



STATE OF MICHIGAN
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**Task force on Women in Sports
 Meeting Minutes**

Date: November 19, 2021

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Pistons Performance Center, Detroit, MI

I. The seventh meeting of the Task Force on Women in Sports was called to order by Chairperson/Secretary Benson at 9:05 a.m.

Task Force Attendees

	Present	Absent
Chairperson/Secretary Benson	X	
Penny Allen-Cook	X	
Ketra Armstrong	X	
Kathy Beauregard		X
Keri Becker	X	
Lorin Cartwright	X	
Carolyn Cassin	X	
Ramona Cox	X	
Cali Crawford	X	
Joanne Gerstner		X
Jennifer Granger	X	
Mike Guswiler	X	
Carol Hutchins	X	
Samantha Mullet		X
Erika Swilley	X	

Task Force Advisory Members attending included: Dan Gould, Mark Uyl, Meg Seng, Alana Glass (for Mary Wilson), Heather Lyke, Scott Pioli

Guests in attendance: Jake Rollow, Sarah Dehring, Jenna Schroeder, Erin Pelligrino, Sommer Woods

II. Roll Call & Approval of Meeting Minutes

Chairperson/Secretary Benson welcomed everyone to the seventh Task Force Meeting and first in person since the pandemic.

The Task Force members present constituted a quorum. Secretary Benson thanked the advisory board members that joining the in-person meeting.

Michele Lewis Watts reviewed the minutes from the May Meeting which were approved by the Task Force members.

1. Jake Rollow, Michigan Department of State, assisting with legislative and policy recommendations
2. Sarah Dehring, Athletic Director, Alma College, joining the College Breakout group, brings the voice of NCAA Division III institution, which has the most athletes of any NCAA Division
3. Jenna Schroeder, originally from Michigan and graduate of Saginaw State University where she played basketball, now serves as an official for NBA and WNBA will participate in the professional breakout group.
4. Erin Pellegrino, Director of Community Impact for the Women's Sports Foundation, will facilitate the college breakout group
5. Sommer Woods, She Inclusion Officer, Woods & Watts Effect, a golfer who began her career with the PGA, will facilitate the professional sports group.

III. Meeting Objectives – Secretary Benson

Secretary Benson reviewed the objectives of the meeting which is to develop 3 – 5 recommendations across the four categories (Legislation, Policy, Programs, and Investment).

A video message from Governor Whitmer was shared with the group emphasizing the importance of the work of the Task Force.

IV. Recommendation Breakouts

Attendees worked in breakout groups by sport level to discuss and develop recommendations. Each group worked with a facilitator to select their top recommendations to present to the larger group.

After lunch, the groups presented for additional discussion.

V. Next Steps

Secretary Benson indicated that the recommendations will be researched and vetted for another review and approve by Task Force members at the next meeting.

VI. Public Comment

There was no public comment at the meeting.

VII. Next Meetings

The next meeting of the Task Force will take place in March 2022 to finalize recommendations.

Chairperson/Secretary Benson thanked everyone and adjourned the meeting at 3:00 pm