



**Minutes of the Brockton Women’s Commission**  
**Meeting in GAR Room**  
**September 18, 2024**

Attendance	Rita Spinola, Chair-Present Martha Testa, Vice-Chair- Present Beverly Post, Secretary-Present Karlene Derozier-Brizard, Commissioner-Present Oluwatoyin Adewumi, Commissioner-Absent Sonja Dixon, Commissioner-Present Janice Johnson Plummer, Commissioner- Absent Ruth Moore, Commissioner-Present Patricia Druincaud- Guest- Present Amani Lassiter- Guest- Present
Call to Order	5:12 pm
Meeting Minutes	Motion made, seconded, and passed to accept June 2024 minutes.
Old Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sydne said now everyone who answers the phone in the Mayor’s office knows what to say about the WC. Rita says we should each test that by calling.</li> <li>• We still don’t know who the emails sent to WC go to. We need to decide which commissioner will manage incoming calls/emails regularly. We need to test the system by sending emails to WC email address.</li> <li>• Lori Pinkham will be sending her resume in to start the process of becoming a commissioner.</li> </ul>
New Business	Any motions made were seconded and passed to accept. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commissioners must be on time for meetings. The new meeting time will be 5:30-6:30 pm. Bev to reach out to the IT Help Center to have this changed on postings &amp; Zoom invites.</li> <li>• Rita gave an inspiring quote for the ‘spirit’ of our meeting: “What I want young women to know is you are powerful and your voice matters.” She invited commissioners to ‘send a thought’ to her for upcoming meetings.</li> <li>• Motion to go to local organizations that help women and girls rather than create our events.</li> <li>• Motion to schedule a meeting during the year with women leaders in the community and invite them to partner with us. Motion accepted.</li> <li>• Motion made that Commissioners will work together and not split up into</li> </ul>

	<p>different committees. If there are committees created, a 'point person will head each one.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Martha has noted she wants to be on the Advisory &amp; Gov't committee.</li> <li>• Motion made that we don't need a Budget Compliance Committee as Sydne is tracking expenditures.</li> <li>• We now have a City of Brockton Tax Exempt Certificate which will help get more donations.</li> <li>• Rita has procured 15 gift card donations: 2 Shaws, 2 Market Basket, 2 TJ Maxx, 2 Marshalls, 2 Bath and Body Works, 2 CVS, 2 Walmart, and 1 Panerai bread (\$15-25 range).</li> <li>• WC was not included in the city's Women in History programs etc. last March. We need to ensure we are included next year. It was decided we'll reach out in November to ensure we can take part in this.</li> <li>• Rita will look into what happens when we've used our budget up, can we get additional funds?</li> <li>• Sonja would like a call-in number for Zoom. Bev will get that &amp; send it to Rita.</li> </ul>
Adjourned	6:00

Respectfully submitted,  
Beverly Post  
Secretary