

Executive Order
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Governor's Office

Subject: Pennsylvania Commission for Women	Number: 2012-06
 By Direction of: Tom Corbett, Governor	Date: April 30, 2012

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 providing equality and opportunity for all its citizens and increasing access for women to civic, economic and educational opportunities; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tom Corbett, 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.

- a. Advise the Governor on policies, procedures, legislation and regulations that impact women;
- b. Develop and support economic and civic opportunities for women;
- c. Develop and support mentoring programs for girls and young women;
- d. Serve as a resource for community groups and provide forums for developing strategies and programs that will expand and enhance the civic, social, educational, cultural and economic status of women; and
- e. Identify programs, scholarships, mentoring opportunities, sources of funding or other resources for the benefit and advancement of women.

2. Composition of the Commission.

- a.** The Commission shall consist of no more than 30 members appointed by the Governor, who are representatives of the commonwealth's female population or others who have an interest in the success of women in the commonwealth and who provide value to the work of the Commission. The Governor shall request that the Majority and Minority leaders of both chambers of the General Assembly, on behalf of their respective caucuses, each provide a list to the Governor of three candidates. The Governor shall appoint one of the three candidates to the Commission from each list. The recommendations from the leaders of the General Assembly shall be sent to the Governor within 30 days of the Governor's request. The Commission members shall, to the extent practicable, have expertise in diverse fields such as agriculture, the arts, business, child care, civic service, community service, corrections, education, healthcare, insurance, finance, labor, law, religious and/or spiritual service, professional speaking, public welfare and/or senior citizen rights;
- b.** The Governor shall designate one Commission member or the Executive Director of the Commission to serve as chairperson. Also, the Governor may designate one Commission member or the Executive Director of the Commission to serve as vice-chairperson of the Commission. The chairperson and vice-chairperson shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor; and
- c.** The Governor shall appoint an Executive Director of the Commission, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor and who may be a member of the Commission.

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;
- b.** Should a vacancy occur on the Commission, the Governor shall appoint a successor; and the successor shall be appointed for a full two year 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 excuse, shall forfeit membership on the Commission.

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

5. Relationship with Other Agencies. 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.

6. **Reports.** The Commission shall submit reports to the Governor or the Governor's designee, as it deems necessary, on issues affecting women in the commonwealth.
7. **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
 - b. A majority of the Commissioners serving at any time shall constitute a quorum.
8. **Effective Date.** This order shall be effective immediately and shall continue in effect unless revised or modified by the Governor.
9. **Rescission.** *Executive Order 2003-6* is hereby rescinded.