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**PCSW COMMISSION MEETING  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2009  
PERMANENT COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN  
LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM  
18-20 TRINITY STREET, HARTFORD, CT 06106**

Present: Commissioners Cecilia J. Woods, Denise Rodosevich, Elizabeth Donohue, Barbara DeBaptiste, Carrie L. Gallagher, Melanie O'Brien, Jean L. Rexford, Cindy R. Slane, and Susan O. Storey

Staff Present: Teresa C. Younger and Rosemary López

Excused and/or Absent: Commissioners Adrienne Farrar Houël, Yvonne R. Davis, Tanya Meck, Patricia E.M. Whitcombe, Senator McDonald, Senator Kissel, Representative O'Neill, and Representative Lawlor

Chairperson Cecilia J. Woods called the meeting to order on Thursday, October 1, 2009 at 2:35 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2009 COMMISSION MEETING**

Action Item # 10-09-01

Commissioner Rexford moved the approval of the minutes of the Thursday, September 3, 2009 Commission meeting. Commissioner Carrie L. Gallagher seconded the motion. Commissioner Denise Rodosevich requested that her name be added to the minutes as "attended". The motion was approved unanimously.

## **REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON**

Vice Chairperson Cecilia J. Woods explained that she was sitting in as chair for Commissioner Adrienne Farrar Houël who was excused from the meeting due to a previous commitment. On behalf of Commissioner Houël she thanked Teresa C. Younger, Executive Director for her on going efforts and for moving forward during such harsh times due to budget cuts. Commissioner Woods asked all commissioners to keep in mind the ladies leaving the commission due to budget cuts in case they hear of any job openings.

## **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Ms. Younger reported that PCSW spoke at the Domestic Violence press conference held by the Jackie Clegg Dodd on the importance of Federal legislation.

Ms. Younger will give the keynote address at the Southern Connecticut State University's Minority Recruitment and Retention Committee conference, "Are We Post-Racial? Triumphs and Struggles in Diversity" tomorrow, Friday, Oct. 2 at Southern Connecticut State University in New Haven. She will also be serving as "ringmaster" on Saturday, October 3, 2009 for the Women's Center of Southeastern Connecticut's fundraiser in Waterford.

Ms. Younger reported that she will be speaking at the Urban League of Southern Connecticut's Empowerment Summit for Women on October 8, 2009 at the Hilton in Stamford. Key speakers for the day include TV news personality Gayle King, Democratic political strategist Donna Brazile, CT Treasurer Denise Nappier and noted author and Professor Kathleen Kennedy Townsend.

PCSW will also be co-sponsoring a statewide conference on Monday, October 19, 2009, "Creating Opportunities for a New Prosperity", an all-day conference to be held at the Hartford Marriott.

Ms. Younger informed everyone that we have an MSW intern helping us; she is being supervised by Natasha M. Pierre, Legislative Director.

Ms. Younger reported that the remaining staff met off site to look at all the work that now needs to get done. She walked the Commissioners through the changes to the new mandate. A brief discussion regarding the new language of the mandate took place. Everyone agreed and recommended that we need to look at it carefully and be prepared to make revisions to the by-laws as needed. Upon further discussion it was determined that an in-person November meeting was needed rather than the previously scheduled conference call.

## **REPORT OF THE TREASURER**

### Action Item # 10-09-02

Ms. Younger distributed the agency's budget for FY '10 and FY '11 and reviewed the budget with the commissioners for their information. Commissioner Slane moved and Commissioner Donohue seconded to accept the budget and place it on file. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

No Old Business.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

No New Business.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 pm. Immediately following the Commission meeting Commissioners hosted a reception to thank Lisa Sementilli, Lisa Smith-Overton and Doreen Fredette for their commitment to the PCSW.

The next meeting of the PCSW will be held on Thursday, November 5, 2009, at 2:30 pm at the PCSW Office in Hartford.

Denise Rodosevich  
Secretary

Rosemary López  
Date Approved