

Samantha Mehlinger, Chair
Jennifer Allen Harper, Commissioner
Dr. Stephanie Anckle, Commissioner
Irma Archuleta, Commissioner
Sathya Chey Patterson, Commissioner



Helena Donato-Sapp, Commissioner
Maria Gonzalez, Commissioner
Alyce LaViolette, Commissioner
Vanessa Mosqueda, Commissioner

FINISHED AGENDA & DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

At 6:32 PM, Chair Mehlinger called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Allen Harper, Anckle, Donato-Sapp, Gonzalez, LaViolette, Mosqueda, Archuleta, Mehlinger

Also present: Alanah Grant, Equity Officer, Tony Viramontes, Equity and Community Engagement Program Specialist, Jessica Ramos-Guerra, Equity Administrative Assistant, Ashleigh Stone, Deputy City Attorney, Tamela Austin, City Clerk Analyst.

Chair Mehlinger spoke.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. 25-57947 Recommendation to approve the minutes for the Commission for Women and Girls meeting of Wednesday, April 23, 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner LaViolette, seconded by Commissioner Mosqueda, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes:	8	Allen Harper, Anckle, Donato-Sapp, Gonzalez, LaViolette, Mosqueda, Archuleta, Mehlinger
No:	0	None
Recused:	0	None
Abstain:	0	None
Absent:	0	None

2. 25-57948 Recommendation to receive and file a presentation from the Fire Department on its department-wide gender accommodation improvements.

A motion was made by Commissioner Allen Harper, seconded by Commissioner LaViolette, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 Allen Harper, Anckle, Donato-Sapp, Gonzalez, LaViolette, Mosqueda, Archuleta, Mehlinger
No: 0 None
Recused: 0 None
Abstain: 0 None
Absent: 0 None

Karen Rindone, Assistant Fire Chief, spoke; and provided a Power Point presentation.

Lamont Nguyen, President, Long Beach Firefighters Association Local 372, spoke.

Commissioner Mosqueda spoke.

Karen Rindone, Assistant Fire Chief, spoke.

Chair Mehlinger spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Mehlinger and Karen Rindone, Assistant Fire Chief.

Commissioner LaViolette spoke.

Karen Rindone, Assistant Fire Chief, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner LaViolette and Karen Rindone, Assistant Fire Chief.

Chair Mehlinger spoke.

Karen Rindone, Assistant Fire Chief, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Mehlinger and Karen Rindone, Assistant Fire Chief.

Commissioner Gonzalez spoke.

Karen Rindone, Assistant Fire Chief, spoke.

Chair Mehlinger spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Mehlinger and Karen Rindone, Assistant Fire Chief.

Marilyn Surakus, Project Management Bureau Manager, Public Works, spoke.

Vice Chair Archuleta spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Archuleta and Marilyn Surakus, Project Management Bureau Manager, Public Works.

Karen Rindone, Assistant Fire Chief, spoke.

Chair Mehlinger spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Mehlinger and Karen Rindone, Assistant Fire Chief.

Commissioner LaViolette spoke.

Karen Rindone, Assistant Fire Chief, spoke.

Marilyn Surakus, Project Management Bureau Manager, Public Works, spoke.

Commissioner Anckle spoke.

Karen Rindone, Assistant Fire Chief, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Anckle and Karen Rindone, Assistant Fire Chief.

Lamont Nguyen, President, Long Beach Firefighters Association Local 372, spoke.

Commissioner Mosqueda spoke.

Karen Rindone, Assistant Fire Chief, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner Mosqueda and Karen Rindone, Assistant Fire Chief.

Marilyn Surakus, Project Management Bureau Manager, Public Works, spoke.

Commissioner LaViolette spoke.

Karen Rindone, Assistant Fire Chief, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Commissioner LaViolette and Karen Rindone, Assistant Fire Chief.

Marilyn Surakus, Project Management Bureau Manager, Public Works, spoke.

Commissioner Allen Harper spoke.

Karen Rindone, Assistant Fire Chief, spoke.

Lamont Nguyen, President, Long Beach Firefighters Association Local 372, spoke.

Vice Chair Archuleta spoke.

Karen Rindone, Assistant Fire Chief, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Vice Chair Archuleta and Karen Rindone, Assistant Fire Chief.

Commissioner Anckle spoke.

Marilyn Surakus, Project Management Bureau Manager, Public Works, spoke.

Karen Rindone, Assistant Fire Chief, spoke.

Chair Mehlinger spoke.

Alanah Grant, Equity Officer, City Manager Department, spoke.

Ashleigh Stone, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Chair Mehlinger spoke.

Alanah Grant, Equity Officer, City Manager Department, spoke.

Ashleigh Stone, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Alanah Grant, Equity Officer, City Manager Department and Ashleigh Stone, Deputy City Attorney.

3. 25-57949 Recommendation to approve the transmittal of a letter to the Long Beach Human Trafficking Taskforce requesting their partnership in drafting a report on the status of Human Trafficking in Long Beach.

A motion was made by Commissioner Gonzalez, seconded by Commissioner Anckle, to approve recommendation, as amended, to approve the Safety Ad

Hoc Committee to draft a letter to the Long Beach Human Trafficking Taskforce requesting their partnership in drafting a report on the status of Human Trafficking in Long Beach with a report back at the next Commission meeting scheduled for June 25, 2025. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 Allen Harper, Anckle, Donato-Sapp, Gonzalez, LaViolette,
 Mosqueda, Archuleta, Mehlinger

No: 0 None

Recused: 0 None

Abstain: 0 None

Absent: 0 None

Chair Mehlinger spoke.

