



Commission on the Status of Women

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 8, 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, Susan Davis, Sorayda Santos, Carla Nesbitt-Stokes, Brandee Joyner

Staff Liaison: Fatima Maciel

Item 1: The meeting was called to order by Chair Friedt @ 12:06 PM

Item 2: Roll Call

- **Present:** Friedt, Davis, Urushima-Conn, Wong, Nesbitt-Stokes
- **Absent:** Joyner, Nesbitt-Stokes
- **Virtual Attendance:** Carrillo

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 August 11, 2026, Meeting Minutes

- **A motion to approve the August 11, 2026, minutes was made and seconded.**
- **Outcome: The minutes were approved unanimously**

Item 5: Informational Items(s):

Item 5.1: Resignation of Dr. Lakeya Cherry

- **Chair Friedt announced resignation. Chair and Commissioners thanked Commissioner Cherry for her service.**
- **Chair Friedt informed the commissioner about her conversation with Chida Warren. Chida is aware of the membership status of this commission and is actively recruiting and interviewing candidates.**

Item 5.2: Presentation on Jan's Dream

- **Commissioner Nesbitt-Stokes presented information on Jan's Dream. Jan's Dreams is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based in Menifee, California, that provides training, workforce development, administrative support, grant management, and social service resources.**
- **The non-profit recently provided 40+ laptops to students in need.**
- **Commissioner Nesbitt-Stokes thanked those on the Commission who donated to the non-profit.**
- **Commissioner Nesbitt-Stokes also presented work she is doing with Eldercare and Foster Youth.**

Item 5.3: Review of Commissioner activities since last meeting (August 11)

- **Chair Friedt thanked Commissioners Wong and Davis for their attendance at the August 26th Women's Equity Day, San Diego History Center.**
- **Chair Friedt gave a report on building an affordable San Diego townhall with Congresswoman Davis. A powerpoint presentation from the townhall was shared with the commissioners.**

Item 5.4: Review of upcoming Commissioner activities

- **An invitation to the Sept 11, No Country for Mothers Documentary was shared with the Commissioners.**
- **Vice-Chair Urushima-Conn shared that she will be speaking on October 9 at The Confidence Talk: Women's Leadership Conference 2026**

Item 5.5: Report (oral) on the County Commission on the Status of Women & Girls (CWSG) – September Meeting - Chair Friedt

- **Chair Friedt gave an oral report on the meeting which she virtually attended. Of note, Jenny Prisk was presented a special award.**

Item 5.6: Update (oral) on Children First Collective San Diego partnership

- **The Commission continues to receive updates and recordings from Children First Collective meetings. Updates will continue to be shared by email. Commissioners are encouraged to attend the monthly virtual meetings if convenient.**

Item 6: Action Item(s)

Item 6.1: No Action Items

Item 7: Events & Programming Subcommittee Update

- **No update**

Item 8: Policy & Advocacy Subcommittee Update

- **AB1267 (Pellerin) bans child marriage and the establishment of domestic partnerships for anyone under 18 years old with no exceptions. It was voted unanimously out of the Assembly and sent to the Governor's desk September 3, 2026, awaiting final action or signature.**

Item 9: Community Outreach Subcommittee Report

- **No update**

Item 10: Board Member/Commissioner Discussion

- **Commissioner Carrillo presented information on the seventy-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women that will take place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 8 to 19 March 2027.**
- **Commissioner Carrillo attended the meeting in 2023. It is important to connect with the San Diego Chapter of the United Nations.**
- **Fatima presented information about the City of San Diego's preparation for El Nino, including community outreach efforts and townhalls to be held.**

Item 11: Non-Agenda Public Comment

- **No non-agenda public comment**

Item 12: **Next Regular Meeting: October 13, 2026.**

Adjournment @ 12:47