

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
LACTATION COMMISSION**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Minutes: September 28 Meeting

The District of Columbia Lactation Commission held a public meeting on Monday, September 28, 2020, at 6:30 pm, via Webex. Below are the minutes for the meeting.

Note Taker: DC Health Representative Noni Robinson

Call to Order 6:40 PM

Roll Call

Attendance Via WebEx:

Commissioner Sahira Long—Pediatrician/Neonatologist Member
Commissioner Jennifer Tender—Pediatrician/Neonatologist Member and Commission Chair
Commissioner Aubrey Villalobos—Public Health Expert Member
Noni Robinson—DC Health Representative
Commissioner Christina Stowers—Consumer Member
Colleen Sonosky—DC Department of Healthcare Finance Representative
Commissioner Angela McClain—Community Outreach Expert Member
Judy Campbell—Public Member
Suzanne Henley—OSSE Representative
Quameice Harris—DC Department of Human Resources Representative
Commissioner Kanika Harris—Public Health Expert Member

Absent:

Commissioner Noelene Jeffers—Lactation Expert Member
Commissioner Lauren Propst-Riddick—Consumer Member
Jill Johnson—DC Department of Human Resources Representative
Commissioner Stephanie Hack—Obstetrics/Gynecology (Ob/Gyn) Member
Commissioner Gwendolyn West-Lactation Expert Member

Adoption of the Agenda

Motion made by Commissioner Long and seconded by Commissioner Villalobos.

Approval of August, 2020 Minutes

Motion made to approve the minutes pending the spelling of acronyms being edited by
Commissioner Tender

Commissioner Villalobos approved and seconded by Commissioner Stowers

Old Business:

Lactation Report 2018 Review

- Photo Approved-United States Breastfeeding Committee. It is an open source we must credit them in the report.
- Executive Summary-Role of Lactation Commission and Mission
- Highlights 3 Recommendations-Reviewed-No major concerns/comments
- Commission Structure –No concerns or updates or suggested changes regarding titles of Commissioners
- Two new Commissioners added- Jill/Aubrey
- Reviewed recommendations from 2018 Report-delays may have prevented inclusion of any recommendations in the budget planning.
- Data and edits requested from several Commissioners to submit to Aubrey the next business day

Annual Report Reviewed/Discussion

Review of Recommendations/Strategies

- Commissioner Villalobos reviewed Recommendation 1
- Commissioner Tender reviewed Recommendation 2
- Commissioner Long reviewed Recommendation 3
 - Recommendation 2 was discussed/reviewed in detail
 - New Financial Impact completed
 - Conclusion completed

Commissioner Tender questioned how and who to submit the report to
Noni will follow up with DC Health to ensure process of submission is the same and the contact person is the same

Suzanne updated Commission regarding Head Start. Head Start did not take a specific action on breastfeeding. In the past year they have shared the Breastfeeding Resource Guide.

Christina Benjamin is on the Breastfeeding Coalition

Report will be submitted on September 30th for approval. Copy editing needs to be completed prior to submission

Dr. Tender was invited to present the Lactation Commission Report on October 23rd, 2020 to members of the Division of Perinatal and Infant Health, Title V and DC Healthy Start Program.

Commissioner Tender asked to table the rest of the agenda due to time. Agenda was quickly reviewed to see if any pertinent information needed to be discussed.

The next meeting date was discussed to ensure attendance. The November meeting is scheduled the week of Thanksgiving. The Commission agreed there should be no issues regarding meeting that week.

The LC schedule needs to be completed and posted.

Commissioner Tender and Villalobos thanked everyone for being instrumental in assisting with the completion of the report

- **New Business:**

The entire meeting was a review of the report and there was not sufficient time to discuss any new business. We will cover new business during the November meeting.

Upcoming Note takers

- 11/23/2020)- Suzanne Henley
- January TBD

Opportunity for Public Comment

- No public comment given.

Items to Continue for Next Meeting

Continuance of September agenda to be completed as per Commissioner Tender's request

Adjournment- Meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM

Next meeting September 23rd 6:30 to 8:00 pm via Webex