Danielle Carman**

- Jenny Black, Chair, Crystal Moore, and Dr. Kimberly Moore are unable to continue serving. Carman will update the Council at the next meeting about the Governor's reappointments and new appointments.
- Confirmation of Committee Structure and Assignments.

**Adjourn Meeting:** Meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Submitted by Deborah Torres