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Vermont Commission on Women Meeting Minutes
Friday, March 10, 2023 | 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Via Zoom videoconference

Commissioners present:

Kiah Morris (Co-chair), Lisa Senecal (Co-chair), Hazel Brewster, Brenda Churchill, Alex Hilliard, Nancy Kaplan, Sarah Lang, Sarah Mell, Sophia Rabe, Heidi Tringe

Commissioners absent:

Esther Charlestin, Annie Mackin, Ashley Messier, Kim Nolan, Wendy Knight

Advisors present:

Jessica Barquist, Vermont Network
Katie Salina, LGK

Guests:

Staff: Cary Brown
Presiding: Lisa Senecal
Recording: Kiah Morris

1. Meeting Called to Order

Meeting called to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. Approval of Meeting Agenda

There were no objections to approving the meeting agenda.

3. Review Group Agreements

The group took a minute to review the group agreements.

4. Approval of meeting minutes of February 2023

Motion made by , seconded by .
To approve the February 2023 meeting minutes as submitted.
Unanimously approved.

5. Introductions

Lisa asked the group to share a little bit about themselves and what elements of the group agreements have been meaningful to them in other areas of their lives.

6. Updates on replacement of the Vermont women's correctional facility

Kathy Astemborski, Director of Women's Services for the Vermont Department of Corrections, shared information regarding the current progress of plans to replace the Chittenden Regional Correctional Facility.

7. Staff updates

Postponed for lack of time.

8. Racial Equity Work

Shalini Suryanaryana with the Office of Racial Equity offered training on racial equity.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:30 pm.