



## Frederick County Commission For Women

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### Public Meeting Minutes August 18, 2020 4:15 pm – Virtual Meeting

#### COMMISSIONERS

**Lakshmi Darbha**  
*President*

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*Vice President*

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Rosario Campos  
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Carmen Kaarid  
Chelsea Kadish  
Kaitlin Moore  
Maura Page  
Desiree Tucker  
Marguerite Vacca-Kaye  
Tara Woodward

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Commissioners Present: Shauna Mulcahy, Lakshmi Darbha, Cindy Shubin, Melissa Atherholt, Karen Czapanskiy, Marguerite Vacca-Kaye, Valerie Dougherty, Carmen Kaarid, Kaitlin Moore, Chelsea Kadish, Lois Jarman, Maura Page, Rosario Campos

Commissioners Absent: Tara Woodward and Desiree Tucker

Guests: Maigan Pechnik, Lindsay Burdette, Lindsay Mickey, Shelly Toms, Zohreh Rezazadeh, Erica Moore

President Lakshmi Darbha called the meeting to order at 4:19 pm, a quorum was present.

#### I. Executive Committee Report

a. Approval of the July meeting minutes. Marguerite Vacca-Kaye made a motion to accept the minutes. Rosario Campos seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### b. Proposed slate of 2020-2021 nominations:

President - Maura Page

Vice President - Melissa Atherholt

Treasurer – Valerie Dougherty

Recorder – Shauna Mulcahy

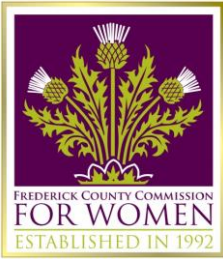
Member-At-Large – Rosario Campos

Marguerite moved to accept the slate and Cindy seconded. Motion is unanimously approved.

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## II. Commission Business

### a. Outreach:

- i. Lakshmi shared the Maryland Commission for Women Centennial Event being held on August 26<sup>th</sup>. We nominated Erica Moore and Barbara Brookmyer.

- b. Legislative: Chelsea shared that it was the anniversary of TN ratifying the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment which made it so you cannot be denied the right to vote based on gender. Vote for Frederick Women are putting together a banner to hang on Market Street. Lois said they are hanging a banner that looks like the suffragette's sash and doing a socially distanced photo. People can order the Frederick Votes for Women yellow mask online. Lois shared that the banner will be hung next week with approval from the City and Lois has organized a drone picture. Jean Peterson is doing the design of the banner. Hoping for some press coverage to celebrate the centennial.

Chelsea makes a motion to make the banner opportunity an official commission activity with a date to be provided for the photo opportunity. Lois seconded this. All were in favor.

Karen shared that the County asked us for our recommendation for the County's upcoming legislative package. Karen suggested that our letter of recommendation will include: Establishing a Commission on Accessing the Vote, including HB 590/SB 230 – Criminal Law –Sexual Crimes-Repeal Spousal Defense, and including HB 839/SB 539 – Labor and Employment – Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program Establishment. The letter will be sent later this week.

- c. SheLEADS – Maura will have an update in September.
- d. Human Trafficking – there have been no updates, but Kaitlin coordinated with Councilwoman Jessica Fitzwater to attend our next meeting to discuss the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council.
- e. Recruitment – Melissa introduced the new applicants. Each applicant shared about themselves and their interest in being on the Commission. The applicants are: Erica Moore, Lindsay Burdette, Lindsay Mickey, and Zohreh Rezazadeh. We are continuing to accept applications through August 28<sup>th</sup> for the single vacancy.
- f. New Initiatives – Lakshmi shared that the Asian American Center is interested in the female headed households project. Lakshmi has been asked to join the Board of AACF and to assist with addressing this issue.

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### III. Announcements:

- a. Marguerite expressed appreciation to Lakshmi for her hard work as President and welcomed Maura.
- b. Maura – asked if the Commission wanted to sign up to be a part of the Hood College Community Service Fair. Maura shared she would sign us up for one of the days. The fair is virtual this fall.
- c. Lakshmi – shared that we received an application for an MSW intern. Shauna suggested we should look into the requirements of time commitment and supervision and then reply accordingly.

### IV. The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm

**Next public meeting will be held on September 8, 2020 at 4:15 pm.**

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