



City and County of San Francisco

Commission on the Status of Women

Mayor London N. Breed

COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, November 9, 2022

5:00 pm

San Francisco City Hall, Room 416

Members Present:

President Dr. Shokooh Miry

Vice President Dr. Raveena Rihal

Commissioner Sophia Andary [excused]

Commissioner Sharon Chung

Commissioner Dr. Anne Moses [excused]

Commissioner Ani Rivera

Commissioner Breanna Zwart [excused]

Note: The Commission will hear public comment on each item on the agenda before or during consideration of that item.

I. CALL TO ORDER DISCUSSION

Remarks by President Shokooh Miry.

Ms. Lauren Battung performs roll call. Four out of seven Commissioners are present. We have quorum.

Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement is recited.

II. FINDINGS TO ALLOW TELECONFERENCED MEETINGS UNDER CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e).

Action: To adopt a resolution setting forth findings required under Assembly Bill 361.

(Roll Call Vote) Chung/ Andary – 4 ayes, 0 nays – Unanimous

No Public Comment.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – October 26, 2022

Action: To approve Minutes from the regular Commission meeting on October 26, 2022.

No Public Comment.

(Roll Call Vote) Chung/ Rihal – 4 ayes, 0 nays – Unanimous

IV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Kimberly Ellis gives her remarks.

Commissioner Sharon Chung asks Director Ellis for clarification on the Political Makeup Series project asking if one girl or woman from each supervisorial district will be offered to participate. Director Ellis responds by saying, "yes, and we will be taking in nominees from Commissioners and ages 16-32 are welcomed."

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation by the Office of Transgender Initiatives

Speaker: Pau Crego, Executive Director for the Office of Transgender Initiatives.

The Office of Transgender Initiatives has been around for six years now and officially started in 2016. They have a team of 3 and will be fully staffed at 5. The Office of Transgender Initiatives is organized in four key areas: Policy and Programs (focused on City and County as an employer; for example, misgendering is a form of harassment, gender inclusion policy for chosen names on college campuses, organizes the City's sexual orientation and Gender Identity data) Civic and Community Engagement (for example, Transgender Advocacy Week- trans leaders present budget and policy proposals to Board of Supervisors and Mayor)

The Office of Transgender Initiatives has a plan to end trans homelessness in San Francisco by 2027.

Pau Crego discussed the need for services that are by and for transgender residents of San Francisco, particularly considering anti-trans legislation that is being proposed across the country. The Office aims to continue setting the example for other places around the world on how we build equity and opportunities for transgender residents.

Trans Day of Remembrance is held annually on November 18th. On November 20th a larger event will be held at Cocina Market Place.

Pau Crego explained big issues that impact the trans community in San Francisco, which includes homelessness, economic exclusion for the workforce, and trauma surrounding safety.

Commissioner Rihal asked about the point in time count and documenting the trans homeless community.

The Office of Transgender Initiatives is the only government agency in the state of California that focuses on the trans community specifically.

President Shokooh Miry highlights the Office's Transgender Advocacy Week accomplishments, which includes:

- Successfully advocates for the creation of Our Trans Home SF
- Supported Lyon-Martin Community Health to stay open
- Successfully advocated for the creation of the Trans

(1) Public Comment:

Beverly Upton: “Trans women face so much abuse and violence around the world...We want to thank the Office of Transgender Initiatives for their work.”

VI. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:52pm.