

OFFICE OF THE ILLINOIS LT. GOVERNOR, JULIANA STRATTON  
 Illinois Council on Women and Girls  
 Special Meeting Minutes  
 June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

<b>A present majority of current non-ex-officio members shall constitute a quorum: i.e. 11</b>				
<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Ex-Officio Mem.</b>				
Chair, Ex-Officio (LG's Office)	<b>Lt. Governor</b> Juliana Stratton		x	
Ex-Officio (Refugee & Immigrant Services, DHS)	Lilian Jimenez (rep. Grace Hou)		x	
Ex-Officio (Dept. on Aging)	Selma D'Souza (rep. Paula Basta)			x
Ex-Officio (Dept. of Human Rights)	Donna Hardy (rep. James Bennett)		x	
Ex-Officio (Dept. of Children & Family Services)	Gaylon Alcaraz (rep. Marc Smith)		x	
Ex-Officio (Dept. of Healthcare & Fam. Services)	<b>Director</b> Theresa Eagleson			x
Ex-Officio (Dept. of Pub. Health)	<b>Director</b> Ngozi Ezike			x
Ex-Officio (Dept. of Labor)	Marina Faz-Huppert (rep. Michael Kleinik)			x
Ex-Officio (State Board of Ed.)	Jaclyn Matthews (Rep. Carmen Ayala)		x	
Ex-Officio (Board of Higher Ed.)	<b>Director</b> Ginger Ostro			x
Ex-Officio (Community College Board)	Natasha Allan (rep. Brian Durham)			x
<b>Pub. Mem. (Gov.)</b>				
Pub. Mem. (Gov.)	Candace Coleman		x	
Pub. Mem. (Gov.)	Jennifer Lee			x
Pub. Mem. (Gov.)	Nikita Richards		x	
Pub. Mem. (Gov.)	Veronica Espina		x	
<b>Pub. Mem. (House Min.)</b>				
Pub. Mem. (House Min.)	Ines Kutlesa		x	
Pub. Mem. (House Min.)	Rhonda Thomas		x	
Pub. Mem. (House Min.)	Theresa Forthofer		x	
Pub. Mem. (House Min.)	Amanda Basso			x
<b>Pub. Mem. (House Speaker)</b>				
Pub. Mem. (House Speaker)	Aileen Kim		x	
Pub. Mem. (House Speaker)	Kaethe Morris Hoffer		x	
Pub. Mem. (House Speaker)	Maaria Mozaffar			x
Pub. Mem. (House Speaker)	Wendy Pollack		x	
<b>Pub. Mem. (Sen. Min.)</b>				
Pub. Mem. (Sen. Min.)	Brandy Donaldson		x	
Pub. Mem. (Sen. Min.)	Vidhya Prakash		x	

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Pub. Mem. (Sen. Min.)	Monique Garcia		x	
Pub. Mem. (Sen. Min.)	Pamela Althoff			x
<b>Pub. Mem. (Sen. Pres.)</b>				
Pub. Mem. (Sen. Pres.)	Amina Jaffer		x	
Pub. Mem. (Sen. Pres.)	Drella Savage		x	
Pub. Mem. (Sen. Pres.)	Rochelle Crump		x	
Pub. Mem. (Sen. Pres.)	Sylvia Matos-Collins		x	
<b>Rep. of Gov.'s Office Mem.</b>				
Rep. of Gov.'s Office	<b>Dep. Governor</b> Sol Flores			x
<b>Lt. Governor's Staff (non-member)</b>				
N/A	Teresa Reyes		x	
N/A	Dartesia Pitts		x	
N/A	Robert Mannis		x	
N/A	Levi Bain		x	
N/A	Allauna		x	

**I. Call to Order**

- a. Lt. Governor Stratton called the special meeting to order at 4:06PM

**II. Roll Call and Approval of Agenda for June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020**

- a. Roll taken and quorum established
- b. Motion for agenda approval
  - i. Moved by Ines Kutlesa
  - ii. Seconded by Sylvia Mattos Collins
  - iii. All in favor
  - iv. No opposition
  - v. No abstentions

**III. Chairperson's Remarks**

- a. Lt. Governor Stratton
  - i. "The Ad Hoc Committee on Police Brutality and Systemic Racism requested the convening of this special meeting so that our council could review the letter they produced. When council members requested a special effort to work on this letter, I was thankful for the leadership of our board which has proven time and time again that this council continues to set and raise the bar."

**IV. Ad Hoc Committee Letter Consideration**

- a. Ines Kutlesa
  - i. Discussed the process behind developing the draft letter under consideration
- b. Robert Mannis
  - i. Outlined recommendations detailed in the draft letter under consideration
- c. Lt. Governor Stratton
  - i. Opened the floor to discussion on the draft letter under consideration
    - 1. Nikita Richards

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- a. Recommended linguistic changes
2. Wendy Pollack
  - a. “Was there any discussion related to police school resource officers being removed from schools?”
    - i. Ines Kutlesa
      1. “No. I will say that we had 25-30 recommendations and we were talking about how the conversation does not have to end here; we can continue working towards other changes in the future. What we want to do now is try to be strategic in our approach, so I think in the future we ought to discuss the removal of school resource officers from schools.”
3. Vidhya Prakash
  - a. Recommended linguistic changes
4. Aileen Kim
  - a. “We should specifically reference trans women. Also, perhaps it’s worth attaching, as an attachment, all the recommendations we had and just noting that the few listed in the body of the letter are the priority recommendations.”
    - i. Ines Kulesa
      1. “One reason we selected to note a few recommendations is to help emphasize those that can have an immediate impact.”
- d. Motion for Ad Hoc Committee letter to be approved and forwarded to the leaders of the State of Illinois:
  - i. Moved by Nikita Richards
  - ii. Seconded by Veronica Espina
  - iii. All in favor
  - iv. No opposition
  - v. No abstention

**V. Public Comment**

- a. No public comment

**VI. Adjournment**

- a. Moved by Ines Kutlesa at 4:30PM
- b. Seconded by Sylvia Mattos Collins
- c. All in favor
- d. No opposition
- e. No abstention