

# Women in the Economy Commission Meeting - Minutes

Tuesday November 1, 2016

10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

House Room 25

**Commission:** Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck, Rep. Becky Edwards, Sen. Luz Escamilla, Sen. Deidre Henderson, Kathy Bounous, Melissa Freigang and Jennifer Robinson.

**Excused:** Ann Marie Wallace, Anne Burkholder and Judy Barnett

**Staff Support:** Shelle Allinson

**Attendees:** Erin Jemison (YWCA)

AGENDA	DISCUSSION	RECOMMENDATIONS/ACTION
<p>Welcome</p>	<p>Welcome (Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck)</p> <p>Rep. Chavez-Houck announced meetings will now take place the first Tuesday of each month and starting in 2017 will go every other month. Next meeting will be December 6, 2016 at 10:00 am.</p> <p>The minutes from the last two meetings were approved.</p>	<p>A motion was made to approve the minutes from the last two meetings.</p>
<p>Vacant seat on the Commission needs to be filled.</p>	<p>Commission seat needs to be filled by someone from a company with 500 or more members.</p>	<p>Melissa Freigang proposed we offer it to Karen Leonardi. Commission will vet Karen to the Governor's Office for approval. Kathy Bounous will start the process.</p>
<p>Update on DOL</p>	<p>Melissa Freigang gives update on DOL. She has been looking into funding sources and opportunities. Would like to look for opportunities that have grant funding assigned to them that can align with what the WIEC is doing. Rep Chavez-Houck would like to tailor the searches more towards the wage gap issue at an executive level. Sen. Escamilla would like more data on infertility.</p>	<p>Will have someone update on intergenerational poverty sometime next year after the Session. Kathy Bounous will schedule someone to do that.</p>

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Vote on funds to UVU for the hiring of a research assistant.	Jennifer Robinson presented on the focus groups she has been working on. 14 groups total continuing throughout this month. They are recruiting women unemployed and employed to participate. The goal is to have a survey questionnaire distributed statewide to determine women's experiences in the state of Utah. Hoping to have it launched after the holidays.	Commission would like to have funds transferred to UVU to hire a research assistant. It's a 6-12 month project and about 20 hours per week. Kathy Bounous will draft an MOU that will make sure ownership of all data belongs to WIEC and funds will be paid out as the work is performed and UVU bills the Commission.
How to begin using electronic voting for meetings	<p>Rep Edwards would like to see a mechanism for use of electronic voting. Kathy Bounous says we need to adopt a resolution and the law requires public notice and an anchor location for the meeting for public input.</p> <p>Rep. Chavez-Houck would like to see if we can get some good press coverage on the focus groups we are doing. Will email colleagues to see if they have any legislation to be presented in our December meeting. Need an update on the website.</p> <p>Sen. Escamilla would like the homeless crisis addressed at next meeting.</p>	<p>Kathy Bounous will draft up a resolution and needs input from the commission.</p> <p>Shelle Allinson will send out notices of our December meeting to see who is able to attend.</p> <p>Will have someone address the Commission in the future.</p>