



Commission for Women - May 18 2026 Minutes

Monday, May 18, 2026 at 5:30 PM

Walter Francis Duke Terminal Building Conference Room, 44200 Airport Rd., California MD 20619

1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. The meeting was called to order at 5:31 pm
Name of Individuals/Groups (Identify main presenter & list all who will be attending w/titles): Catherine Stewart, Chair

Supporting County Staff to be in Attendance:

Cynthia Brown, Division Manager

Debra Kane, Coordinator

2. ROLL CALL

- A. Roll Call
Name of Individuals/Groups (Identify main presenter & list all who will be attending w/titles):
In Person: Catherine Stewart, Chair, Tracey Shivers, Melissa Rodriguez, Cynthia Brown, Debra Kane
On Zoom: Emily Stagner, Danielle Baker, Kim Belvin, Taylor Spencer-Davis, Bea Faulkner
Supporting County Staff to be in Attendance:
Cynthia Brown, Division Manager
Debra Kane, Coordinator

3. MINUTES

- A. Minutes
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Move to approve minutes from April 20, 2026

Moved by: Melissa Rodriguez; seconded by: Tracey Shivers

Carried

Name of Individuals/Groups (Identify main presenter & list all who will be attending w/titles):

Catherine Stewart, Chair

Supporting County Staff to be in Attendance:

Cynthia Brown, Division Manager

Debra Kane, Coordinator

4. BUDGET

A. Budget

Name of Individuals/Groups (Identify main presenter & list all who will be attending w/titles):

Catherine Stewart, Chair

Supporting County Staff to be in Attendance

Cynthia Brown, Division Manager

Debra Kane, Coordinator

Specific Purpose of Request for Appointment:

Members will be updated on the CFW budget funds.

5. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

A. Family Violence Coordinating Council

Name of Individuals/Groups (Identify main presenter & list all who will be attending w/titles):

Kim Belvin, Member

Supporting County Staff to be in Attendance:

Cynthia Brown, Division Manager

Debra Kane, Coordinator

Specific Purpose of Request for Appointment:

CFW has member that attends the Family Violence meetings. They will discuss any updates from the meeting.

B. Homeless Coalition

Name of Individuals/Groups (Identify main presenter & list all who will be attending w/titles):

Emily Stagner, Member

Supporting County Staff to be in Attendance:

Cynthia Brown, Division Manager

Debra Kane, Coordinator

Specific Purpose of Request for Appointment:

Members will be updated on the Homeless Coalition meeting

C. Violence, Injury & Trauma (VITA)

Name of Individuals/Groups (Identify main presenter & list all who will be attending w/titles):

Taylor Spencer-Davis, Member

Supporting County Staff to be in Attendance:

Cynthia Brown, Division Manager

Debra Kane, Coordinator

Specific Purpose of Request for Appointment:

Members will be updated on the VITA meeting.

D. Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women (MLAW)

Name of Individuals/Groups (Identify main presenter & list all who will be attending w/titles):

Kim Bannister, Member

Supporting County Staff to be in Attendance:

Cynthia Brown, Division Manager

Debra Kane, Coordinator

Specific Purpose of Request for Appointment:

Members will be updated about meeting sessions.

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Sexual Assault Awareness Month Proclamation and Panel-Close-Out Discussion
Name of Individuals/Groups (Identify main presenter & list all who will be attending w/titles):

Catherine Stewart, Chair

Supporting County Staff to be in Attendance:

Cynthia Brown, Division Manager

Debra Kane, Coordinator

Specific Purpose of Request for Appointment:

Members will review the nominations on Facebook.

- B. CSM Hawk Heroes Breakfast Invitation-Close-Out Discussion
C. Take Back the Night Event-SMC
D. Partnership Request-Global Youth Service Day-Stella Girls Food Drive

7. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Information on Maryland Reinforcing through Training & Advocacy
Information on a presentation by Dr. Lisa Conners, Maryland Reinforcing Overdose Prevention through Training and Advocacy, Maryland ROPTA that Kim Belvin's received materials on. Discussion on meeting location change.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Announcements
Name of Individuals/Groups (Identify main presenter & list all who will be attending w/titles):
Catherine Stewart, Chair

9. ADJOURN

- A. Adjourn
A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 6:00pm
Moved by: Melissa Rodriguez; seconded by: Tracey Shivers

Carried

- B. Next Meeting
June 15, 2026