



City and County of San Francisco

Commission on the Status of Women

Mayor London N. Breed

COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, November 9, 2023

5:00 pm

401 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 302

Roster:

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

Commissioner Dr. Anne Moses (excused)
Commissioner Dr. Raveena Rihal (excused)
Commissioner Ani Rivera

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Shokooh Miry called the meeting to order at 5:07pm. Mrs. Rydhan-Foster performed roll call, confirmed 4 of 6 Commissioners present (quorum). Mrs. Rydhan-Foster read the land acknowledgement.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Commission reviewed and approved the minutes from the regular Commission meeting on October 25, 2023.

No public comment.

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

III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Ellis gave thanks for recent election results where women, girls, and abortion rights won the night in states across the country.

Director Ellis shared that the Department recently hosted the Cork, Ireland delegation, San Francisco's sister city, and discussed a grant with Sexual Violence Centre Cork.

Director Ellis shared that the Department is in the early planning stages of the 2024 Shift Happens Policy Summit and provided the website link to sign up for updates and watch highlights from the 2023 Shift Happens Policy Summit to invite commissioners to share with their networks.

Finally, Director Ellis highlighted the Domestic Violence Awareness panel hosted by the Department between Black Women Revolt Against Domestic Violence, La Casa de Las Madres, and the Victim Services Division of the District Attorney's office, and shared the Department's plan to expand their collaboration with the Victim Services Division and the Office of Victim and Witness Rights.

No public comment.

No Commissioner Comment.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. COMPETITIVE SOLICITATION REQUIREMENT WAIVER REQUEST FOR WISE HEALTH

Director Ellis presented the competitive solicitation requirement waiver request for WISE Health.

No public comment.

Commissioner Comment:

President Miry asked if the mental health pop-up will be available in various languages. Commissioner Rivera asked what the five languages of the City are.

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

B. PRESENTATION ON THE ABORTION ACCESS LANDSCAPE ANALYSIS

Nancy Cohen of the Gender Equity Policy Institute presented a six-month progress report on the Gender Equity Policy Institute's work on the Abortion Access Landscape Analysis being conducted on behalf of the Bay Area Abortion Rights Coalition.

Speaker: Nancy Cohen, President and Founder of the Gender Equity Policy Institute

No Public Comment.

Commissioner Comment:

Commissioner Rivera thanked Dr. Cohen for the presentation and asked about evidence/studies on pilot programs such as vending machines for community cultural spaces. Director Ellis asked about the cost of these machines.

Vice President Andary thanked Dr. Cohen and commented that the regional diversity by race and ethnicity statistics does not include Middle Eastern people, and asked if a more appropriate list will be included in the data.

Commissioner Chung thanked Dr. Cohen for her research and commented on the disturbance of anti-abortion clinics, and asked about focus groups that talk about these anti-abortion clinics.

President Miry thanked Dr. Cohen, stating that it was a powerful presentation.

V. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 6:22pm.