



Commission on the  
Status of Women

**Commission on the Status of Women**  
Wednesday, February 18, 2026 – 7:00pm  
North Berkeley Senior Center  
1901 Hearst Ave, Berkeley, CA 94709

## **SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

**Mayor Adena Ishii:**

**Rashi Kersarwani:**  
Shantee' Baker

**Terry Taplin:**

**Ben Bartlett:**  
Kameka Goodwin

**Igor Tregub**

**Shoshana O'Keefe**  
Kera Binns

**Brent Blackaby:**  
Dianna Mullins

**Cecilia Lunaparra:**  
Najuna Kiggundu

**Mark Humbert**  
Peggy Scott

*All items are for discussion and possible action.*

1. Roll Call.
2. Reading of Land Acknowledgment.
3. Public Comments for Items not on the Agenda.
4. Approval of the Agenda. Discussion Only.
5. Approval of January 21, 2026, minutes. Discussion and Action.
6. Chair Update Discussion Only.
7. Staff Update Discussion Only.
8. 2026 Work Plan. Discussion and Possible Action.
9. COSOW Chair Election. Discussion and Action.
10. COSOW Vice-Chair Election. Discussion and Action.
11. Adjourn.

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## **Land Acknowledgement Statement**

*The City of Berkeley recognizes that the community we live in was built on the territory of xučyun (Huchiun (Hooch-yoon)), the ancestral and unceded land of the Chochenyo (Cho-chen-yo)-speaking Ohlone (Oh-low-nee) people, the ancestors and descendants of the sovereign Verona Band of Alameda County. This land was and continues to be of great importance to all of the Ohlone Tribes and descendants of the Verona Band. As we begin our meeting tonight, we acknowledge and honor the original inhabitants of Berkeley, the documented 5,000-year history of a vibrant community at the West Berkeley Shellmound, and the Ohlone people who continue to reside in the East Bay. We recognize that Berkeley's residents have and continue to benefit from the use and occupation of this unceded stolen land since the City of Berkeley's incorporation in 1878. As stewards of the laws regulating the City of Berkeley, it is not only vital that we recognize the history of this land, but also recognize that the Ohlone people are present members of Berkeley and other East Bay communities today. The City of Berkeley will continue to build relationships with the Lisjan Tribe and to create meaningful actions that uphold the intention of this land acknowledgement.*



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## DRAFT MINUTES

The meeting convened at 7:08 pm with Kera Binns (Chair) presiding. Okeya Vance-Dozier, Secretary.

### SECTION A. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1. **Roll Call**

**Present:** Binns, Mullins, Scott, Baker, Goodwin

**Absent:**

**Excused:**

**Leave of Absence:** Kiggundu

2. **Announcements**

None

3. **Comments from the Public**

Public Attendance: 2

Public Comments: 2

4. **Review and approval of meeting minutes**

Approved minutes from 12/10/25.

**M/S/C:** Binns, Mullins

**Ayes:** Binns, Mullins, Scott, Baker, Goodwin

**Noes:**

**Abstain:**

**Absent:**

**Excused:** Kiggundu

5. **Commission Updates & Chairperson's Report (No Action Taken):**

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6. **Secretary's Report (No Action Taken)**

### SECTION B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

**4. 2026 Work Plan. Discussion and Possible Action.**

No Action Taken.

**M/S/C:**

**Ayes:**

**Noes:**

**Abstain:**

**Absent:**

**Excused:**

**5. COSOW Working and Prep for End of Year Letter to Council. Discussion and Action.**

Final edits were completed. Voting was approved to send a completed and complied letter to council as reference to point of all actions taken regarding the focus areas.

**M/S/C:** Binns, Scott

**Ayes:** Binns, Mullins, Posey, Scott, Baker

**Noes:**

**Abstain:**

**Absent:**

**Excused:** Kiggundu

**SECTION C. COMMUNICATIONS**

**6. No communications received prior to meeting.**

**SECTION D. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

**M/S/C:** Baker, Goodwin

**Ayes:** Binns, Mullins, Goodwin, Scott, Baker

**Noes:**

**Abstain:**

**Absent:**

**Excused:**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Okeya Vance-Dozier, Secretary

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