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Commission on the Status of Women Agenda

Monday, January 13, 2025
2:30 PM



Pasco County Utilities Administration, Anclote/Cotee Room
19420 Central Blvd.
Land O' Lakes, FL 34637

All electronic devices must be turned off while in the Board Room.

Call to Order

Welcome and Introductions

Roll Call

Public Comment

Comments can be made via e-mail or in person. Comments can be made regarding listed agenda items, as well as non-agenda items. Attend a meeting in person to speak during Public Comment or e-mail your comment to pcadmin@mypasco.net

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| 1 | Fatima Abu Khaled - Girl Scouts Gold Award/Higher Awards - Increase Recognition |
| | File Number CSW25-003 |
| | Comm. Dist. |
| | Recommendation |

Approval of Minutes

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| 2 | Approval of the December 2, 2024 Meeting Minutes |
| | File Number CSW25-001 |

Guest Speakers

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| 3 | Michelle James-Bradley, LLM - Owner, TaxPro of Tampa - TaxPro Advisory Group, CFO/Owner, Keke's Breakfast Cafe |
| | File Number CSW25-002 |

Old Business

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| 4 | Current Board Vacancies - Law & Higher Education |
| | File Number CSW25-010 |

Committees Reports

Chair's Update/New Business

- 5 Planning Committee Roles - Women Uplifting Women Event
File Number CSW25-004
- 6 Discussion with Joanna Cheshire - Funding for CSW 2025
File Number CSW25-005
- 7 CSW Action Plan/Priorities - 2025/2026
File Number CSW25-006
- 8 Senate Bill 70 - Instructional Hours for the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program - 2025

Summary: The bill revises the required instructional hours in Florida's Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program for both school-year and summer sessions.

- Increases required instructional hours in school-year programs delivered by private prekindergarten providers from 540 to 1,440 hours.
- Increases required instructional hours in summer programs delivered by both public schools and private providers from 300 to 480 hours, mandates these programs not start before May 1, and restricts them to the summer immediately before eligibility for kindergarten.
- Sets the same increased instructional hours of 1,440 for school-year programs delivered by public schools.
- Adjusts the calculation for a full-time equivalent student in both school-year and summer programs to match the increased instructional hours.

File Number CSW25-007

- 9 Senate Bill 76 - Paid Parental Leave - 2025
Summary: Amends Florida statutes to provide employee rights regarding paid parental leave.
- Defines "paid parental leave" as fully paid leave for parents following the birth or adoption of a child.
 - Mandates the state provide 12 weeks of paid parental leave to career service employees for the birth or adoption of a child.
 - Prohibits the state from requiring employees to use their annual or sick leave during this 12-week period.
 - Ensures employees continue to accumulate all benefits during the paid parental leave.

- Forbids the state from refusing to grant paid parental leave or terminating employment due to pregnancy, childbirth, or adoption.

File Number CSW25-008

Announcements

- 10 **2025 Meeting Dates:**
 January 13, 2025 – Pasco County Utilities Administration, Anclote/Cotee Room, 2:30 PM
 February 3, 2025 – Pasco County Utilities Administration, Anclote/Cotee Room, 2:30 PM
 March 3, 2025 – Pasco County Utilities Administration, Anclote/Cotee Room, 2:30 PM
 April 7, 2025 – Pasco County Utilities Administration, Anclote/Cotee Room, 2:30 PM
 May 5, 2025 – Pasco County Utilities Administration, Anclote/Cotee Room, 2:30 PM
 June 3, 2025 (BOCC) – 37918 Meridian Ave., Dade City, FL, 10:00 AM
 August 4, 2025 – Pasco County Utilities Administration, Anclote/Cotee Room, 2:30 PM
 September 8, 2025 – Pasco County Utilities Administration, Anclote/Cotee Room, 2:30 PM
 October 6, 2025 – Pasco County Utilities Administration, Anclote/Cotee Room, 2:30 PM
 November 3, 2025 – Pasco County Utilities Administration, Anclote/Cotee Room, 2:30 PM
 December 1, 2025 – Pasco County Utilities Administration, Anclote/Cotee Room, 2:30 PM
File Number CSW25-009

Adjournment