



AWC Meeting 07/06/23 5:00pm – 6:30 pm Microsoft Teams online meeting.

Commissioners Present: Sheri Lisenbee (Vice-Chair), Monica Elkinton, Leslie Vines, Eryne Hughes, Andrea Nester, Cindy Martinez, Marcia Eskridge, Callista Troxell (AHD Host)

I. Call to Order

- Quorum established & Call to Order at 5:16pm

II. Land Acknowledgement

III. Introductions

- Cindy Martinez
- Marcia Eskridge

IV. Approval of Agenda

- Motion to approve agenda (Vice-Chair Lisenbee)
- 2nd to approve (Commissioner Elkinton)

V. Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve March 2023 minutes (Commissioner Elkinton)
- 2nd to approve (Commissioner Eskridge)

VI. Old Business

- Discuss Chair Election

VII. Public Comments

- No public comments

VIII. New Business

IX.

- Plans are being made among the commissioners about future goals and ways to move forward with the commission, bringing in new messages and fresh ideas. Commissioners plan on having future guests join the meeting, such as assembly members, APD, and other organizations that can help inform the commissioners about current issues women are facing in this climate and our community, and vice versa, to inform these organizations about the Anchorage Women's Commission goals and ways these organization can help to achieve said goals.
- The commissioners had a brainstorming session about the current issues they believe women are facing in our community. These include Public Assistance backlogs, access to early

education/access to childcare, Reproductive Health access, disability awareness, accessible treatment for mental health, human trafficking, and runaway youth. These are all issues the commissioners want to play a part in solving in our community and do the research/analyze data to see how that would best be possible.

- Commissioner Hughes brought forward information on the Pregnant Workers Fair Act (PWFA) that was passed by Congress in December 2022. This will require companies to make reasonable accommodations to pregnant employees. Commissioner Hughes volunteered to draft an Op-Ed detailing the Pregnant Workers Fair Act to possibly bring forth to the assembly and other media outlets.
 - **Commission Updates:**
 - Three new commissioners were appointed to the Anchorage Women’s Commission within the past two months. Recruitment to fill the two remaining spots on the Anchorage Women’s Commission is still in place with new fliers being advertised.

X. Adjournment, 6:30 pm

NEXT MEETING Thursday, August 3rd, 2023, 5:00pm – 6:30pm
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