

Governor's Council on Women and Girls
May 6, 2019 @ 10am
Legislative Office Building, Hearing Room 1E
Meeting Minutes

I. Members/Designees in Attendance:

Office of the Lt. Governor	Lt. Governor Susan Bysiewicz (Chair)
Office of Policy and Management	Secretary Melissa McCaw (Vice Chair)
Office of the Secretary of the State	Chief of Staff Shannon Wegele
Office of the State Treasurer	Deputy State Treasurer Linda Savitsky
Office of the State Comptroller	Assistant State Comptroller Michelle Gilman
Office of the Attorney General	Solicitor General Clare Kindall
Democratic State Senator	Sen. Marilyn Moore
Republican State Senator	Sen. Heather Somers
Dept. of Children and Family	Deputy Commissioner Jodi Hill-Lilly
Dept. of Economic & Community Development	Deputy Commissioner David Kooris
Dept. of Emergency Services & Public Protection	Michael Davis
Dept. of Social Services	Commissioner Roderick Bremby
Dept. of Transportation	Eric Smith and Shari Pratt
Dept. of Developmental Services	Commissioner Katie Rock-Burns
Dept. of Education	Charlene Russell-Tucker
Dept. of Energy & Environmental Protection	Commissioner Katie Dykes
Dept. of Labor	Commissioner Kurt Westby
Dept. of Mental Health & Addiction Services	Commissioner Miriam Delphin-Rittmon
Dept. of Revenue Services	Commissioner Scott D. Jackson
Dept. of Agriculture	Bureau Director Linda Piotrowicz
Dept. of Banking	Commissioner Jorge Perez
Dept. of Consumer Protection	Commissioner Michelle Seagull
Insurance Dept.	Commissioner Andrew N. Mais
Dept. of Motor Vehicles	Commissioner Bongsi Magubane
Dept. of Public Health	Commissioner Renee Coleman-Mitchell
Dept. of Rehabilitation Services	Commissioner Amy Porter
Dept. of Veterans Affairs	Attorney Patrice Olson
Office of Early Childhood	Commissioner Beth Bye
Office of Health Strategy	Kimberly Martone

Office of Higher Education	Executive Director Tim Larson
Dept. of Housing	Deputy Commissioner Shante Hanks
Office of Military Affairs	Executive Director Robert Ross
Dept. Administrative Services	Erin Choquette
Dept. of Correction	Deputy Commissioner Cheryl Cepelak

- II. Lt. Governor called meeting to order at 10am, circulated an attendance sign in sheet and acknowledged an optional public sign in sheet in the room.

- III. Lt. Governor introduced the new Commissioners who have joined the Council.
 - a. Commissioner Renee Coleman-Mitchell, Department of Public Health gave greetings.
 - b. Bureau Director Linda Piotrowicz was present on behalf of Commissioner Bryan Hurlburt, Department of Agriculture, and gave remarks on his behalf.
 - c. Commissioner Sibongile “Bongi” Magubane, Department of Motor Vehicles gave greetings.

- IV. Report from the Economic Opportunity & Workforce Equity Subcommittee (Committee Co-Chairs: Lt. Governor Susan Bysiewicz; Assistant State Comptroller Michelle Gilman; Department of Housing Commissioner Seila Mosquera-Bruno; Department of Economic & Community Development Commissioner David Lehman; Office of Health Strategy Executive Director Victoria Veltri).
 - a. Deputy DECD Commissioner, David Kooris, was present on behalf of Commissioner Lehman and reported about the subcommittee’s April meeting; he briefly explains that the subcommittee is exploring ways to support women owned businesses certified as DBE’s and a financial literacy initiative
 - b. Assistant State Comptroller Michelle Gillman presents part two of her presentation on the State of CT workforce analysis
 - c. Deputy Commissioner Shante Hanks was present on behalf of Commissioner Seila Mosquera-Bruno and reported that the Commissioner spoke with Commissioner Perez (Dept. of Banking) about him partnering with Commissioner Jackson (Dept. of Revenue Services) and the Office of the Treasurer on the financial literacy initiative (*Note: this occurred immediately after remarks from Executive Director Larson, noted below.*)

- V. Report from the Education & STEAM Subcommittee (Committee Co-Chairs: Department of Motor Vehicles Commissioner Bongi Magubane and Office of Higher Education Executive Director Tim Larson)
 - a. Executive Director Larson reported that the Subcommittee met and is working with the Department of Administrative Services on creating a Statewide Internship program with a focus on opportunities that translate into future jobs

- b. (Follow up remarks from Deputy Commissioner Hanks noted above)*
- VI. Report from the Health & Safety Subcommittee (Co-Chairs: Office of Early Childhood Commissioner Beth Bye and Department of Children and Families Commissioner Vanessa Dorantes)
- a. Commissioner Bye passes around a handout that outlines a framework and reported that the Subcommittee is looking at health and safety across the lifespan with a lens on equity, prevention and mental health/addiction supports
 - b. Commissioner Delphin-Rittmon talks about data and policy development as the basis of their framework
- VII. Report from Leadership Subcommittee (Co-Chairs: Office of Policy & Management Secretary Melissa McCaw, Deputy Treasurer Linda Savitsky, Department of Energy & Environmental Protection Commissioner Katie Dykes)
- a. Commissioner Dykes reported that the subcommittee is considering more visible prospects for recruitment and leadership opportunities. One initiative is the Aspiring Leaders program that supports management training within the State. Another is looking at inventory of women leaders across state agencies, boards and commissions and in the private sector. The subcommittee is also considering a Women and Girls Day at the Capitol event highlighting women leaders.
 - b. Deputy Treasurer Linda Savitsky reported about the 30% Coalition which is a group of states that have been encouraging companies to create more diverse boards of directors and she will also continue discussion with the Secretary of the State's Office to see how they can work together.
 - c. Lt. Governor explains that she and the Governor are exploring ways to partner with private sectors leaders and engaging fortune 500 companies
- VIII. Closing remarks by the Lt. Governor
- a. Lt. Governor thanked Subcommittee Co-Chairs for their leadership and asked that all Subcommittees meet again before June 21st and submit a 2 – 3 page report to her General Counsel, Cherie Phoenix-Sharpe, by June 21st regarding the status of the Subcommittee initiatives and any new initiatives that may have come up after this meeting.
 - b. The next Full Council Meeting is July 10th at 1:00pm, hopefully in the location but confirmation is pending.
- IX. Adjournment 10:30am