



Minutes of the Brockton Women’s Commission
Meeting in GAR Room
November 20, 2024

Attendance	<p>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-Absent Janice Johnson Plummer, Commissioner- Present Ruth Moore, Commissioner-Present Caren Benjamin. Commissioner- Present</p>
Call to Order	5:32 pm
Meeting Minutes	Motion made, seconded, and passed to accept November2024 minutes.
Old Business	<p>Follow-up from Sept meeting to reach out to potential partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beverly connected with Brockton WIC. Director, Angela Brown likes the idea of brainstorming how to partner. She suggested I connect with Outreach Coord, Sheariah Israel– not able to reconnect with Sheariah after the initial convo. • Martha- Lead- Lorraine Mitchell, from the Girls Secure Detention Unit. She invited her to the Dec. meeting. • Janice- Lead- Tina Cardoza from Cape Verdean Women United. • Rita- Lead- BHS. Contact: Kevin McCaskill, Principal (Rita offered WC help with a Career Forum event). All commissioners said they’d help with this. • Rita- Lead- Girl Talk mentorship program. Contact: Rashuan Morris. • Rita Suggested: Director of Immigration, Courtney Henderson • Rita will keep trying to get IT to take names off the WC email account and make sure all is in order (only Rita, Bev & Martha are on the distribution list). Rita will approve responding. <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update: Rita reported we cannot set up a WC Gmail address. • Bev suggested having an event where they are recognized for info they know, i.e.: social media how-to, etc.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Women’s Commission of Plymouth County has a ‘Listening Event’ on Dec. 2nd at Massasoit to let women and girls talk about their issues. • Update on WC badges: Martha reported on badges to be printed. Lanyards were decided.
New Business	<p>Any motions made were seconded and passed to accept.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bev suggested we start a spreadsheet with contacts all commissioners have made & keep all info in one place, possibly Google Forms where everyone can view & add info. We can also send out to commissioners monthly. • Bev will reach out to Stephanie Pierre, the mayor’s executive aide, to ask for a resource list of Brockton agencies that help women and children. Will ask for names, emails & phone numbers. • Martha suggested we actively participate in the Mayor’s Women's History Month with a Proclamation. Martha will write one up. Suggested we ask Mayor Sullivan to proclaim it at the Rotunda and we invite Ayana Pressley from the Senate. • Martha reported on an October Advocacy and Gov’t Affairs Committee meeting where a timeline of women's voting rights was shared and info on the gender pay gap: Women working full time earn 84% of what men earn. • New Commissioner: Caren Alexander welcomed to WC. Two more candidates waiting to be sworn in. (Cynthia Hodges & Lori Pinkam). • Bev suggested previously an annual potluck for Directors of women’s focused programs & agencies. We agreed to do this. • We will invite speakers to our Zoom meetings to learn more about their mission & target population, gain WC visibility, and form possible partnerships. Speaker suggestion: Tamisha Civil, Governor’s Council. • We found out we are only allowed 11 commissioners.
Adjourned	6:30

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Post
Secretary