



Governor Kim Reynolds
Lt. Governor Adam Gregg
San Wong, Director

MINUTES
Iowa Commission on the Status of Women meeting
May 28th, 2019, noon to 1:30 p.m.
Conference call

Commissioners present (in person or by phone)

Beth Coonan (Chair)
Rachelle Hunt Russian (Vice-Chair)
Sherill Whisenand
Wendy Musgrave
David Gudenkauf
Tom Carnahan

Commissioners absent

Sean Bagniewski

DHR/ICSW staff

Kristen Corey, Program Planner, Office on the Status of Women (Office)
Monica Stone, Deputy Director, Iowa Department of Human Rights

Members of the public (present for all or part of meeting)

None

Call to order

Called to order by Chair Beth Coonan at 12:02 p.m.

Approval of agenda

Motion to approve May 28th agenda made by Whisenand; seconded by Carnahan.

Vote:

Aye: all

No: 0

Motion carried.

Approval of previous minutes

Minutes from February 28th, 2019

Motion to approve minutes from February 28th (as presented) made by Whisenand; seconded by Gudenkauf.

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Vote:
Aye: all
No: 0
Motion Carried.

Public Comment

None.

Presentation of 2019 Iowa Women's Hall of Fame proposed honorees

The chair of the 2019 Iowa Women's Hall of Fame selection committee, Wendy Musgrave presented the slate of the 2019 proposed honorees.

The 2019 Iowa Women's Hall of Fame selection committee's proposed honorees:

- The Honorable Ruth Babcock Klotz
- Mona Lea Kadel Martin
- Ionne Shaddock, PhD
- Florine Mary Swanson

Cristine Wilson Medal for Equality and Justice:

- Mary Beth Tinker

Votes:

The Honorable Ruth Klotz

Motion: Whisenand
Second: Carnahan

Vote:
Aye: all
No: 0
Motion carried.

Mona Martin

Motion: Carnahan
Second: Whisenand

Vote:
Aye: all
No: 0
Motion carried.

Ionne Shadduck, PhD

Motion: Gudenkauf

Second: Carnahan

Vote:

Aye: all

No: 0

Motion carried.

Florine Mary Swanson

Motion: Whisenand

Second: Carnahan

Vote:

Aye: all

No: 0

Motion carried.

2019 Cristine Wilson Medal for Equality and Justice

Mary Beth Tinker

Motion: Whisenand

Second: Carnahan

Vote:

Aye: all

No: 0

Motion carried.

Wendy Musgrave, Beth Coonan and Kristen Corey will be working behind the scenes to reach out to the Iowa Women's Hall of Fame honorees.

Constitutional amendment: gender neutral language

Coonan asked commissioners if the ask is to amend the constitution as it pertains just to the Governor, or to make the entire thing gender neutral. She asked if commissioners had strong feelings on how the language in the Iowa Constitution should be amended.

Gudenkauf mentioned if the Commission were to address gender, it should also address the whole spectrum of the document. Musgrave agreed, and added that it makes the most sense to look at the entire document.

Coonan added that what she and Corey might do is to go through line by line and make a red line on where the changes would need to be.

Coonan asked if commissioners knew of others who were dedicating efforts to change the language.

Commissioners discussed speaking with the Governor's Office about this potential change.

Motion: The Commission authorizes Beth Coonan and the representatives of the ICSW to make plans to inquire of the Governor's schedule for this issue and have this discussion soon.

Made by Whisenand. Seconded by Carnahan.

Vote:

Aye: all (joined by Rachelle Hunt Russian)

No: 0

Motion carried.

Next steps: Monica will schedule for the meeting with the Governor's office. Beth, Rachelle, Monica and Kristen will be involved and any others who would like to join.

Old/new business

None.

Adjournment

Gudenkauf made the motion to adjourn. Carnahan seconded motion.

Vote:

Aye: all

No: 0

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Kristen Corey, staff.