

**CITY OF NORWALK
COMMISSION ON GENDER EQUITY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
VIA ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING**

ATTENDANCE

Kristina Testa-Buzzee (Chair), Sharon Baanante, Chantal Coffy, Joy Dejaegar, Andre Denunzio (new member welcomed), Emma Dignoti, Simone Morris, Ivonne Zucco

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Testa-Buzzee called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll call was conducted. Members present as noted above. New member Andre Denunzio was welcomed to the Commission.

III. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 11, 2026, were presented. No corrections were noted.

****MS. DEJAEGAR MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF MAY 11, 2026, AS PRESENTED.**

****MOTION PASSED WITH ONE ABSTENSTION (MS. BALANTE).**

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No public comments were offered.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Social Media Project Plan

The Commission discussed the social media project plan. Further discussion and development will continue at a future meeting.

B. Commission Ordinance and Bylaws

The Commission reviewed its ordinance and bylaws. A recommendation was made to dissolve the bylaws, as the ordinance provides sufficient guidance. Additional research will be conducted.

C. Highlighting of Women Commissioners

The Commission discussed ways to highlight women commissioners. A suggestion was made to broaden the language for greater inclusivity. No changes were made at this time.

D. Norwalk Events Aligned with Commission on Gender Equity

The Commission discussed alignment with City events and calendars (including norwalkct.gov and visitnorwalk.org). Events such as Pride in the Park were noted as relevant.

E. Commission Vacancies

No seats are available.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

The Commission discussed potential partnerships, including with the Bikewalk Commission for future events (noting a missed opportunity with the Girl Trek event focused on Black maternal health).

Ideas were shared for creating an annual calendar of events for Commission participation and for updating the Commission application form to include preferred pronouns.

VII. DISCUSSION

The Commission discussed planning for an in-person annual meeting in September to elect officers and set priorities. Broader community engagement and coordination with other City commissions were also discussed.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

****MS. BAANANTE MOTIONED TO ADJOURN.**

****SECONDED BY MS. DIGNOTI.**

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The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:50 PM.

**Respectfully Submitted,
Courtney Baldwin
Recording Secretary**