



## **Tulsa Women's Commission**

Regular Meeting | April 10, 2026 | 12:00 – 1:00 pm

City Hall at One Technology Center | Room 411

### **Meeting Minutes**

Commissioners Present: Premadonna Braddick, Marcia Bruno-Todd, Jackie DuPont, Dezeray Edwards, Betsy Jackson, Charisa Jacobs, Laura Latta, Meg Myers Morgan, Kate Neary, Maria Carlota Palacios

Commissioners Absent: Toneille Bent, Mary Quinn Cooper, Susan Crenshaw, Ashleigh Frohrip, Deidra Kirtley

#### **I. Call to Order**

- a. Chairwoman Latta called the meeting to order at 12:01 pm. A quorum was not yet present.
- b. Commissioners Bruno-Todd, DuPont, Edwards, and Jacobs arrived at 12:04 pm.

#### **II. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

- a. Chairwoman Latta entertained a motion to approve the March meeting minutes.
  - i. Commissioner Carlota Palacios made a motion, Commissioner Jackson seconded.
    1. Aye: 9, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0
      - a. Commissioner Braddick was not yet present in the meeting.
    - ii. Motion carried, March meeting minutes approved.

#### **III. Chair / Vice Chair Report**

- a. Family Safety Center Donation Drive Update
  - i. Vice Chair Nearly reminded commissioners of their earlier conversation about hosting a donation drive. October 3 date works well for Family Safety Center and they will provide a wish list.
- b. Commissioner Braddick arrived at 12:10 pm.
- c. Pinnacle Awards took place in March, it was a beautiful event. Chairwoman Latta shared a link to her speech about TWC's safety focus.
- d. City Council Presentation
  - i. Chairwoman Latta presented to City Council on March 10 in a committee meeting. This prompted a realization that when the Childcare Report was sent, it fell through the cracks during the Mayoral administration change and change of councilors. It was good to share with councilors and they were very receptive.



- ii. Talked about phases of TWC initiatives from Pay Equity, Childcare, to Women's Safety.
- iii. Received question about data on police recruitment for women in law enforcement. Overall a smooth presentation.
- e. Report from Domestic Violence Task Force Meeting
  - i. Chairwoman Latta also met with the Battered Women's Justice Project (BWJP), which is contracted to coordinate the City's Domestic Violence Task Force Meeting.
  - ii. Meeting summary:
    - 1. Safety requires economic stability
    - 2. Systems are fragmented
    - 3. Too much crisis, not enough prevention
    - 4. Center survivor voice
    - 5. Partnerships drive change
- f. Upcoming Event: Leadership Tulsa's Women's Leadership Summit
  - i. One breakout session will be dedicated to TWC.
  - ii. Piloting a resource fair at the summit – no more than eight tables of women-serving organizations.
  - iii. Commissioner Bruno-Todd opened the opportunity for commissioners to volunteer to present the breakout session.
    - 1. 45 minutes, two rounds, audience of 50 – 100 people.
    - 2. Interactive opportunity to share findings from Childcare and Units of Inquiry Reports.
- g. Reminder: Title V and Beyond Apology Commissions Retreat on July 24

#### **IV. Discussion: 2026 Focus on Women's Safety**

- a. Chairwoman Latta reminded commissioners they identified four committees based on their safety framework:
  - i. Personal
  - ii. Housing and Economic
  - iii. Health and Emotional
  - iv. Community Safety and Belonging
  - v. With Systems, Rights, and Institutional Safety as a throughline for all.
- b. Committees will determine ways to get the word out about opportunities, needs, and initiatives within their focus. The goal is to have at least one communication initiative per committee.
- c. Chairwoman Latta presented expectations for what committee participation will look like:
  - i. Monthly meetings (can be virtual)
  - ii. Manageable time (approximately 1 – 2 hours of work per month)
  - iii. Chair roles – leadership opportunity
    - 1. Guide meetings



2. Additional time commitment
3. Share updates with TWC
- iv. Meaningful impact
  1. Contribute directly to advancing priorities for women in Tulsa
  2. Can carry forward tangible work
- v. Opportunity to bring community members into the work who don't serve as commissioners.
- d. Committee Assignments:
  - i. Personal Safety: Commissioners Jackson, Myers Morgan, and Jacobs
  - ii. Housing and Economic Security: Commissioners Bent, Bruno-Todd, and Kirtley
  - iii. Health and Emotional Safety: Commissioners Braddick and Carlota Palacios and Vice Chair Neary
  - iv. Community Safety and Belonging: Commissioners DuPont and Frohrip
  - v. Systems, Rights, and Institutional Safety: Commissioners Edwards and Quinn Cooper and Chairwoman Latta

**V. Action: Chairwoman Latta Appoints Special Committee Chairs**

- a. Chairwoman Latta appointed Commissioner Jacobs as Chair of the Personal Safety Committee.
- b. Chairwoman Latta appointed Commissioners Bent and Bruno-Todd as Co-Chairs Housing and Economic Security Committee
- c. Chairwoman Latta appointed Commissioners Braddick and Carlota Palacios as Co-Chairs of Health and Emotional Safety Committee.
- d. Chairwoman Latta appointed Commissioner DuPont as Chair of Community Safety and Belonging Committee.
- e. Chairwoman Latta appointed Commissioner Edwards as Chair of the Systems, Rights, and Institutional Safety Committee.

**VI. Nominating Committee: Chair and Vice Chair Election**

- a. Commissioner Jackson reminded commissioners of the Chair and Vice Chair slate:
  - i. Chair – Laura Latta
  - ii. Vice Chair – Kate Neary
- b. Commissioner Jackson entertained a motion to elect Laura Latta as Chair of the Tulsa Women's Commission.
  - i. Commissioner Myers Morgan made a motion, Commissioner Bruno-Todd seconded.
    1. Aye: 10, Nay: 0
  - ii. Motion carried, Laura Latta is elected as Chair.
- c. Commissioner Jackson entertained a motion to elect Kate Neary as Vice Chair of the Tulsa Women's Commission.
  - i. Chairwoman Latta motioned, Commissioner Jacobs seconded.



1. Aye: 10, Nay: 0

ii. Motion carried, Kate Neary is elected as Vice Chair.

**VII. Old Business** – no old business

**VIII. New Business** – no new business

**IX. Announcements / Public Comments**

a. Chairwoman Latta shared issues impacting women, including the number of women office holders in and from Oklahoma and the Oklahoma legislature budget that was recently passed and childcare cuts that were included.

b. Public Comments:

i. Gina Wilson, Founder of The Opal Center: Shared her story as a domestic violence survivor. Difficult to provide domestic violence services in Oklahoma even though it is such a pervasive issue. Prevention is key; however, it is not as visible and more difficult to secure funding. No way to be a certified DV agency when focusing on prevention, so partner with DVIS. Upcoming event on April 18 at the World Stage Theater featuring monologues and discussions with licensed therapists about domestic and workplace violence. 871-OPAL

**X. Adjournment**

a. Chairwoman Latta entertained a motion to adjourn.

i. Commissioner Braddick made a motion, Commissioner DuPont seconded.

1. Aye: 9, Nay: 1 (Commissioner Myers Morgan)

ii. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 1:03 pm.