I. Call to Order
Chair Spencer called the meeting to order at 12:07 pm. Quorum was established.

II. Approval of Agenda
The agenda item regarding the report of Jessica Arzate on Ethnic Studies was moved to a future meeting. Agenda approved by consent.

III. Approval of March Minutes
The OCFW minutes of March 15th were approved by consent.

IV. Public Comment
The Commission welcomed Penney Hoodenpyle from the American Association of University Women (AAUW).

V. Presentation – Ophelia’s Place
Verna Wise, Executive Director, Ophelia’s Place, discussed the program and organization, which is a prevention-based organization dedicated to helping girls, ages 10 – 18, make healthy life choices through empowerment, education and support. In 2018, Ophelia’s Place served 7,000 students in Junction City and Eugene, a few whom are the daughters of incarcerated mothers. Ophelia’s Place offers a safe, supportive Drop In space for students, Skills Training, and No School Days activities.

Ms. Wise discussed the importance of SB 180 which directs the Department of Education to award grants to school districts to support safe schools by funding programs related to bullying prevention and youth empowerment. She will send more information about it to the OCFW for their consideration as a supported bill. The Commission thanked Ms. Wise for her presentation and work in support of girls and justice involved mothers.
VI. Commissioners Reports
A. Robin Morris Collin - 4/18, presented to AAUW in Salem. She prepared a PowerPoint for the OCFW. The attendees were interested and supportive of the OCFW’s legislative work. The Policy Arc was of interest to them as well, and the follow-through with policy development, resourcing, evaluation, and improvement. Commissioner Collin asked that AAUW be involved in the Women of Achievement nomination process.

Kasey Krifka attended the hearing for HB 3031, which creates family and medical leave insurance program to provide employee who is eligible for coverage with portion of wages while employee is on family and medical leave or military family leave. There was a huge turnout, for and against. She was not able to give the OCFW’s testimony (though it was submitted electronically) because of the number of those testifying, but stayed to hear the moving statements of others. The bill has diverse supporters. It appears to be moving this session. Sen Monnes Anderson is cautiously optimistic. Rep Schouten is excited to pass this.

Senator Monnes Anderson noted the increased revenue this session which may make the legislative budget process more flexible. The Commission thanked both the OCFW’s legislative members for their work.

VII. Old Business
A. OCFW and ODE Policy Research Project
Robin Morris Collin, Helen Richardson, and Lucy attended a recent presentation on OCFW’s joint research project with ODE and COSA (Confederation of Oregon School Administrators) on gender equity among School Superintendents. The presentation was given over lunch at to a room of female superintendents at the annual business meeting of COSA. Both students selected for the joint research project, Rynda Gregory, a PSU Masters candidate and Courtney Fricano, OSU PhD candidate, presented. They will have access to COSA and ODE data for their work over the next three months. It is exciting for the OCFW to be partnering in this research project with both ODE and the School Superintendents. School boards hire the school district staff including the leadership and their collaboration on this project offers an opportunity to help those with the hiring authority to consider and influence their own processes for better outcomes for women in leadership. Dr. Connie Kim-Gervey is the OACO staff working on the project with ODE’s Carmen Urbina and researcher Dr. Laura Lien.

B. 2019 OAC Legislative Process
Chair Spencer read bill names of testimony submitted into the record.

MOTION: (Ochs/Krifka) – To ratify the testimony approved by the OCFW since its March regular meeting. CARRIED. The vote was not unanimous.

i. SB 155 – Abuse/sexual conduct by school employees
The Commission discussed the progress of their priorities in the current legislative session against a backdrop of rising tensions between the parties, causing a slowing of both hearings and votes in the House.

The justice related bills that the OCFW supported with testimony prepared by Commissioner Yoshimoto have bipartisan support.

**VIII. New Business**

**A. The Social Determinants of Health**

Commissioner Cancel-Tirado presented on the social determinants of health and factors that affect public understanding of the issues and the message. Discussion followed. The Commission thanked Doris for her informative presentation.

**B. OCFW Chair and Vice Chair Nomination Slate**

Chair Spencer conducted the nominations for the OCFW Chair and Vice Chair. Dr. Spencer will complete her second term on the OCFW later this year. She has served as Chair for five years. The Commission thanked Barbara for her leadership as Chair and applauded her commitment to the work.

Chair Spencer opened nominations from the floor for Chair. Barbara nominated Robin Morris Collin for Chair. She accepted the nomination. The Chair called for nominations from the floor twice more. There being no further nominations for Chair, the nominations were closed.
Chair Spencer opened nominations from the floor for Vice Chair. The Chair nominated Kasey Krifka for Vice Chair. She accepted the nomination. The Chair called for nominations from the floor twice more. There being no further nominations for Vice Chair, the nominations were closed.

Elections will be conducted at the July meeting of the Commission at which time the new officers will begin their duties immediately.

IX. Administrator’s Report

Lucy attended the Joint Ways and Means (JW&M) Committee work session on OACO budget and it passed at the current service level of 2.5 FTE. Senators Wagner, Roblan, Frederick, and Manning were all supportive of adding OACO’s requested additional .5 FTE OPA3 position, which would make Dr. Connie Kim-Gervey’s position full time, and made this known publicly. Joint Ways and Means Committee Joint Chairs’ budget requirement that the OACs study placing the OACO inside a larger agency has been removed from the bill, after the OAC Chairs expressed deep concern that the independent nature and voice of the OACs would be threatened under those circumstances.

JW&M has added a new Key Performance Measure (KPM) based on how partners view the work of the Commissions in their collaborations. The wording of the new KPM will be considered and chosen by the OACs.

Lucy reported that today there will be an HR meeting with OAC Leadership to review the Administrator position description, as part of the preparation to post the position. Lucy will retire on October 1st.

The OAC Chairs and Commissioners have been working with Lucy in the last months of the current biennium (ends June 30th) to select the final expenditures in support of the OACs’ missions and OACO support. Computers and phones will be replaced this biennium, the OAC Chairs selected CORE, a research firm, for an OACO contract to compile the research report of OCHA on MH and Latinos, a contracted staff support person will help Nancy complete end of biennium reports to DAS and other support, and the purchase of Tableau software and associated training will allow the OACs to add an interactive data portal to their websites.

X. For the Good of the Order

A. The next OCFW meeting is July 19, 2019.

XI. Adjourn

A. Chair Spencer adjourned the meeting at 2:08pm.