



**Minutes of the Brockton Women’s Commission
Meeting on Zoom
February 19, 2025**

Attendance	<p>Rita Spinola, Chair-Present Martha Testa, Vice-Chair- Leave of Absence Beverly Post, Secretary-Present Karlene Derozier-Brizard, Commissioner-Present Oluwatoyin Adewumi, Commissioner-Absent Sonja Dixon, Commissioner-Present Janice Johnson Plummer, Commissioner- Excused Absence Ruth Moore, Commissioner-Present Caren Benjamin. Commissioner- Present Lori Pinkham, Commissioner- Present Cynthia Hodges- Commissioner- Present</p>
Call to Order	5:32 pm
Meeting Minutes	The motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the November 2024 minutes.
Old Business	<p>Follow-up from the December meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update- Career Presentation: 2/12/25 Rita met with the BHS Principal who wants to do this. Discussed: 450 freshman female students, possibly over 4 days, need 15-20 speakers. We need different leaders every two hours to lead round tables. Talk with students about their career aspirations; Q&A at the end. The principal is too busy; he’ll bring in the head of Guidance to work with. We’ll need two commissioners to take the lead on this. It was decided to do this as a September event. • Cori Check: Lori asked if we needed to get Cori checked for BHS event. Rita will ask the principal. Sonja says, probably, but it’s possibly free to us because we are commissioners. Rita will ask the mayor if needed. • Update: Mailing List & Contact List: (Janice & Beverly). Janice said she would create an Excel in Google Docs and set it up so all commissioners can view and add info, but nothing has been received yet. Rita will follow up with Janice • Update: Re: WC hosting a luncheon for Brockton women entrepreneurs- Toyin- Tabled for March discussion. • Update: Inviting Speakers to our WC meetings- Tabled for March discussion.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re: Proclamation/ Enterprise- Lori will speak with Chris Helms, Enterprise reporter, to have the Proclamation printed in the paper and with Kathy Bossa to write an article about it. Rita reminded us to wear WC lanyards and bring business cards. She also requested they interview Rita about the WC's initiative for this event, linking the Women's Commission, the Proclamation event to 'March is Women's History Month.'
New Business	<p>Any motions made were seconded and passed to accept.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 'I support the women and girls of Brockton campaign'. Rita has labels and magnets. She will be at the Brockton Main Library on Saturday, 3/1, to give them to us. We will hand them out to the event attendees on March 4 in the Rotunda. Some have already been distributed. Bev & Lori will talk with the Salvation Army to give them out in the Westgate Mall store. Rita has given some to Massasoit, City Hall, and the Brockton Main Library. • Rita: Request for a quick meeting before Proclamation Day 3/4/25.
Adjourned	6:32

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly Post
Secretary