

**Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women
Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)
Wednesday, January 8, 2025
Plaza de Armas – 5:30 PM**

Attendees: City Staff: Roger Gonzalez, City Manager's Office; Shreya Shah, City Attorney's Office; Gabrielle Herrera, Mayor's Office

Mayoral Mara Favela, Treasurer - Present	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 - Present	

Meeting called to order by Chair Martinez at 5:40 pm

Approval of Minutes

1. **Approval of the minutes from the Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women meetings on August 7, 2024; September 4, 2024; September 11, 2024 and November 6, 2024.**

Monica Garza made a motion to approve the minutes from the Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women meetings on August 7, 2024; September 4, 2024; September 11, 2024 and November 6, 2024.

Anamaria Suescun-Fast seconded the motion.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Public Comment

2. 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

3. **Update related to the support of the crisis nursery initiative.**

Commission members will be sent a letter advocating funding for the Crisis Nursery Initiative

after the meeting. The letter is worded for Commission members to individually submit to their councilmember and not submitted as a body. It is the discretion of each Commission member if they wish to submit the letter to their councilmember.

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

Fernanda Cardenas made a motion to spend up to \$3,000 for breakfast at International Women's Day Event. Mara Favela seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Yvette Hardin made a motion to spend up to \$3,000 for lunch at International Women's Day Event. Sasha Begum seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Dr. Jacqueline Pugh made a motion to approve up to \$800 for parking for International Women's Day Event. Mara Favela seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Monica Garza, Fernanda Cardenas, Vanessa Martinez and Anamaria Suescun-Fast will form a Planning Committee for the International Women's Day Event.

5. Briefing and possible action regarding Alamo Colleges Foundation Scholarship agreement

Legal team will review agreement to make final document.

6. Briefing and possible action regarding potential University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) scholarship

Preliminary discussions were held. Will send UTSA the Alamo Colleges Foundation agreement for further discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 pm.