



## **Brockton Commission on Women's Issues**

**May 17, 2023**

Brockton City Hall

GAR Room

45 School Street

Brockton, MA

### **In Attendance:**

Janice Johnson Plumer, Chair–Present

Karlene Derozier-Brizard, Vice-Chair–Present

Martha Testa, Secretary–Present

Oluwatoyin Adewumi, Commissioner–Present

Rita Spinola, Commissioner–Present

Ruth Moore, Commissioner–Present

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Sonja Dixon, Commissioner–Present

**Guest:** Tyeneen Lee

1. Call to order - 5:08
2. Minutes from March and April were approved.
3. A discussion was held about a table banner. Agreed on a white cloth with red print that reads "Women's Commission."
4. A discussion about business cards and name plaques was held. Karlene will order. Agreed on the following:
  - One-sided business cards
  - City of Brockton logo on the card
  - Name plates will be like the ones used by the previous commission
  - No name tags needed (possibly use a lanyard or use our business cards in a clear sleeve around our neck)
5. Rita Spinola drafted an introduction letter to send to city commissions with an offer to collaborate with other groups for greater effectiveness. Agreed that we would add the logo to the letter and send to Sydne Marrow for distribution.
6. A discussion was held about narrowing the focus of the group so that we do not over-commit. Re-cap of data that was presented at the United Way breakfast so that the Women's Commission can use data to support the focus of our efforts.

7. Agreed to focus on homelessness and sustainable housing. In addition to housing issues, we will address women's issues that impact housing insecurity, such as caregiver needs, wage disparities and mental health.
8. Agreed to invite Mayor Sullivan to our next meeting. Toyin Adewumi will draft the invitation letter.
9. Rita Spinola will contact Donna LeClair from Massasoit Community College Women's Center to revisit discussions about the Meet and Greet session.
10. Advocacy Day on Beacon Hill is on May 31 from 11:00 – 3:00. Ruth Moore, Toyin Adewumi, and Martha Testa plan to attend.
11. The next meeting is June 21, 2023, at 5:00 at City Hall.
12. The meeting adjourned at 6:58.

Respectfully submitted,  
Martha Testa