



**Baltimore County Commission for Women  
Minutes of the Meeting  
Thursday, June 21, 2018**

**Present:** Bella Owens, Vonzella Perry, Lynda Stahl, Sheila Derman, Kimberly Bowen, Kelly Carter, Emily Hunter, Sabrina Jones, Jacqui Lampell, Cecelia Myrick, Anna Renault, Brenda Savoy, Frances Smith, Renee McGuirk-Spence, Helene Waranch, Phyllis Hall, Nancy Surosky

**Excused Absences:** Carmen Christiana, Jennie Fernandez, Ruth Howard, Nitsa Zdziera

**Unexcused Absences:** Dorothy Foos and Cheryl Brooks

**Call to Order:** 6:05 p.m. by President Bella Owens

*Moment of Silence for County Executive Kevin K. Kamenetz who passed away May 10, 2018.*

**Minutes of May Meeting** approved as submitted.

**Treasurer's Report:** (Reported by Lynda Stahl) Beginning Balance \$8,407.74; Expenses \$3,372.48; Ending Balance \$5,035.26

**President's Report:** Bella introduced two new Commissioners, Brenda Savoy (District 4 appointee of Councilman Jones) and Anna Renault (District 7 appointee of Councilman Crandell). She also invited everyone to the Voices of Maryland Women Conference, sponsored by the Maryland Commission for Women, to be held on Saturday, August 18, 10 a.m. at Notre Dame College. She reported that she is working on a Six-Year Commission Report, 2012-2018, which will be finished soon.

### **Committee Reports**

**Women's Health:** Phyllis and Sabrina reported that the Family Health Fun Fest (April 14) was successful and well attended (attendance around 300).

### **Women's Equality/Diversity:**

**Diversity Dimension Panel Discussion 2 (south):** Jacqui and Renee reported that the forum on April 17, which was the first event sponsored by the Commission in the Arbutus area, was well received with more or less 50 attendees. Councilman Quirk gave the welcome.

**Diversity Dimension Panel Discussion 3 (east)** will take place in October.

**Public Policy Agenda:** Sheila Derman reported the 4 legislative policies that passed during the last legislative session:

- **HB 1/SB 2 • Family Law – Child Conceived Without Consent – Termination of Parental Rights (Rape Survivor Family Protection Act)**
- **HB 301/SB 270 • Courts – Evidence of Sexually Assaultive Behavior – Admissibility (Repeat Sexual Predator Prevention Act of 2018)**

- **HB 1303/SB 491 • Family Law – Domestic Violence – Permanent Protective Orders**
- **HB 787/SB 629 • Correctional Facilities – Pregnant Inmates – Medical Care (Healthcare Services for Pregnant Inmates)**

**Human Trafficking:** Frances and Kimberly reported that the first Human Trafficking Work Group meeting (May 8) went very well, a planned course of action was developed and a recommendation report will be submitted.

**Domestic Violence:** No Report

**Old Business/New Business:** No July meeting.

*Presentation of flower/card to outgoing president, Bella Owens.*

**Election of New Set of Officers for July 2018 – June 2019 (by acclimation):**

President – Vonzella Perry  
Vice President – Ruth Howard  
Secretary – Vacant  
Treasurer – Sheila Derman  
Parliamentarian – Sabrina Jones

**Meeting Adjourned** at 7:15 p.m.