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San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 12, 2024 | 5:00 PM
San Francisco City Hall, Room 408

COMMISSION ROSTER

Commission President	Sophia Andary
Commission Vice President	Ani Rivera (Excused)
Commissioner	Sharon Chung (Excused)
Commissioner	Diane Jones Lowrey
Commissioner	Dr. Shokooh Miry
Commissioner	Dr. Anne Moses (Excused)
Commissioner	Dr. Raveena Rihal

I. CALL TO ORDER: *DISCUSSION*

President Sophia Andary called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

Ms. Dominique Blakely performed roll call and confirmed 4 of 7 Commissioners present (quorum). Ms. Blakely read the land acknowledgement.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: *DISCUSSION and ACTION*

The Commission reviewed and approved the minutes from the regular Commission meeting on October 23, 2024, with amendments. Commissioner Miry requested that the Commissioner comments section following Dr. Cohen’s presentation be updated to include her remarks. Specifically, she asked to add a question she posed to Dr. Cohen about safety and resources for healthcare workers who provide reproductive care to patients in the City, which Dr. Cohen acknowledged as an area needing continued attention.

Explanatory document: Draft Minutes from the regular Commission meeting on October 23, 2024.

No Public Comment.

(Roll Call Vote) Andary/Rihal – 4 ayes, 0 nays – Unanimous

III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT: *DISCUSSION*

On behalf of Director Ellis, Senior Program Manager Nazneen Rydhan-Foster provided a brief overview of the Director's Report. She first noted that the Department is in the data analysis stage for the Gender Analysis of Public Art, Streets, Buildings, and Parks Report.

Additionally, Nazneen Rydhan-Foster mentioned that the Department is in the process of finalizing the Human Trafficking Report, incorporating the recent report from the Board of Supervisors' Budget and Legislative Analyst, which includes recommended policy options for anti-human trafficking initiatives within the City and County of San Francisco.

No Commissioner Comment.

No Public Comment.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2024 San Francisco Ballot Measures Elections Update: *DISCUSSION*

Nazneen Rydhan-Foster presented an update on the outcomes of San Francisco's measures A-O in the 2024 election. Rydhan-Foster noted that 382,292 voters participated in the election (a 73.2% overall voter turnout), with approximately 24,000 votes still to be counted. At the executive level, she highlighted the election of Daniel Lurie as Mayor and the reelection of District Attorney Brooke Jenkins.

Commissioner Comment:

Commissioner Dr. Miry asked whether the incoming or outgoing mayoral administration has contacted the Department. Rydhan-Foster shared that, to her knowledge, she is unaware of any contact and will invite Director Ellis to follow up with the Commissioner.

President Andary discussed the success of Measure E and its mandate to create a task force to evaluate commissions citywide. She requested that the Department keep the Commission updated on ways to provide support. President Andary also expressed her hope that the task force will engage with current commissioners and conduct surveys to ensure improvements to the commission process.

Commissioner Jones Lowrey asked for clarification on the criteria for the task force's composition under Measure E. President Andary directed Commissioner Jones Lowrey to the SF election site, which offers detailed information on each measure.

Public Comment

No Public Comment.

V. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Comment.

Commissioner Miry thanked the Department for its efforts, noting that this work is vital and will become increasingly crucial over the next few years.

Commissioner Jones Lowrey shared that she recently saw a poster for Black Women Revolt, which made her realize how this work is accessible to all women and all people. She expressed her desire to see this type of awareness and accessibility continue and also expressed gratitude for the Department's work.

President Andary acknowledged the concerns surrounding the outcome of the national elections and emphasized that the commitment to the Commission and the Department remains steadfast. She encouraged everyone to maintain an intersectional approach in their work and activism, to stand strong, and to lead with empathy. President Andary also thanked the Department for its efforts.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:23 pm.