



**Minutes of the Brockton Women's Commission**  
**Meeting in DPW Room**  
**June 19, 2025**

Attendance	<p>Rita Spinola, Chair-Present  Martha Testa, Vice-Chair- EA  Beverly Post, Secretary-Present  Karlene Derozier-Brizard, Commissioner-Present  Oluwatoyin Adewumi, Commissioner- Present  Sonja Dixon, Commissioner-Present  Janice Johnson Plummer, Commissioner- Present  Ruth Moore, Commissioner-Present  Caren Benjamin. Commissioner- Present  Lori Pinkham, Commissioner- Present  Cynthia Hodges- Commissioner- Present</p>
Call to Order	5:35 pm
Meeting Minutes	The motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes for April 2025. (May meeting was cancelled)
Old Business	<p>Follow-up from the May meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May meeting was cancelled. April To-do's were completed.</li> </ul>
New Business	<p>Any motions made were seconded and passed to accept.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Eugene Kavanaugh, Speaker:</b> 2025 Candidate for Mayor. She told us some of her background, ie, several years ago she was homeless in Brockton with children, and that she bootstrapped herself to where she is today, running for mayor. A prime reason she is running for mayor is that Brockton has a 51.4% female population, but most public positions are filled with men. She also wants to see more safe spaces in the city for women &amp; girls.</li> <li>Five commissioners (of the eleven) will serve for the coming year: Sonja Dixon, Lori Pinkham, Caren Benjamin, Cynthia Hodges &amp; Bev Post. We have 6 more slots to fill (11 in total).</li> <li>WC ByLaws passed out &amp; discussed.</li> <li>New Chair (Sonja Dixon) and Vice Chair (Lori Pinkham) were voted in.</li> <li>How to apply to become a WC Chair. Send a letter of interest and resume to Sydné Marrow, Chief of Staff at <a href="mailto:smarrow@cobma.us">smarrow@cobma.us</a></li> <li>Tower Fest_ Sat, 8/23. Lori &amp; Sonja will attend with a table at Cynthia's booth.</li> </ul>

- **WC ACCOMPLISHMENTS THIS YEAR:**

- **The City of Brockton Celebrates Women's History Month**



- All 11 commissioner spots were filled.
- Starting the "I Support the Women of Brockton" campaign (magnets, buttons)
- Began a WC Contacts list.
- Met every month, but May.
- Chair & Vice Chair upholding the WC mission & bylaws.
- Members holding each other accountable for the work they volunteered.
- Commissioners initiating new ideas, events, and partnerships and making them happen.
- Commissioners contribute to creating the monthly meeting agenda in advance of the meeting,
- More contact between commissioners between meetings.

- **To Do's-**

- **TRANSLATIONS:** Lori will speak with Fuller Craft Museum about translations. Cynthia also has someone she can ask.

- **WC EMAIL ADDRESS:** Bev will test it. She will also remove Rita's email as she is no longer serving.

- **FB POST:** Bev will look into how to create a City of Brockton WC Facebook Page and post 'looking for commissioners & how to apply'

	<p>.</p> <p>- <b>GIFT CARDS:</b> Rita will make sure Sonja gets all gift cards.  Market Basket – 5 at \$10 each (\$50)  Shaw's – 5 at \$10 each (\$50)  Dollar Store – 5 at \$10 ea. (\$50)  Dunkin Donuts – 5 at \$5 each (\$25)  Marshalls (\$70)- 5 at 1 (\$20)  2 (\$15 each) and 2 (\$10 each)  TJ Maxx (\$40)- 2 at \$15 each  1 at \$10 each, Panera Bread- \$15 (1 card)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>'A Word from the Chair' – Rita Spinola</b> thanked everyone for helping this year and explained why she can't serve this coming year. She especially thanked Martha Testa for being a great Secretary with great notes, and for her dedication and commitment.</li> </ul>
Adjourned	6:30

Respectfully submitted,  
Beverly Post  
Secretary