Commissioner LaViolette spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Mehlinger and Commissioner LaViolette.

Desiree Cortez spoke.

Commissioner Anckle spoke.

Chair Mehlinger spoke.

Commissioner Mosqueda spoke.

Commissioner LaViolette spoke.

Ashleigh Stone, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Vice Chair Archuleta spoke.

Commissioner Gonzalez spoke.

Chair Mehlinger spoke.

Commissioner LaViolette spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Mehlinger and Commissioner LaViolette.

Ashleigh Stone, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Commissioner LaViolette spoke.

Chair Mehlinger spoke.

Commissioner Gonzalez spoke.

Ashleigh Stone, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Alanah Grant, Equity Officer, City Manager Department, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Ashleigh Stone, Deputy City Attorney, and Alanah Grant, Equity Officer, City Manager Department.

Commissioner Gonzalez spoke.

Alanah Grant, Equity Officer, City Manager Department, spoke.

Vice Chair Archuleta spoke.

Chair Mehlinger spoke.

Alanah Grant, Equity Officer, City Manager Department, spoke.

4. 25-57950 Recommendation to allocate \$200 of the Commission's annual budget to pay for the annual membership fee for the National Association of Commissions for Women.

A motion was made by Commissioner Archuleta, seconded by Commissioner Donato-Sapp, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 Allen Harper, Anckle, Donato-Sapp, Gonzalez, LaViolette, Mosqueda, Archuleta, Mehlinger

No: 0 None

Recused: 0 None

Abstain: 0 None

Absent: 0 None

Vice Chair Archuleta spoke.

Chair Mehlinger spoke.

5. 25-57951 Recommendation to review and provide feedback on the draft mission statement; and, if appropriate, approve the adoption of the mission statement for the Commission for Women and Girls.

A motion was made by Commissioner LaViolette, seconded by Commissioner

Archuleta, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 Allen Harper, Anckle, Donato-Sapp, Gonzalez, LaViolette, Mosqueda, Archuleta, Mehlinger

No: 0 None

Recused: 0 None

Abstain: 0 None

Absent: 0 None

Chair Mehlinger spoke.

Commissioner Anckle spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Mehlinger and Commissioner Anckle.

Commissioner LaViolette spoke.

Chair Mehlinger spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Mehlinger and Commissioner LaViolette.

Commissioner Anckle spoke.

Commissioner Gonzalez spoke.

Chair Mehlinger spoke.

Commissioner LaViolette spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Mehlinger and Commissioner LaViolette.

6. 25-57952 Recommendation to request the City Attorney to draft a resolution to establish the bylaws for the Commission for Women and Girls.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anckle, seconded by Commissioner LaViolette, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 Allen Harper, Anckle, Donato-Sapp, Gonzalez, LaViolette, Mosqueda, Archuleta, Mehlinger

No: 0 None

Recused: 0 None

Abstain: 0 None

Absent: 0 None

Alanah Grant, Equity Officer, City Manager Department, spoke.

Ashleigh Stone, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Alanah Grant, Equity Officer, City Manager Department, and Ashleigh Stone, Deputy City Attorney.

Commissioner LaViolette spoke.

Ashleigh Stone, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

7. 25-57953 Recommendation to receive and file a report from current Ad Hoc Committees; discuss anticipated Ad Hoc Committees for upcoming projects; and, if appropriate, take action to dissolve or create Ad Hoc Committees.

A motion was made by Commissioner LaViolette, seconded by Commissioner Archuleta, to approve recommendation. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 8 Allen Harper, Anckle, Donato-Sapp, Gonzalez, LaViolette, Mosqueda, Archuleta, Mehlinger
No: 0 None
Recused: 0 None
Abstain: 0 None
Absent: 0 None

Chair Mehlinger spoke.

Commissioner Mosqueda spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Mehlinger and Commissioner Mosqueda.

Commissioner Anckle spoke.

Chair Mehlinger spoke.

Commissioner Mosqueda spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Mehlinger and Commissioner Mosqueda.

Commissioner Allen Harper spoke.

Chair Mehlinger spoke.

Commissioner LaViolette spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Mehlinger and Commissioner LaViolette.

Alanah Grant, Equity Officer, City Manager Department, spoke.

Commissioner Mosqueda spoke.

Chair Mehlinger spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Mehlinger and Commissioner Mosqueda.

Commissioner Anckle spoke.

Chair Mehlinger spoke.

Commissioner LaViolette spoke.

Commissioner Anckle spoke.

Commissioner Gonzalez spoke.

Chair Mehlinger spoke.

Vice Chair Archuleta spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Mehlinger and Vice Chair Archuleta.

Commissioner LaViolette spoke.

Chair Mehlinger spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Mehlinger and Commissioner LaViolette.

Commissioner Gonzalez spoke.

Chair Mehlinger spoke.

Vice Chair Archuleta spoke.

Commissioner LaViolette spoke.

Chair Mehlinger spoke.

Alanah Grant, Equity Officer, City Manager Department, spoke.

Ashleigh Stone, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

Chair Mehlinger spoke.

A dialogue ensued between Chair Mehlinger and Ashleigh Stone, Deputy City Attorney.

Alanah Grant, Equity Officer, City Manager Department, spoke.

Ashleigh Stone, Deputy City Attorney, spoke.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alejandra Albarran Moses, Early Childhood Strategic Initiatives Program Manager, spoke.

Desiree Cortez spoke.

There were no Online Public Comments and non-agenda public comment emails received.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Anckle spoke.

Chair Mehlinger spoke.

Commissioner Donato-Sapp spoke.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:20 PM, there being no objection, Chair Mehlinger declared the meeting adjourned.