

**Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women
Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)
Wednesday, February 12, 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 - Present
D1 Monica Garza - Present	D7 Vacant-
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 5:34 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. Recommendations on scholarship agreement with the Alamo Colleges Foundation

Fernanda Cardenas made a motion to approve the negotiation and execution of an agreement by City staff with the Alamo Colleges Foundation to provide scholarships in the amount up to \$40,000 for scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 per semester, for a maximum of four semesters. Anamaria Suescun-Fast seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

3. Potential University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) Scholarship

UTSA does not have a centralized scholarship process. Commissioners can pursue other options for scholarships. The scholarships for the Alamo Colleges took over seven months.

4. Support of the crisis nursery initiative

DHS is planning to bring the recommended contract for the evaluation of the Crisis Nursery RFP for Council consideration in March. Once the contract is approved, the study will take 14-16 weeks to complete. DHS plans to include crisis nursery related services in the Consolidated Funding RFP scope of work and/or set aside a portion of the competitive funding portion and make selections when they receive the results of the study.

Commission members have been sent a letter advocating funding for the Crisis Nursery Initiative. 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.

5. International Women's Day Event

DEIA will be paying for translation and parking. MCSW will be paying for a mini breakfast and lunch. MCSW leadership is meeting bi-weekly with DEIA on Fridays. Proposed agenda is being worked on.

6. Announcements, Upcoming Events and Future Items

Mayor Nirenberg's proclamation for Women's History Month will be held on March 20 at City Council Chambers.

Meeting adjourned at 6:13 pm.