

Women in the Economy Commission Meeting - Minutes

Thursday, January 22, 2015

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Seagull Room, East Office Building – Salt Lake City

Commission: Sen. Deidre Henderson, Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck, Rep. Becky Edwards, Carrie Mayne, Ann Marie Thompson, Trina Eyring, Jennifer Robinson, Anne Burkholder, Judy Barnett and Heather Barnum

Excused: Senator Luz Escamilla

Staff Support: Gail Tilson with additional support from Jen Jankowski

Attendees: Amy Coombs, Angela Oh, Jennifer Seelig, Bethany Hyatt, India Nielsen, Holly Richardson, Melanie Bahl, Kaye Christiansen Englert

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Welcome	<p>Welcome (Jennifer Seelig and Rep. Chavez-Houck)</p> <p>Ms. Seelig explained that on Dec. 31st, she and Speaker Lockhart resigned from the Women in the Economy Commission. Rep. Seelig appointed Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck and Speaker Lockhart appointed Rep. Becky Edwards to fill their seats on the commission.</p>	<p>A motion was made to approve new co-chairs, Rep. Chavez-Houck and Rep. Becky Edwards. Motion carried.</p> <p>A motion was made to approve the minutes from the Dec. 19, 2014 meeting. Motion carried.</p>
IDEAL-UT	<p>Opening remarks by Sen. Deidre Henderson: In the early '90s, the architect lobby made it so that interior designers had to have an architect sign off on their work if it was more than 3,000 sq. ft. in a commercial space.</p> <p>Amy Coombs, Lobbyist and Vendor Rep: This action has drastically cut into the ability of an interior design firm to survive. Their hands are tied by regulator issues and small</p>	<p>Proposed legislation to allow interior designers to practice in an already-licensed space. Jennifer Seelig wants the Public Policy Sub-committee to take a look at this, as well as other</p>

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<p>Roundtable Discussion</p> <p>Sub-committee Updates</p>	<p>businesses cannot compete.</p> <p>Carrie let the Commission know about a roundtable discussion which will take place in Room 1112 of the State Office Building on Friday, January 30th at 1:00 o'clock. USDOL Secretary Thomas E. Perez will be here to meet with Commission members and others regarding women in the economy.</p> <p>Communications Sub-committee, chaired by Heather Barnum: Heather has reached out to communication professionals at Rio Tinto, UDOT, LDS Employment Services and has plans to contact UVU, SLCC (because of technical trades they offer), a minority service organization yet to be identified, and others – including men, to join the Communications Sub-committee. They will be going over plans for the year when they meet. Carrie suggested this committee be involved with Utah Futures. Members of this sub-committee so far are: Heather Barnum (chair), Jennifer Seelig, Ann Marie Thompson, Trina Eyring and Bethany Hyatt.</p> <p>Public Policy Sub-committee, chaired by Jennifer Seelig: Members of this sub-committee so far are: Jennifer Seelig (chair), Sen. Deidre Henderson, Dr. Jennifer Robinson, Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck and Rep. Becky Edwards.</p> <p>Research Sub-committee, chaired by Dr. Robinson: Members of this sub-committee so far are: Dr. Jennifer Robinson (chair), Carrie Mayne, Judy Barnett, Anne Burkholder and Natalie Torosyan. Invitations to join will be sent to Susan Madsen,</p>	<p>pockets of industry and small (women-owned) businesses that may be under-cut and/or swallowed up.</p> <p>One policy area on a macro level that we should look at is the Women's Procurement Program.</p> <p>The invitation was extended to each member of the Commission to attend and bring one key person along, who could have relevant conversation at the roundtable.</p> <p>When the Communications Sub-committee meets (scheduled meeting has been pre-empted), they will be going over plans for the year and Utah Futures.</p> <p>Focus right now is on Utah Futures to figure out how we can support it.</p> <p>After invitations to join have been extended, a meeting will be scheduled.</p>

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<p>Additional Information on Utah Futures</p> <p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>UVU; Pam Perlich, U of U; Ann Marie Austin, USU; Tina Dyches, BYU; and Anna Bergevin (who works with Dr. Robinson).</p> <p>Angela Oh, Legislative Fiscal Analyst, presented. The role of Utah Futures is to counsel and provide guidance for students – especially high school students who will be entering the workforce.</p> <p>Utah Futures currently is not being funded. There has not been a fiscal agent, so bills have not been paid and there hasn't been anyone in charge. A quick update from Angela Oh, with information from a meeting with the steering committee, lets us know that UETN has been designated as the fiscal agent and Lisa Kuhn is the primary contact. The Chair of the Utah Futures Steering Committee is Laura Hunter, Director of UETN.</p> <p>Gail will send out a Doodle Poll so we can schedule the next meeting.</p>	<p>Two of the Women in the Economy Commission sub-committees (Communications and Public Policy) have a focus on Utah Futures to see how we can support it.</p> <p>We will be watching during this legislative session to see what funding may come through.</p>

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