



Commission on the Status of Women

Meeting Minutes

Saturday, January 3, 2026

Location: Serra-Mesa/Keary Mesa Branch Library
Sudbury Room
9005 Aero Dr,
San Diego, CA 92123

Chair: Gail Friedt

Commissioners/Board Members/Committee Members: Wendy Urushima-Conn, Lakeya Cherry, Marlyn Carrillo, Natasha Wong, Sophie Tarazi, Susan Davis, Sorayda Santos, Carla Nesbitt-Stokes, Brandee Joyner

Staff Liaison: Fatima Maciel

Item 1: The meeting was called to order by Chair Friedt @ 10:01 am.

Item 2: Roll Call

- **Present:** Friedt, Cherry, Davis, Santos, Nesbitt-Stokes, Tarazi, Wong
- **Absent:** Urushima-Conn, Carrillo, Joyner

Item 3: Approval of Agenda

- **A motion to approve the agenda was made and seconded.**
- **Outcome: The agenda was approved unanimously.**

Item 4: Approval of November 14, 2025 Meeting Minutes

- **A motion to approve the Nov 14, 2025 minutes was made and seconded.**
- **Outcome: The minutes were approved unanimously.**

Item 5: Information:

- Item 5.1: Review of Commissioner activities since last meeting
- Item 5.2: Review of upcoming Commissioner activities
 - **Commissioners Friedt & Davis noted that they each had joined The SDWF**
 - **Commissioner Cherry mentioned the YMCA MLK Breakfast on January 16.**

- Commissioners inquired about San Diego City Women of Distinction at city hall in 2026 – Fatima will research
- Commissioner noted that Kamala Harris book event April 6, Civic Theatre
- Commissioner Cherry noted that the 8th Annual Women of Color Roar Breakfast will be held on Saturday, February 7, 2026 starting at 7:00 am.
- San Diego Mayor Todd Gloria's 2026 State of the City Address is scheduled for Thursday, January 15, 2026, at 3 p.m – RSVP required
- Fatima invited the speakers to the upcoming signing of the College Area and Clairmont Community Plan Updates – TBD

Item 6: Policy & Advocacy Subcommittee Update

- **Commissioner Friedt asked the group to send an introductory email to their respective City Councilmember if not already someone known by them. This not a requirement.**

Item 7: Community Outreach Subcommittee Update

- **Will finalize outreach once the Commission's 2026 priorities are finalized.**

Item 8: Events & Programming Subcommittee Update

- **Working on a Financial Literacy Workshop to be held first quarter 2026.**
 - The committee is currently searching for locations
- **Second quarter event could be held if time allows and could focus on the Commissions second priority.**

Item 9: Board Member/Commissioner Discussion

Item 10: Non-Agenda Public Comment

- **There was no Non-Agenda public comment.**

Item 11: Commission Strategic Planning Workshop

- **The Commission on the Status of Women is an advisory board to advise the Mayor, City Council and other agencies of City government of the needs and problems of women in the San Diego area and to recommend programs designed to alleviate any inequities that may confront women in social, economic and vocational pursuits.**
- **The Commissioners spent the next two hours strategizing on the issues that affect our city's women and children. The issues were then discussed and the top two issues will be the Commissions focus for 2026. The two priorities are:**
 - Financial Literacy & Wealth Building
 - Dependent Care
- **Assignments were made in each category. The Commissioners will report back on their research at the February meeting and to determine next steps.**