

**Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, March 9, 2022**  
**WebEX Video Conference**  
**5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.**

**Attendees:**

Commissioners: Dr. Adena Williams Loston (Mayoral), Jennipha (Jae) Ricks (CD2), Vanessa Martinez (CD3), Dr. Cynthia Teniente-Matson (CD4), Geraldine Garcia (CD5), Leticia Gonzales (CD6), Dr. Lyssa Ochoa (CD7)

City Staff: Jenny Garcia (City Manager's Office), Shreya Shah (City Attorney's Office), Stephanie Torres (Arts & Culture), Diana Hidalgo (Arts & Culture)

Public: Theresa Ancira (ForHer), Naomi Taylor (MCSW Intern)

Roll Call. Quorum met.

**Meeting called to order at 5:33 p.m.**

**Approval of Minutes**

1. Approval of the minutes from the Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women meeting on Wednesday, February 9, 2022.

Commissioners reviewed the meeting minutes from February 9, 2022.

Dr. Lyssa Ochoa made a motion to approve minutes as is. Second by Dr. Cynthia Teniente-Matson.

**Committee voted. Motion Passed (6-0).**

**Public Comments**

No Public Comments were submitted.

**Briefing and Possible Action on the following items**

2. Briefing on the "Status of Women in San Antonio" Exhibit [Stephanie Torres, Department of Arts & Culture]

Stephanie Torres and Diana Hidalgo from the City of San Antonio, Department of Arts & Culture provided a briefing on the upcoming "Status of Women in San Antonio, Reflections on the Pursuit of Gender Equality" exhibit at the Culture Commons Gallery. The art exhibition was inspired by the 2019 Report "The Status of Women in San Antonio" and was created in partnership with the Metropolitan Health District. The Opening Reception will be March 22, 2022 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm with additional events scheduled throughout the duration of the exhibition.

Dr. Cynthia Teniente-Matson offered a consideration to collaborate with the student video production group at Texas A&M San Antonio to create content for those that cannot view the exhibit on-site.

Vanessa Martinez asked if the Arts & Culture team would recognize Dr. Rogelio Saenz and Lily Casura, the authors of The Status of Women in San Antonio report. Diana Hidalgo has reached out to them to invite them to the opening reception and will be recognized in opening remarks.

Additionally, the Commission would like to recognize Dr. Saenz and Lily Casura with a small appreciation gift or plaque. Shreya confirmed that small gifts like plaques, without having to get a contract, can be purchased if there is money available in the budget.

The Mayor's Commission asked for annual or bi-annual updates from the Department of Arts & Culture. Jenny will work with the Department to coordinate briefings in the future.

### 3. Update on the YWCA Wage & Gender Equity Summit

The YWCA Wage & Gender Equity Summit is on March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm at Brooks Hangar 9. Letty shared the agenda for the day and asked for confirmation from the group on who would be attending to secure a table for the group.

As part of the partnership with YWCA, there will also be 4 additional wage trainings throughout the City. The MCSW will have to consider and confirm locations for additional trainings. These trainings will be offered at Council Districts not already being served by the YWCA trainings.

### 4. Discussion of year-round events around International Women's Day "Break the Bias" theme

Members of the MCSW attended the Boardroom Project's International Women's Day event.

Members will also attend and volunteer at the Hero Like Her event, part of the City of San Antonio's Girls Empowerment Summit, on Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>.

### 5. Update on MCSW Service Project – ForHer Packing Party

Theresa Ancira, with ForHer, will e-mail date options to Naomi Taylor to coordinate with the MCSW.

### 6. Announcements and Future Items

Jae Ricks will moderate a panel for the Girls Empowerment Summit on Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – 1:00 pm. Jae will share the information for her panel.

Texas A&M will also be hosting a Breakfast speaker event on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Cynthia Teniente-Matson will share the information with Jenny for all to attend.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Meeting adjourned at 6:04 pm.**