



OFFICE *of the* GOVERNOR

WOMEN'S POLICY & RESEARCH COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

August 21, 2025

Members in Attendance:

Sonia Mallett, Elise Cazes, Laura Rodrigue, Kelly Miguez, Wanjennia Atkins, Krystal Romero, Christy Stiles, Rebecca Harris, Keely McGibbonoy (on behalf of Ileana Ledet), Nancee Sorenson, Ashley Townsend and Jolie Williamson

Guests in Attendance:

Kenese Dowdy

Staff in Attendance:

Laurie N. Marien

Call to Order:

Wanjennia Atkins called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Sonia Mallett moved to approve, seconded by Elise Cazes. Minutes approved unanimously.

Regular Business

Emily Andrews provided a presentation of the basics of open meetings laws.

Subcommittee Selection and Appointments

Those in attendance discussed subcommittees and decided to meet prior to general meetings each quarter:

1. Education (Chair Ashley Townsend- members Nancee Sorenson, Christy Stiles, Jolie Williamson, Wanjennia Atkins)

- a. GATOR
 - b. Quality education
 - c. Workforce education
- 2. Economic Opportunities (hold)
 - a. Homeless Women
- 3. Violence Affecting Women (Chair Laura Rodrigue- members Sonia Mallett, Elise Cazes, Krystal Romero, and Wanjennia Atkins)
 - a. Women with murdered children
 - b. Juvenile records
 - c. Domestic abuse
- 4. Health (Chair Tangela Womack- members Kelly Miguez, Rebecca Harris, Krystal Romero, Wanjennia Atkins)
 - a. Mothers and children with disabilities
 - b. Substance Abuse
 - c. Maternal mortality
 - d. MAHA
 - e. Behavioral health
 - f. Childhood/intergenerational trauma
 - g. Pregnant women

November 2025 meeting

Will occur at Woman's Hospital where we will receive a tour and have our meeting in the Board Room.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Adjournment

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:36 p.m. Sonia Mallett moved to adjourn, and Laura Rodrigue seconded. Unanimous.