MICHIGAN CITY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

Meeting minutes of May 21, 2026

Meeting called to order at 5:35p by President Nila Williams

Roll Call taken by Secretary Linda Conley
Present: Nila Williams
Alicia Wilson
Qiana Edwards
Angela Carter
Linda Conley
Joseph Nelson

Absent: Jackquline Jones

Minutes from April 16, 2026, reviewed with no corrections. Motion to approve originally by Council Liaison, Joseph Nelson. President Williams remined members that Liaison had no voting privileges. Call for motion to approve minutes redone with Commissioner Conley and seconded by Commissioner Edwards. All in favor to accept minutes with none opposed.

Treasurer report provided by Commissioner, Angela Carter, Treasurer. Balance from March 2026 was $13,044.63. It was motioned and approved during the April meeting to reimburse Commissioner Williams the total sum of $1498.07 for materials purchased for the beautification project. All required receipts and forms for reimbursement were submitted to the controller's office and approved, leaving a current balance $11,546.56.

Motion to approve treasury report was made by Commissioner Conley and seconded by Commissioner Wilson. All were in favor and none opposed.

Election of officers for 2026 took place during April meeting effective May 21, 2026, as follow:

President: Nila Williams
VP: Trina Wilson
Sec: Linda Conley
Tres: Angela Carter

Old Business

President Williams reviewed the Mayor's Grant Project. The project was divided into 2 parts, $1500.00 for beautification was completed. Commissioner Conley provided the names of the MCHS students to receive the other half of the $3000.00. NOUR ASHY, DERRECK FOWLER, and PARIS STUPAR. Each student will receive $500.00. The treasurer would need forms for each student to present to the controller. Commissioner Conley stated that she had spoken with Ms Lamarr, their counselor. Each student submits a short biography expressing their career goals. President Williams will follow-up with the controller regarding the forms. It was discussed whether the award checks would be mailed or picked up. It was suggested for the students, if possible, attend the next MCCW meeting to speak and receive their award. The addresses for each student would be needed regardless of check mailed or picked up. Commissioner Conley will reach out to Ms Lamarr for assistance.

NEW BUSINESS

Fund raising ideals were suggested. Commissioner Jones had provided information regarding a Port a Pit fund raiser to President Williams. President Williams will reach out to the contact person regarding cost and location.

Councilman Nelson suggested the possibility of "tagging" along with a food truck, fish fry, bid whist tournament, bingo night. President Williams stated we could have small fund raisers through out the year. We could have a luncheon or dinner with a keynote speaker speaking on women issues.

Councilman Nelson remined that timing and minimizing overhead cost should be kept in mind.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Other business discussed, Commissioner Edwards wanted to know where in City Hall someone would go to obtain forms to request funds. She also suggested updating MCCW website and Facebook page. President Williams will reach out to Mayor's office.

Commissioner Carter suggested that the Commission investigate purchasing a new and updated banner and brochures and perhaps purchasing T Shirts to wear at various functions. Councilman Nelson has a press and will check into possibility of making our own shirts.

President Williams updated the issue of vacants /open seats. Currently there are 3 open seats. Education, Health, and League of Women Voters.. Theses are seats appointed by the Mayor. Pres Williams will reach out to Mayor about possibility of removing these seats and replacing with another.

No PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Carter and seconded by Commissioner Ewards. Motion passed with all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting : **Thursday, June 18, 2026 at 5:30pm**
IBEW (old Central School Building)
301 East 8th Street, Suite 108
Michigan City, Indiana 46360

Linda Conley, Secretary
Michigan City Commission for Women