



City and County of San Francisco

# Commission on the Status of Women

*Mayor London N. Breed*

## COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, June 28, 2023

5:00 pm

San Francisco City Hall, Room 408

### Roster:

*President Dr. Shokooh Miry*

*Vice President Dr. Raveena Rihal (Excused)*

*Commissioner Sophia Andary*

*Commissioner Sharon Chung*

*Commissioner Dr. Anne Moses (Excused)*

*Commissioner Ani Rivera*

*Commissioner Breanna Zwart (Late)*

### I. CALL TO ORDER

**Meeting called to order at 5:02pm.** Opening remarks by President Shokooh Miry. Mrs. Nazneen Rydhan-Foster performed roll call, confirmed 4 of 7 Commissioners present (quorum). Mrs. Rydhan-Foster read the land acknowledgement.

### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commission reviewed and approved minutes from the regular Commission meeting on May 24, 2023.

**No public comment.**

**(Roll Call Vote) Chung, Rivera – 4 ayes, 0 nays – Unanimous**

### III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Kimberly Ellis discussed budget highlights. For FY 23-24 the Department's budget is just over \$15 million with reductions of \$1.6 million. There are reductions to Capacity Building funds but will not result in cuts to baseline contract amounts.

#### Commissioner Comment

Commissioner Rivera had a question about the gender-based violence grant programs. Director Ellis clarified that the cuts do not affect the baseline of the gender-based violence grant programs.

Commissioner Andary commented that she is incredibly thankful for the staff of the Department and commends the job done in cutting without affecting the gender-based violence grants.

President Miry echoed her colleagues' validation of the staff's time and energy but also the exceptionally high degree of professionalism and commitment to transparency and communication. President Miry also acknowledged the unfortunate reality of budget cuts and confirmed understanding that there are no cuts to baseline amounts for any non-profit agencies receiving gender-based violence grants.

#### **Public Comment**

Beverly Upton, San Francisco Domestic Violence Consortium – Reported that downstairs [in the Legislative Chamber] there was a discussion to reinstate [gender-based violence grant] funds back into the budget.

### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

- **PRESENTATION ON TRANS YOUTH**

Dr. Erin Wilson from the Department of Public Health presented on the challenges faced by trans youth and brought awareness to trans youth services and initiatives in San Francisco, as well as discussing opportunities for collaboration with the Commission and Department.

Note: Commissioner Breana Zwart arrived during the presentation.

#### **Commissioner Comment**

Commissioner Andary expressed her thanks for the information and affirmed how incredibly crucial the research is. Called for further support of transgender services.

Commissioner Rivera asked that the Department make available the presentation with links.

President Miry expressed appreciation for the highlighting of the SFUSD specific research and thanked Dr. Wilson for the research as well as expressed the need for more work to increase trans acceptance in school and with families.

**No Public Comment.**

### **V. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

Emberly Cross, CROC – Thanked Dr. Wilson for their report and updated the Commission on a legal case. Also thanked the Department for the support provided and advocated for money be added back to the budget.

Esther Leong, APILO – Expressed disappointment with the direction of the Department.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 5:50pm.