



Minutes of the Brockton Women’s Commission
Meeting by Zoom
June 12, 2024

Attendance	<p>Janice Johnson Plummer, Chair-Present Karlene Derozier-Brizard, Vice-Chair-Present Martha Testa, Secretary-Present Oluwatoyin Adewumi, Commissioner-Absent Sonja Dixon, Commissioner-Present Beverly Post, Commissioner-Present Rita Spinola, Commissioner- Present Ruth Moore, Commissioner-Absent</p>
Call to Order	5:35
Meeting Minutes	<p>Motion made, seconded, passed to accept May 2024 minutes after adding the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Janice would follow up with Sydne about email issues and educating staff at City Hall about how to contact members of the Women’s Commission • Discussion about an event at women’s shelters, printing T-shirts, and professional development about facilitating meetings. Speakers may need to be paid.
Old Business	Motion made, seconded, passed to accept updated bylaws.
New Business	<p>1. Janice reported that the budget was reduced from \$3,400 to \$1,500 due to Brockton’s declining financial situation. Discussion about reduction may be due to not spending allotted money in the past. Discussion about ways to increase money, such as sponsors and grants. Commissioners expressed concern that the Commission was not notified formally of budget cut. Janice reported that the plan for a mentoring program will not move forward due to budget cuts.</p> <p>2. Election of Officers—The following Commissioners agreed to serve in these roles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rita Spinola—Chair • Martha Testa—Vice-Chair (until leave of absence TBS) • Beverly Post—Secretary (temporarily) <p>3. Discussion about the need to add new members to the Commission and change perception of the Women’s Commission. Rita reported that she would like to involve local press to elevate the status of the Commission.</p>

	4. Sonja reported about her involvement with the Critical Analytical Thinking Program and the need for women's voices to be heard.
Adjourned	6:36

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Testa
Secretary