Durham Women’s Commission

February 25, 2019

Meeting Minutes

**Commissioners Present:**

Zion Tankard,Kim Cameron, Ruebe Holmes, Joy Spencer, Vivian Slade, Brianna Van Stekelenburg, K.D. Ann Welsh, Michelle Laws, visitor: Shauna Cooper, Guest: Pilar Rocha-Goldberg, President El Centro Hispano

**Commissioners Absent:** Stephanie Forman, Shauna Johnson, Tamika McRae, Olivia Horton, Aquaris Moore-Anderson, Sarah Bausch, Milicia Tedder, Elizabeth Morrell

Chair Zion Tankard called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

**Chair Report**

Cecelia Polanco and Brenda Blue have rolled off of the Women’s Commission.

The Local to Global Event will be February 28th. The plaque is ready and the DCWC will have a table for the event.

DCWC needs more space. There are three options available 201 E. MAin St Durham County Annex; 326 E. MAin St. CJRC; 414 E. Main St. HHS. Need a space with well lit parking and safety and security.

**Vice-Chair Report**

The location for the April and May Financial Forums will be at Self Help. We will need to find another location for March 30. Pilar offered El Centro for space if necessary; 2000 Chapel Hill Rd #26a.

**Treasurer Report:** There is $38.48 in our budget.

**CEDAW Committee**

There was a CEDAW strategic retreat on February 2nd that was well attended by 15-20 people including 2 of the fellows. There were break out sessions with each topic of interest to create a list of things the accomplish.

Commissioner Horton will send out a doodle poll for a conference call to update on CEDAW activities since the retreat.

The WomenNC Fellows will attend the March 25 DCWC meeting

**Steering Committee Report**

Commissioner Holmes reported that Bennett College in Greensboro lost its accreditation despite their fundraising campaign. They are seeking alternate accreditation at this time.

**Guest Speaker:** Pilar Rocha-Goldberg, President El Centro Hispano, discussed the nonprofit and its efforts on behalf of the LAtino community as an advocate for equity and inclusion. El Centro Hispano has office in Durham, Carrboro, and Chapel Hill. It provides educational and economic development, health and wellness, policy analysis and community engagement and advocacy. Since the recent ICE raids there has been a decrease in people coming to El Centro Hispano to get services so they have set up mobile services. They have power of attorney clinics as well as several lawyers on hand to assist with immigration cases.

**January Meeting Minutes**

Quorum needed to approve. Approval of January minutes tabled until next meeting.

**Announcements**

WomenNC Local to Global Feb. 28th 6pm-8pm, 111 Realtors Way, Cary, NC

Take No Bull Women’s Conference March 8th 8:30am-1:30pm, Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce- 300 W. Morgan St.Ste 1400, Durham, NC

Durham 150 Celebrations throughout the month of April.

Women’s Health Fair- April 2nd 9am-2pm NCCU- Durham, NC

Women of Color Empowerment Brunch Sat. March 30th 9am- Sheraton Imperial Hotel- RTP.

The next DCWC meeting will be held on Monday, March 25, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

Chair Tankard adjourned the meeting at 7:17 pm.