

Executive Order

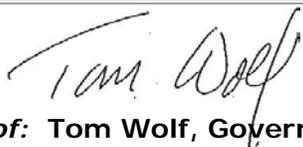
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Governor's Office

Subject:

Pennsylvania Commission for Women

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By Direction of: Tom Wolf, Governor

Date: October 6, 2017

Whereas, women in Pennsylvania make unique, diverse and valuable contributions to the culture, society and economy of Pennsylvania, which have a beneficial impact on the commonwealth; and

Whereas, the commonwealth is committed to increasing access for women to civic, economic and educational opportunities and providing equality and opportunity for all Pennsylvanians; and

Whereas, it will benefit the commonwealth to define and address the unique contributions, needs and concerns of women and girls to improve the lives of all Pennsylvanians.

Now, Therefore, I, Tom Wolf, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and other laws, do hereby reestablish the Pennsylvania Commission for Women (hereinafter referred to as "Commission") as the commonwealth's advocate agency for women as herein set forth.

1. Functions. The Commission will:

- a. Work with the Administration on policies, procedures, legislation and regulations that affect women;
- b. Support economic and civic opportunities for women;
- c. Support mentoring programs for girls and young women;
- d. Serve as a resource for women and community groups by identifying and supporting strategies and programs that will expand and enhance the civic, social, educational, cultural and economic status of women, and providing constituent guidance as necessary; and

- e. Identify, and help build, programs and opportunities for the benefit and advancement of women.

2. Composition of the Commission.

- a. The Commission shall consist of no more than 30 volunteer members appointed by the Governor, who represent a diverse population within the Commonwealth. In addition to the foregoing, the Governor shall invite a member of each of the four legislative caucuses in the General Assembly to serve on the Commission;
- b. Appointees shall have an interest in improving the status of women in the commonwealth, commit to volunteer their time to and further the mission and work of the Commission, and to support the Governor's legislative efforts as it positively impacts the women and girls of Pennsylvania;
- c. The Governor shall designate one member of the Commission to serve as chairperson. Also, the Governor may designate one or more Commission member(s) to serve in leadership positions as needed. Commission leadership shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor; and
- d. The Governor shall appoint a member of his staff to serve as Executive Director of the Commission, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

3. Terms of Membership.

- a. Members shall be appointed for terms of two years and serve until their respective successors are appointed. A member may be reappointed for one or more additional terms. All members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor and adhere to a policy setting forth Commissioner responsibilities and expectations as may be promulgated by the Executive Director and Commission chairperson;
- b. Should a vacancy occur on the Commission, the Governor shall appoint a successor; and the successor shall fulfill the remainder of the term. A successor so appointed may thereafter be reappointed for one or more additional terms; and
- c. A member who is absent from two consecutive meetings of the Commission, without sufficient excuse, shall forfeit membership on the Commission.

- 4. Members of the Commission shall receive no compensation for their service, except that members may, upon request, be reimbursed for travel in accordance with commonwealth policy.

5. All agencies under the Governor's jurisdiction shall cooperate with and provide assistance and support as needed by the Commission to carry out its functions effectively. Independent agencies, state-affiliated entities and state-related institutions are also strongly encouraged to work with the Commission to support its mission.
6. **Procedures.**
 - a. The Commission is authorized to establish subcommittees, rules and procedures for the effective implementation of its functions, consistent with this order. Subcommittees may include advisory non-members, if approved by the Commission's chairperson and Executive Director; and
 - b. A majority of the Commissioners serving at any time shall constitute a quorum.
7. **Effective Date.** This order shall be effective immediately and shall continue in effect unless revised or rescinded by the Governor.
8. **Rescission.** *Executive Order 2015-09* is hereby rescinded.