

ARLINGTON COUNTY
 COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN
 October 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Meeting date/time: October 10, 2020 at 7 pm **Meeting location:** Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting
Minutes by: Margaret Turlington **Minutes approved:** January 14, 2021

<u>Commissioners</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
1. Stephanie Dix Clifford (Chair)	X	
2. Marguerete Luter (Vice Chair)	X	
3. Caroline Romano		X
4. Sasha Whitney	X	
5. Margaret Turlington	X	
6. Azadeh Meshkaty	X	
7. Xenia Ruiz	X	
8. Ingrid Vaicius		X
9. Emily Zimmerman	X	
10. Julia Tanner	X	
11. Arbora Johnson	X	
Total	9	2
 <u>County Liaison/Advisor</u>		
Aruna Minhas	X	
 <u>Student Commissioner</u>		
Nehal Abouelnor		X

Meeting called to order by/at: Stephanie Clifford at 7:02 pm

Previous minutes were: Not Considered.

Guest(s): Samia Byrd, Arlington's Chief Equity and Race Relations Officer

Chair/Vice Chair

Stephanie Clifford, Chair and Marguerete Luter, Vice Chair.

1. Commissioner Woolley has resigned from the Commission.
2. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Project Peace has asked for our assistance in circulating information.
3. Commissioner Clifford attended a work session for a county group on Police practices for the county. She raised the issues that we had previously raised regarding the county's data on sexual assaults. She also raised concerns about the treatment of sex workers in reporting.
 - a. She will request that Commissioner Romano assist with a written submission.
 - b. Commissioner Johnson asked whether this would be an appropriate forum to raise the issue of rape kits.
 - c. Commissioner Luter requested that they track who goes to Virginia Hospital Center but not FACT, FACT but doesn't report, etc.
 - d. Commissioner Clifford raised concerns about how the race data is collected and whether it accurately reflects latino populations.
 - e. The Commission also discussed the issue of child care as it bears on recruitment and retention of Arlington Police.
4. Samia Byrd Presentation

Forums and Special Events Department

Jill Caiazzo, Caroline Romano, and Sasha Whitney, Event Coordinators

Research and Investigation Department

Azadeh Meshkaty and Sasha Whitney, Co-Directors

1. Legislative Priorities

- a. Availability of Menstrual Products
 - i. The Liaison reached out to Public Health regarding questions raised by Commissioner Johnson.
 1. He confirmed that Public Health provides products when requested, but there is no program for continued provision.
 2. He also said that this was not a need that was regularly expressed.
 3. The Commission was concerned that the need would not be expressed because of taboo, but that the need would still exist.
 - ii. Concern especially during COVID- with children not in school, they don't have access to the products available there.
- b. Codification of Roe v. Wade
- c. Paid Family Leave
 - i. Del. Guzman had a bill for 2 weeks of paid sick leave
 - ii. Campaign for Family Friendly Economy proposal- pooled benefits for leave
 - iii. Allowing sick leave to be used to care for family
 - iv. Paid sick leave for home healthcare workers
- d. Reimbursement of Doula's by Medicaid
- e. Pregnancy Discrimination
- f. Affordable childcare
- g. Universal Pre-K
- h. Commissioner Tanner will begin drafting priorities.

Public Relations Department

Emily Zimmerman, Director and Ingrid Vaicius, Deputy Director

Women of Vision Committee

Julia Tanner, Chair

Committee: Caroline Romano, Jill Caiazzo, Marguerete Luter, Emily Zimmerman, Ingrid Vaicius, Azadeh Meshkaty, Meg Turlington

Other New Business and Announcements

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:45 pm