MINUTES
Oregon Commission for Women
Friday, August 10, 2012
12:00 - 1:00 pm
Oregon Advocacy Commissions Office
1515 SW 5th Avenue, Suite 1050-S
Portland, OR 97201

ATTENDEES
Chair: Stephanie Vardavas
Vice Chair: Jeanne Burch (phone)
Commissioners: Jenny Greenleaf (phone), Mee Seon Kwon (Claire Pierce), Senator Laurie Monnes-Anderson (phone), Sunny Petit (phone), Dr. Cynthia Scheines (phone), Mariahm Stephenson (phone)
Staff: Lucy Baker, Nancy Kramer

I. Call to Order
The meeting began at 12:05pm. A quorum was established.

II. Adoption of the Agenda
MOTION (Greenleaf /Stephenson): To adopt the agenda as written. CARRIED.

Approval of the OCFW May 2012 Minutes
MOTION (Greenleaf/Kwon): To approve the May 2012 Minutes as written. CARRIED.

Amending the OCFW March 2012 Minutes
MOTION (Burch/Stephenson): To amend the March 2012 Minutes as written. CARRIED.

Approval of the OCFW November 2011 Minutes
MOTION (Greenleaf /Stephenson): To approve the November 2011 Minutes as written. CARRIED.

III. Election of Officers – Chair and Vice Chair of the OCFW
Chair Sunny Petit opened nominations for Chair and Vice Chair of the OCFW. Stephanie Vardavas declared her interest in the Chair position and nominated Jeanne Burch as Vice Chair.

No other nominations were heard, and nominations were closed. Voting was conducted by voice vote.
The results of the election were announced:
- Stephanie Vardavas was unanimously elected as Chair.
- Jeanne Burch was unanimously elected as Vice Chair.

Chair Vardavas and Vice Chair Burch assumed their duties immediately and the Commission welcomed them.

IV. Ratification of email vote to appoint Kelly DuLong to the Friends of the OCFW

MOTION (Greenleaf/Petit): To ratify the email vote for Kelly DuLong to join the Friends of the OCFW. CARRIED.

V. Other Business
Commissioner Kwon shared her intention to resign from the Commission due to a number of other commitments. She thanked all the Commissioners for their support and knowledge. She also said working with Jodi Ballard on the 2012 Women of Achievement Awards has been wonderful. The OCFW thanked Commission Kwon for her service and commitment to the women of Oregon.

The OCFW welcomed new Commissioner Cynthia Scheines. Commissioner Scheines looks forward to meeting her fellow Commissioners in person. She appreciates the opportunity to serve on the OCFW.

It was noted that the OCFW, along with the partners AAUW and the LWV, have confirmed a legislative day in Salem on January 17, 2013, from 9:30am – 2:30pm.

Draft Legislation on Name Changing for Victims of Domestic Violence: Although Commissioner Megan Jacquot was not able to attend today’s meeting, she requested that Commissioners review the current draft of the legislation. The Oregon Department of Justice is working with her to develop it. Currently the legislation is in the phase of meeting with other groups, outreach and due diligence. Commissioner Jacquot needs help connecting with the different related groups. Chair Vardavas will help with this effort.

Vice Chair Burch noted that Leola McKenzie, Juvenile Court Programs Director is working on a federally funded program called “Through the Eyes of a Child” is a potential partner on this piece of legislation. Vice Chair Burch will reach out to her.

2012 Women of Achievement Awards: Commissioner Kwon and President of the Friends of the OCFW Jodi Ballard met to discuss this year’s presentation of the awards. A work plan was emailed to all Commissioners, and Commissioners were asked to review the work plan and share any feedback with Commissioner Kwon and Jodi Ballard.

VI. Adjourn

MOTION (Greenleaf/Petit): To adjourn the meeting. CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45pm.