



**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN
NOTICE OF MEETING & AGENDA**

Wednesday, May 22, 2024, 6:00 PM
Florida International University – Modesto A. Maidique Campus
11200 SW 8th Street
New Green School Building - SIPA II 260
Miami, FL 33199

Meeting commenced at 6:14 PM once a quorum was established.

- I. Welcome
- II. Approval of the Agenda - The agenda was approved unanimously following a motion by Lourdes Abadin, and a second by Rose Martin.
- III. Approval of the April Meeting Minutes - The minutes were approved unanimously following a motion by Sharon Kendrick-Johnson, and a second by Lourdes Abadin.
- IV. Reasonable Opportunity for the Public to be Heard
 - Naomi Blemur, Chair, North Miami Commission for Women – will share upcoming events with Nina to share with Board.
 - Amanda Knapp with the Maurice Ferre Institute for Civic Leadership at FIU introduced herself to the Board.
- V. Florida Women's Hall of Fame & Florida Historical Marker Program – Nina Roque-Strickroot
 - Quick Update:
 - Florida Historical Markers Program: we made contact with Lucia Raiford (TY Gabby and Leiva), President & CEO of the Carrie Meek Foundation. She was honored to receive the news that the Commission would like to apply for a historical marker for Carrie Meek. I discussed with her that prior to submitting an application, we would need to verify a location for the marker. She was going to brainstorm some location ideas (not the Foundation office) and get back to us. I also spoke with the Miami-Dade County Office of Historic Preservation and they would be willing to help us with the actual application once we have secured the location and the funding.
 - The Florida Women's Hall of Fame: Last month, the Commission voted to submit an application for both Carrie Meek and Mary Brickell. Carrie Meek is already in the Women's Hall of Fame – she was a 1992 inductee. I submitted the application on behalf of the Commission for Mary Brickell.
- VI. YWPA Scholarship Program – Rose Martin
 - The Communications Committee met on May 8th at Stephen P Clark to review and score the scholarship applications.
 - We received (4) applications via email.



- The Committee scored the applications in three categories: Essay Question, Community Service/Extracurricular, and Overall Application. Each category was assigned a number: 1-2 was considered poor, 3-4 was average, and 5 was excellent.
- Following review of the applications, the Committee recommends the following three applications to receive a \$1,000 Young Women's Achiever scholarship: Ebonie Knight (D2, who will be attending Howard University), Bathsheba Auguste (D1, who will be attending Barry University), and Eva Rivera (D7, who will be attending Boston University).
 - Yvette Ayala made a motion to approve \$1,000 scholarships to: Ebonie Knight, Bathsheba Auguste, and Eva Rivera. The motion was seconded by Luniel Alvarado and approved unanimously.
- The scholarship presentation will be on June 10th at 2PM at the HRCCDC Subcommittee Meeting in the Commission Chambers. We will be presenting the scholarship winners with their checks.

VII. Events Subcommittee Report – Michelle Abreu

- The Events Subcommittee met last week, May 15th at Casa Cuba.
- We discussed an event in my district (10) with Commissioner Gonzalez in late July/early August at Lexus Kendall to empower more local women-owned businesses to contract with the County/recruit more local women-owned businesses to participate in the County's small business program. Workshop speakers would be inspirational and practical, providing tools and resources to attendees.
- We also discussed a Get Out the Vote event in September. As we discussed at our last meeting, there are very important issues on the ballot in November and we want to ensure that women are energized and informed to vote.
- Instead of a fundraiser this year, we should aim to do one in January/February at a different location. Maybe up north?
 - Possible locations discussed included MOCA Museum, the Spanish Monastery, FIU North, and the Women's Club.

VIII. 2023 Status of Women Report – Dr. Maria Ilcheva

- The wage/earnings gap widened to 18% (2022).
- Women's representation on Miami-Dade County Boards - women are the majority of the population in our County, but women accounted for 40.3% of County Boards.
- Maternal and Infant Deaths – huge disparities based on race and ethnicity. Refer to Sun Sentinel article.
- Miami-Dade County Human Resources data – there is an underrepresentation of women in full-time positions, while women represent the majority of part-time positions.
 - Earnings gap among County employees – no change, still about 15%.
- Report can be found here: <https://www.miamidade.gov/advocacy/library/reports/2023-status-of-women-report.pdf>.

IX. The Aspen Youth Leadership Fellowship – Angie Urrutia



- More information can be found here: <https://aspenyoungleaders.org/>

X. Other Updates/Announcements

- The South Dade Women's Veterans Alliance is hosting a fashion show on Saturday, June 8th at 5PM at Thalatta. Tickets are \$50 per person.
- June 26th Meeting at Stephen P Clark – we will be reviewing and voting on the bathroom signage.
- July 24th Meeting in West Miami
- Then we are off in August
- Any other events to share? Events will be shared with Nina to share with Board.

XI. Adjournment

The meeting ended at 7:52PM.