

# Joint Meeting of the Delaware Commission for Women & Delaware Women's Workforce Council

## Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2020

Present: Rose Holandez, Becca Cotto, Yvonne Anderson Gordon, Aida Waserstein, Susan Sherk, Alisha Bryson, Sherese Brewington-Carr, Yun Jang Yang, Judith Vaughn-Prather, Louise Cummings, Linda Barnett, Marian Palley, Sophia Sotilleo, Christopher Waters, Kim Lowman, Melanie Ross Levin

Location: Carvel State Building  
820 N French St  
Wilmington DE 19801  
10th Floor Training Room

### **1. Welcome and Introductions**

The OWAA Director welcomed everyone for coming to this special joint meeting of the Delaware Women's Workforce Council and the Delaware Commission for Women. The purpose of the meeting is to learn more about the Voices of Women in America project through the National Association of Commissions for Women. The Chair of the Delaware Commission for Women welcomed and introduced special guests from the Maryland Commission for Women who would share more about the Voices project they completed in their state. The Chair of the Delaware Women's Workforce Council spoke about the Delaware Women's Voices project and what roles the members would play.

### **2. Presentation from the Maryland Commission for Women**

Special guests from the Maryland Commission for Women spoke about their organization and the year-long Voices project they recently completed.

### **3. Mock Listening Session**

The group participated in a mock listening session modeled after the listening sessions that the Maryland Commission for Women held as part of their Voices project. The group was asked to list issues they see as most important for Delaware women. The issues and concerns were recorded, listed, and displayed around the room. The group was then asked to vote on their top five issues by placing a dot next to the issues displayed around the room. Once the top issues had been identified, the group discussed each issue and what they saw as possible solutions or first steps the Commission and the Council could take to address the issues.

### **4. Questions and Answers**

Once the mock listening session was concluded, members asked the special guests from

Maryland more about their personal experiences with holding focus groups and what could be expected.

#### **5. Closing Remarks and Next Steps**

The OWAA Director thanked everyone for coming and spoke about the next steps of the project. Members were asked to volunteer for the listening sessions scheduled to take place in May.

#### **6. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20pm