

Item Title: Request for a Time Extension by the Wake County Task Force on Employment and Wage Issues for Women

Specific Action Requested:

That the Wake County Board of Commissioners grants a time extension for the Wake County Task Force on Employment and Wage Issues for Women through June, 2017.

Item Summary:

The Wake County Commission for Women is a Wake County Board of Commissioners' appointed body. On February 1, 2016 the Commission presented a report titled *State of Employment for Women in Wake County* to the Wake County Board of Commissioners. In response to the Report, and a specific recommendation in the Report that a "Task Force" be created, the Wake County Board of Commissioners established the Wake County Task Force on Employment and Wage Issues for Women. The Task Force was created, and is comprised of community leaders dedicated to addressing some of the pressing employment needs of women in Wake County.

The Task Force was established with the expectation that the group commit to a ten-month effort with deliverables in the form of a strategic report to the Wake County Board of Commissioners by February 1, 2017. The Task Force has met and is meeting and working consistently to complete the final strategic report deliverable. Recommendations are in place in several areas, but the Task Force is still actively working to complete an Employer Survey on Women and Employment with small, medium and large businesses and government entities in Wake County, and is requesting an extension in order to incorporate the findings of the survey into the final report. A June extension is requested based on the time needed to complete the survey, finalize the strategic report, and present the report to the Board of Commissioners. The Task Force is confident that they will meet the extension deadline.

Attachments:

None