



**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN
MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, September 25, 2024, 6:00 PM
YWCA South Florida
351 NW 5th Street, Miami, FL. 33128

- I. Welcome
- II. Approval of the Agenda
- III. Reasonable Opportunity for the Public to be Heard
- IV. Bathroom Sign Update – Nina Roque-Strickroot
- V. CEDAW Recommendations Update – Nina Roque-Strickroot
- VI. Self-Defense Workout Follow-Up – Michelle Abreu
- VII. Goals & Bylaws Committee Report – Lunice Alvarado
 - a. Goals & Bylaws Committee (myself, Sarah, Heather and Chelsea) met on September 11th to discuss an action plan for updating the Connections Directory and amending the bylaws.
 - b. Regarding the Bylaws, and after review of the ordinance, and the current bylaws, the Committee is recommending the following changes to the bylaws:
 1. Article IV, Section 4 - Remove Nominating Committee
 2. Article V, Section 2 – The Chairperson will announce elections in September, have members submit a one paragraph statement of interest to serve on Executive Board by the October meeting. Members can nominate or self-nominate from the floor at the November meeting when the elections will be held.
 - a. [Nina will add something from attorney]
 3. Article VI, Section 3 - Regular meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held at a minimum once a quarter (changed from 10 times per year), at a time and place designated by the Chairperson.
 4. I would like to move to adopt the changes I mentioned and you see on your bylaws in front of you. Do I have a second?
 - ii. Regarding the Connections directory, the Committee discussed making changes to the directory to make it more user-friendly such as having a directory up front.
 1. The Committee will be meeting in November to review the current organizations in the book and add new, relevant organizations.
 2. We anticipate this project will be completed in early January.
- VIII. CFW Elections – Michelle Abreu



- IX. Get Out The Vote
 - a. 10 Minutes - YWCA – Sarah Coleman, Senior Director of Race and Gender Equity – Why Women Vote (presentation of research)
 - b. 10 Minutes - Engage Miami – Monica Bustinza, Democracy Programs Director – Decoding the November Ballot (important dates, what’s on the ballot, new constitutional offices, constitutional amendments excluding 4).
 - c. 5 Minutes - The Women’s Fund Miami-Dade – Marya Meyer, Executive Director – Amendment 4 (what it means, what is a yes vote, what is a no vote).
- X. Other Updates/Announcements
- XI. Adjournment