



**Minutes of the Brockton Women’s Commission  
GAR Room, City Hall  
April 16, 2025**

<b>(Lori)</b>	<p>Rita Spinola, Chair-Present          Martha Testa, Vice-Chair- Present          Beverly Post, Secretary-Present          Karlene Derozier-Brizard, Commissioner-Present          Oluwatoyin Adewumi, Commissioner- EA          Sonja Dixon, Commissioner-EA          Janice Johnson Plummer, Commissioner- EA          Ruth Moore, Commissioner-Present          Caren Benjamin. Commissioner- Present          Lori Pinkham, Commissioner- EA          Cynthia Hodges- Commissioner- Absent</p>
Call to Order	5:35 pm
Meeting Minutes	The motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the November 2024 minutes.
<b>Old Business</b>	<p><b>Follow-up from the March meeting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Current Budget Update</b> (Rita): \$202 after ordering Lori &amp; Cynthia’s biz cards.</li> <li>• <b>Budget Meeting w City Hall</b> (Rita): CFO says Sydné &amp; Mayor determine WC budget. We asked for \$3500. Rita will send Sydné our plans for next year: Partner with BHS- 2 Day Career Presentation, Brockton Women’s Entrepreneurs Luncheon, Working Mother’s Summit, and Magnets translated into different languages.</li> <li>• <b>Magnet Translations:</b> Karlene will look into the cost for Creole. From Janice, re: Kelli Jones, Dir. Of Bilingual Education (508-580-7508), ‘Our district translators sometimes do interpretation for outside agencies, but they have the right to charge what they want. Right now, they are paid \$39.70 per hour for in-district translations.</li> <li>• <b>Partnership with BHS-</b> (Rita): Now, an event for next year. The principal is too busy. Gave Guidance as contact, not responsive. Says will get us different contact. We need a commissioner to step up and be the lead.</li> <li>• <b>Article in Local Newspaper</b> (Lori): Reached out to Chris Helms to make happen. He thinks good idea, looking for a ‘hook’ for the article. Suggested ‘Women’s Commission Aims to Uplift Women in Brockton’, possibly come to a May or June meeting, and take photos. We would need a good showing of commissioners that day. Lori will work on scheduling this.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Progress Towards Women’s Entrepreneurs Luncheon (Rita):</b> Now, event for next year. We need a commissioner to step up and be the lead. Bev identified 24 women business owners via the Town Clerk’s office for contacts.</li> <li>• <b>WC Contacts Excel (Bev):</b> Created Excel in Google Docs and shared link with commissioners. Each of us should be adding info- there are 3 tabs: Contacts (Orgs &amp; Agencies), Other Contacts (Anyone that can help), and Promote WC Links (FB Groups to post on, Patch, etc.).</li> </ul>
New Business	<p>Any motions made were seconded and passed to accept.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>WC Email Rec’d:</b> From American Lung Cancer Initiative (ALC), asking WC to sign on to a bill. We decided good cause, but it may be construed as political, and as a city commission, this is not what we should do.</li> <li>• <b>WC Member Term Limits (Rita):</b> We need to know who is renewing their commissioner status so we can start recruiting as needed. If you are renewing, please send an email as soon as possible to Sydné Marrow, Chief of Staff, Mayor’s Office, <a href="mailto:smarrow@cobma.us">smarrow@cobma.us</a> - (508) 580-7123 Ext. 6809. If you are not renewing, please email Rita and let her know.</li> </ul>
Adjourned	6:30

Respectfully submitted,  
Beverly Post  
Secretary