



Governor Terry E. Branstad
Lt. Governor Kim Reynolds
San Wong, Director

MINUTES
Iowa Commission on the Status of Women
May 24, 2017, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.
Conference call

Commissioners present by phone

Phyllis Peters, chair
Tom Carnahan
Sherill Whisenand
David Gudenkauf
Elizabeth Coonan

Commissioners absent

Sean Bagniewski
Rachelle Hunt Russian

DHR/ICSW staff

Kristen Corey, Program Planner, Office on the Status of Women

Members of the public - present for all or part of the meeting

Sarah Bowman, member of the 2017 Iowa Women's Hall of Fame selection committee

Call to order

Call to order by Chair Phyllis Peters at 1:09 p.m.

Introduction of guests/public observers

Chair Peters introduced Sarah Bowman, member of the 2017 Iowa Women's Hall of Fame selection committee.

Approval of agenda

Gudenkauf moved for approval; Whisenand second.

Vote:

Aye: all

No: 0

Motion carried.

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Approval of previous minutes

Minutes from January 6th, 12th, and 30th, 2017

Whisenand moved to accept the minutes as presented (subject to amendments Corey sent to commissioners on May 23rd); Carnahan seconded the motion.

Discussion: Carnahan mentioned that each individual commissioner would advocate for the things we “lobbied for” in the legislative agenda. Whisenand added that she had an in-person meeting with several legislators.

Vote:

Aye: all

No: 0

Motion carried.

Public Comment

None.

Report from the 2017 Iowa Women’s Hall of Fame committee

Peters introduced Sherill Whisenand as chair of the 2017 Iowa Women’s Hall of Fame selection committee. Whisenand discussed the process the committee used to select honorees for the 2017 Iowa Women’s Hall of Fame and the Cristine Wilson Medal for Equality and Justice.

The 2017 Iowa Women’s Hall of Fame selection committee members were Sherill Whisenand (Chair), Rachelle Hunt Russian, Beth Coonan, Phyllis Peters (ex-officio), Sarah Bowman, and Emily Duong.

Discussion and vote on the proposed 2017 Iowa Women’s Hall of Fame honorees and Cristine Wilson Medal recipient

Commissioner Gudenkauf stated he appreciated the background on how the committee chose the 2017 honorees.

Motion to approve the four honorees proposed by the 2017 Iowa Women’s Hall of Fame committee for the 2017 Iowa Women’s Hall of Fame.

Motion by Gudenkauf; seconded by Whisenand.

Discussion: Carnahan has an objection to taking them as a group of four. Would like to vote on them individually.

Gudenkauf would like to amend the motion to consider approval of the four honorees individually.

Amended motion: The commission will act on the committee's recommendations one individual at a time.

Amendment to motion by Gudenkauf; seconded by Whisenand.

Discussion: none.

Vote:

Aye: all

No: 0

Motion carried.

Jane Boyd

Coonan moved to approve Jane Boyd for induction into the 2017 Iowa Women's Hall of Fame; seconded by Carnahan.

Vote:

Aye: all

No: 0

Motion carried.

U.S. Senator Joni K. Ernst

Gudenkauf moved to approve; seconded by Whisenand.

Vote:

Aye: 4

No: 0

Abstain: Carnahan

Motion carried.

Christine Hensley

Whisenand moved to approve; seconded by Coonan.

Vote:

Aye: all

No: 0

Motion carried.

Governor Kimberly Reynolds

Coonan moved to approve; Gudenkauf seconded.

Discussion: Carnahan shared his view that it seems as if the entire book of this individual's record or work has not been written yet and would prefer to wait and consider her HOF selection at a different time.

Vote:

Aye: 4

No: Carnahan

Motion carried.

Alicia Claypool for the Cristine Wilson Medal for Equality and Justice

Coonan moved to approve; Whisenand seconded.

Vote:

Aye: all

No: 0

Motion carried.

Peters added that the Iowa Women's Hall of Fame will be held on Saturday, August 26th, 2017 in Des Moines.

Peters and Whisenand will notify the nominators and honorees over the coming days; until notifications are completed, Commissions are asked to not discuss the decision on selection of the 2017 honorees.

Next commission meeting: Saturday, August 26th, 2017 following the Iowa Women's Hall of Fame. Note: This meeting was later moved to Friday, August 25th from 1 to 4 p.m. in Des Moines.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Whisenand, seconded by Carnahan.

Vote:

Aye: all

No: 0

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 2:0 p.m. Minutes prepared by Kristen Corey, staff.