



City and County of San Francisco

# Commission on the Status of Women

*Mayor London N. Breed*

## COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

5:00 pm

San Francisco City Hall, Room 408

### Roster:

*President Dr. Shokooh Miry*  
*Vice President Sophia Andary*  
*Commissioner Sharon Chung*

*Commissioner Dr. Anne Moses*  
*Commissioner Dr. Raveena Rihal*  
*Commissioner Ani Rivera*

### I. CALL TO ORDER

**President Shokooh Miry called the meeting to order at 5:03pm.** Mr. Cameron Lucas performed roll call, confirmed 6 of 7 Commissioners present (quorum). Mr. Lucas read the land acknowledgement.

President Miry spoke about a young survivor of sexual assault in a park in San Francisco recently. Spoke to the fact that while we take for granted that San Francisco is a progressive city, there are still issues we need to address.

Vice President Andary spoke about anti-women groups who come to San Francisco to attack the trans and nonbinary community and spoke to the need for solidarity with our trans community.

### II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Commission reviewed and approved the minutes from the regular Commission meeting on August 23, 2023.

**No public comment.**

**(Roll Call Vote) Andary/Rihal – 6 ayes, 0 nays – Unanimous**

### III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Kimberly Ellis discussed the Department's collaboration with Design Media – a legacy San Francisco media company which is woman owned and woman led – to produce the Pink Table Talk series. Additionally, she discussed the Department's conversation with the White House Gender Policy Council regarding the groundbreaking work being done by BAARC. Finally, Director Ellis discussed the survey being sent out to all Commissions and Boards for the Department's Biennial Commissions & Board Report.

**Commissioner Comment:**

Commissioner Rivera asked about November presentation and the Pink Table Talk series. Director Ellis went into greater detail surrounding the Department's work with Design Media and shared the plan for the Gender Equity Policy Institute to present to the Commission during the November meeting.

Vice President Andary asked who the Commissions & Board survey will be distributed to. Director Ellis responded that it would go to every Commission & Board Secretary to be distributed to members of those bodies.

**No public comment.**

#### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **A. WOMEN'S HOUSING COALITION PRESENTATION**

The Women's Housing Coalition presented on their vision for supportive housing services for women in the City and County of San Francisco.

##### **Commissioner Comment:**

Commissioner Moses asked about building conversion and barriers to the project.

Commissioner Rihal asked about the Los Angeles Women's Center's funding.

Commissioner Rivera asked about the gaps in service.

Vice President Andary thanked them for their work.

President Miry thanked them for their work, commented about the invisibility of the issue of women's homelessness and the need to amplify the work of the Coalition and the need for services.

**No public comment.**

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

Beverly Upton, San Francisco Domestic Violence Consortium thanked presenters, spoke about the recent deaths of women in San Francisco, shared Domestic Violence Awareness Month events.

Mary Martinez from WOMAN Inc. Highlighted that the BlueShield HEALing Roots Collaborative podcast series' first episode released last week.

**Commissioner Comment:**

**VI.** Commissioner Rihal – Dedicated today’s meeting to the memory of her friend Emily Gillingham who recently passed.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

**President Miry adjourned the meeting at 6:19pm.**