

**Mayor’s Commission on the Status of Women
Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)
Wednesday, November 6, 2024
Plaza de Armas – 5:30 PM**

Attendees: City Staff: Roger Gonzalez, City Manager’s Office; Shreya Shah, City Attorney’s Office

Invited Presenters: Rebecca Helterbrand, CEO & President, Respite Care San Antonio; Amy Carcanagues, Director of Scholarship Program, the Alamo Colleges Foundation; Jan Mundine, Donor Engagement and Stewardship Manager, the Alamo Colleges Foundation

Mayoral Mara Favela, Treasurer -	D6 Larissa Martinez -
D1 Monica Garza - Present	D7 Coda Rayo-Garza -
D2 Yvette Hardin - Present	D8 Sasha Begum - Present
D3 Vanessa Martinez, Chair - Present	D9 Dr. Jacqueline Pugh – Secretary - Present
D4 Fernanda Cardenas - Present	D10 Anamaria Suescun-Fast -Present
D5 Sara Gerrish – Vice Chair -	

Meeting called to order by Chair Martinez at 5:32 pm

Public Comment

1. Public Comment: [Interested speakers will have 3 minutes to address the Mayor’s Commission on the Status of Women on agenda related matters]

There were no individuals signed up to speak.

Briefing and Possible Action on the following items

2. **Briefing and possible action related to support of the crisis nursery initiative to be considered by City Council**

Rebecca Helterbrand, CEO & President, Respite Care San Antonio presented on the Crisis Nursery Initiative.

A COSA RFP will be released in March regarding the Crisis Nursery Initiative.

Helterbrand requested that the Commission members promote and send a letter to their councilmember advocating funding for the Crisis Nursery Initiative.

Letter will be worded for Commission members to individually submit and not submitted as a body.

3. Briefing by the Scholarship Subcommittee and possible action related to recommendations for the scholarship funds

Amy Carcanagues, Director of Scholarship Program, and Jan Mundine, Donor Engagement and Stewardship Manager, from the Alamo Colleges Foundation spoke on behalf of their program and the applicant pool that is available for scholarships at the Alamo Colleges District.

\$80,000 is available from the Scholarship fund for the Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women to provide scholarships.

Criteria for scholarship selection will be tabled for next meeting.

Anamaria Suescun-Fast made a motion for \$40,000 from the Scholarship fund to be allocated to the Alamo Colleges District for up to \$1,000 for up to 4 semesters per student.

Yvette Hardin seconded the motion.

The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Briefing and possible action regarding International Women's Day event options

Item was tabled for the next meeting

Meeting Adjourned at 6:58 pm.