

Governor's Council on Women and Girls

Minutes of the Inaugural Meeting

March 8, 2019 – International Women's Day

- I. Introduction - Lt. Governor Bysiewicz opens meeting at apx. 10am and introduces Governor Ned Lamont
- II. Greetings from Governor Lamont
- III. Lt. Governor Recognizes:
 - a. State Treasurer Shawn Wooden and designees for other Constitutional Officers (Shannon Wegele on behalf of State of CT Secretary of the State Merrill, Michelle Gilman on behalf of State Comptroller Lembo and Clare Kindall on behalf of State of CT Attorney General Tong)
 - b. Legislative Representatives on the Council: Senator Marilyn Moore, Senator Heather Somers, Rep. Dorinda Boroer and Rep Stephanie Cummings
 - c. Members of the Lamont-Bysiewicz transition team who focused on women issues and representatives from women advocacy groups who are present
- IV. Lt. Governor reviews the Council Priorities
- V. Lt. Governor introduces State Treasurer Shawn Wooden; State Treasurer Shawn Wooden presents
- VI. Lt. Governor introduces Shannon Wegele; Shannon Wegele presents on behalf of the State of CT Secretary of the State
- VII. Lt. Governor introduces Michelle Gilman; Michelle Gilman presents on behalf of the State Comptroller
- VIII. Lt. Governor introduces Clare Kindall; Clare Kindall presents on behalf of the State Attorney General
- IX. Lt. Governor introduces Vice Chair of Council, and Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, Melissa McCaw; Secretary McCaw speaks
- X. Lt Governor introduces Senator Moore; Senator Moore Speaks on behalf of Senate Democrats
- XI. Lt Governor introduces Senator Somers; Senator Somers speaks on behalf of Senate Republicans
- XII. Lt Governor introduces Rep. Boroer; Rep. Borer speaks on behalf of House Democrats
- XIII. Lt. Governor recognizes that Rep Cummings, on behalf of House Republicans, could not attend the meeting
- XIV. Lt. Governor advises that the Commissioners of State Agencies will introduce themselves and provide brief remarks.
- XV. Commissioner Remarks from:
 - a. Josh Geballe, Department of Administrative Services
 - b. Rollin Cook, Department of Correction
 - c. Miriam Delphin-Rittmon, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services
 - d. LG briefly pauses to recognize that Representative Patricia Billie Miller from Stamford has joined the room.

- e. Dianna Wentzell, Department of Education
 - f. Jordan Scheff, Department of Developmental Services
 - g. Victoria Hackett, Chief of Staff for, and representing, Katie Dykes, Department of Energy & Environmental Protection
 - h. Daryle Dudzinski, Deputy Commissioner for, and representing, Kurt Westby, Department of Labor
 - i. Joe Giulietti, Department of Transportation
 - j. Roderick Bremby, Department of Social Services
 - k. Jorge Perez, Department of Banking
 - l. Beth Bye, Office of Early Childhood
 - m. Jason Rosa and LTC Michael Davis representing James Rovella, Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection
 - n. David Kooris, Deputy Commissioner for, and representing, David Lehman, Department of Economic and Community Development
 - o. Linda Piotrowicz, Bureau Director, Designee for Melody Currey, Department of Agriculture
 - p. Scott Jackson, Department of Revenue Services
 - q. Vanessa Dorantes, Department of Children and Families
 - r. Seila Mosquera-Bruno, Department of Housing
 - s. Robert (Bob) Ross, Office of Military Affairs
 - t. Tim Larson, Office of Higher Education
 - u. Victoria Veltri, Office of Health Strategy
 - v. Thomas Saadi, Department of Veterans Affairs
 - w. Amy Porter, Department of Rehabilitation Services
 - x. Raul Pino, Department of Public Health
 - y. Judeen Wrinn, Department of Motor Vehicles
 - z. Michelle Seagull, Department of Consumer Protection
 - aa. Andrew N. Mais, Insurance Department
- XVI. LG Closing Remarks:
- a. Thanks Council members for their presentations and remarks
 - b. Acknowledges subcommittee sign-up sheets that were circulated; one subcommittee for each Council priority
 - c. Explains expectation for subcommittees to meet every other month (when full Council is not meeting) and submit minutes from the subcommittee meetings.
 - d. Next full council meeting will be in May and each agency is asked to submit 1-2 page report to Cherie Phoenix-Sharpe at least one week in advance of meeting May meeting.
 - e. Subcommittee should also think about organizations and individuals who can be part of a steering committee of public participants that will be created to support the Council.
 - f. Request for Council members to join her for a picture
- XVII. Lt. Governor adjourns meeting at apx 12:15