

MAYOR'S COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN MINUTES
Wednesday, May 12, 2021
Videoconference (WebEx)
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

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| Commission Present: | Dr. Adena Williams Loston, Mayoral Jennipha Ricks, District 2 Vanessa Martinez, District 3 Dr. Cynthia Teniente Matson, District 4 Geraldine Garcia, District 5 Dr. Lyssa Ochoa, District 7 Suzanne Hernandez, District 9 |
| Associate Member Present: | |
| Staff Present: | Lori Zamora, City Manager's Office Shreya Shah, City Attorney's Office |
| Public: | Kayla Moilanen, Naomi Taylor (TAMU student), Clarissa Tejada (TAMU) |

I. Roll Call

Vanessa Martinez opened the meeting. Roll was called at 5:37 p.m. Quorum was established.

I. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes not available from last meeting.

II. New Business:

1. Summer Intern Position: Dr. Matson explained that the city runs an Ambassador Program, in which the MCSW could obtain a paid student intern position for 10 weeks, 30 hrs/week, starting on June 1st. She introduced the group to a student that was interviewed for the position.

a. Student interview/overview: Dr. Matson interviewed Naomi at school prior to

introducing her to this group. Naomi attended the meeting and spoke about her background, interest in the position, and answered questions from the group.

b. Program leadership: Dr. Matson would be the supervisor of record for the ambassador assigned to the MCSW. Clarissa Tejeda would oversee daily work for the ambassador.

c. Program concerns: The ambassador program pays \$11.75 per hour. Ms. Garcia brought up the proposed minimum wage efforts to increase pay to \$15 per hour. The group discussed ways to increase payment, which Ms. Zamora will investigate further.

Ms. Shah will review the legal details of the program, including the language in the job description and scope of practice.

Development of a yearly calendar should not be expected for the ambassador to independently create, and will require assistance from all commissioners.

Motion to accept Naomi Taylor as our student ambassador for the MCSW was made by Dr. Ochoa; second by Ms. Ricks. The motion passed.

Motion to continue the ambassador program, follow up with Dr. Matson as the lead, Ms. Tejeda as the subject matter expert, and Ms. Zamora as city staff was made by Ms. Garcia; second by Dr. Lawson. The motion passed.

2. PSA information: Update unavailable at this time.

Ms. Martinez adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

Suzanne Hernandez, District 9

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