Minutes
Oregon Commission for Women (OCFW)
Friday, November 16, 2018, 12:00 pm - 2:30 pm
800 NE Oregon Street, Room 612, Portland OR 97232

ATTENDANCE:
Chair: Dr. Barbara Spencer
Vice-Chair: Kimberly Olson
Commissioners: Robin Morris Collin, Adrienne Ochs, Kasey Krifka, Senator Monnes Anderson (ph), Representative Sheri Malstrom (ph)
Absent: Dr. Doris Cancel-Tirado,
Staff: Nancy Kramer, Lucy Baker

I. Call to Order
Chair Spencer called the meeting to order at 12:06 pm.

II. Approval of November Agenda
The Commission approved the agenda by consensus

III. Approval of September 2018 Minutes
The Commission approved the September minutes by consensus

IV. Public Comment: There was no public comment

V. Introduction of OCFW Commissioners
The OCFW welcomed new Commissioner, Robin Morris Collin. After general introductions, Commissioner Collin discussed her background including law school teaching at Willamette and OSU. And her work in sustainability. She was previously on the Oregon Commission on Black Affairs and is looking forward to her intersectional work on OCFW in the area of equity for women and girls statewide, including unique challenges to women of color.

VI. Old Business
A. Women of Achievement Awards Selection and Discussion
The commission reviewed their ranked scores of the five applicants for the Women of Achievement Awards, 2018. After discussion the OCFW selected Susan Stoltenberg as OCFW’s 2018 Woman of Achievement, epitomizing the Equity and Social Justice focus of the WOA.

The Commissioners will, in the spring, review of the application process and prepare
it for the 2019 application process.

B. Review of WOA Events and Potential Schedule
Chair Spencer will contact Senator Monnes Anderson, who has served as the OCFW Champion in the Senate recognizing the leadership of the OCFW honorees each year with a Joint Resolution. The Chair will coordinate with the Governor’s Office for a signed certificate and presentation ceremony. Barbara will also contact the 2018 applicants who were not selected. The schedule of events will set after these initial meetings.

C. Update on Sexual Harassment at Capitol
Chair Spencer and Vice Chair Olson updated the Commission on outcomes of meeting of the Work Group on Capitol Harassment. The Workgroup is now preparing its recommendations which Chair Spencer has circulated to the OCFW Commissioners. Also, Senator Gelser has submitted LCs regarding sexual harassment issues at the Capitol that in some instances, including statute of limitations, go further than the Work Group recommendations and in other instances address further aspects of the issue. This includes wording about campaign contributions in relation to harassment, which the OCFW may reach out her about. The Oregon Law Commission expects to post its formal recommendations from the Workgroup on December 17th.

VII. New Business
A. Proposed OCFW and ODE Policy Research Project
Vice Chair Olson and Commissioner Collin reported on their meeting with Colt Gill, Director of ODE, and his new Deputy Carmen Urbina regarding their interest in partnering with OCFW on a joint research internship regarding gender equity among school leadership. Following a meeting with Chair Spencer last fall, Mr. Gill convened a workgroup of women superintendents who have jointly developed the concept that they hope would be of interest to the OCFW. Both Kim and Robin believed it to be a substantive subject and asked Lucy, who also attended these meetings, to draft the concept in the form of a research internship description which has now been circulated to ODE, OCFW, and the Governor’s office. It is in the Commissioners meeting packets for discussion and voting to approve. Discussion followed.

MOTION (Ochs/Collin): To approve the joint research internship on gender equity between OCFW/ODE/COSA/Governor’s Office. CARRIED.

B. OAC – All Commission Joint Meeting 12/14
Chair Spencer and Lucy reported on the planning work of the OAC’s Intersectional Committee on the content of the Joint Annual meeting of the OAC’s. It will be held on December 14th at Willamette Law School. Robin Morris Colling made that possible with a hearty thanks from all the Commissions and their Chairs! All Commissioners are encouraged to attend in person, including those traveling long distances and needing overnight accommodation. The OACO office will help make all those arrangements, just let Nancy and the Chair know you will be attending. The morning session will be devoted to the Governor’s priorities and discussions with community partners of the OAC’s on shared legislative bills of interest in the 2019
The afternoon will be devoted to the OAC’s engagement in the Policy Arc, Rural analysis, Intersectionality, and Policy Research. Mark your calendars!

C. What’s It Like to Be a Woman in Oregon
Chair Spencer Commissioners reviewed this handout from the meeting packet and considered issues of importance for women in Oregon. Copy bill from California that has minimum numbers of women on corporate boards.
The Commission also reviewed a handout on Economic Security – how is Oregon addressing voting and other issues?

D. Getting Ready for the 2019 Legislative Session
Chair Spencer and Vice Chair Olson led a short discussion with on the OCFW priority areas that each Commission would like to take on during session for reviewing potential bills to support and to write testimony for the OCFW or intersectionally for OAC’s jointly supported testimony. This may require collaboration with commissioners from other OAC’s who are also helping on joint testimony talking points.
Experience shows that legislative testimony writing works best when a person is assigned to each strategic priority. Commissioners were asked to pick an area.
   EJ – Kasey & Robin
   Adrienne – Justice and Julia?
   Maura? Education?
   Doris – Healthcare
   Kim – Jobs & Economy
   Barbara – Domestic Violence

Chair Spencer also asked the Commissioner to suggest search words to be used to identify the 2019 Session bills that address OCFW interests. Discussion followed identifying possible legislative search words:
   • Paid Family Leave
   • Pay for Caretakers (Lily Hoag was the speaker?)
   • Funding for schools
   • Child welfare system
   • Cap & Trade
   • Tenant protections
   • Split jury for felonies – Oregon is the only state in the U.S. that allows a split jury to convict a felon. Every other state requires a unanimous decision.
   • Opioid crisis
Potential legislative partners identified by the OCFW include:
   OWHAWA (women legislators)
   League of Women Voters
   Family Forward
   AAUW

VIII. Administrator’s Report
A. Elana Pirtle-Guiney is the new Legislative Director. Commissioners will
meet with her to share their priorities for the upcoming legislative session. Elana
was previously the Workforce Policy Advisor for the Governor for several years.
B. Current budget projections are showing $60K in surplus. Lucy will make
recommendations, as will the Chairs and Vice Chairs. These will be compiled and
shared with Commissioners for their review.
C. Website redesign – the new website will have the ability to sort, cross
Commission, by strategic priority
D. Barbara and Lucy are reviewing the OCFW’s statute. It is the oldest and
could benefit from being updated. Such updates for Boards and Commissions are
accomplished as housekeeping bills, and often submitted after session has begun.
They will have ideas to share with the OCFW for their review soon.

IX. For the Good of the Order
   A. The next OCFW meeting is December 14, 2018.
   B. Announcements
      i. Dress for Success is interested in a list of women’s organizations in
         Oregon. Kim asked that the OCFW start creating this document.
         Undergraduate project perhaps.
      ii. Maura Kelly and Helen Richardson have their senate
          confirmation hearings as potential OCFW Commissioners at
          the December 12th Senate Confirmations.

X. Adjourn