

Commission on the  
Status of Women

## Commission on the Status of Women

Wednesday, June 18, 2025 – 7:00pm

North Berkeley Senior Center

1901 Hearst Ave, Berkeley, CA 94709

## REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

**Mayor Adena Ishii:**

**Rashi Kersarwani:**

**Terry Taplin:**

**Ben Bartlett:**

Kameka Goodwin

**Igor Tregub**

Shirley Posey

**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 the May 21, 2025 minutes. Discussion and Action.
6. Presentation: Discussion on the African American Holistic Resource Center
7. Chair Update Discussion Only.
8. Leaders Provide Update on the Work Plan Focus Areas and Goals. Discussion Only.
9. Adjourn.

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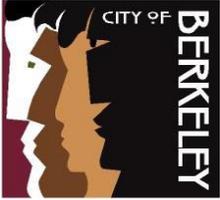
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## **Land Acknowledgement Statement**

*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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## **Commission on the Status of Women Draft 2025 Meeting Schedule**

1. Wednesday, January 15, 2025 at 7pm- Special Meeting
2. Wednesday, February 19, 2025 at 7pm
3. Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at 7pm
4. Wednesday, April 16, 2025 at 7pm
5. Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 7pm
6. Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at 7pm
7. Wednesday, July 16, 2025 at 7pm
8. Wednesday, September 17, 2025 at 7pm
9. Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at 7pm
10. Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at 7pm



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## DRAFT MINUTES

The meeting convened at 7:00 pm with Kera Binns (Chair) presiding. Okeya Vance-Dozier, Secretary.

### SECTION A. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1. **Roll Call**

**Present:** Binns, Mullins, Kiggundu, Posey, Scott, Goodwin

**Absent:**

**Excused:**

**Leave of Absence:**

2. **Announcements**

None

3. **Comments from the Public**

Public Attendance: 3

Public Comments:

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

Approved minutes from 04/16/25.

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

**Ayes:** Binns, Mullins, Kiggundu, Posey, Scott, Goodwin

**Noes:**

**Abstain:**

**Absent:**

**Excused:**

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

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

### SECTION B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

4. **Presentation: Babalwa Kwanele- Discussion on the African American Holistic Resource Center**

Presentation will be moved to a later date.

**M/S/C:**

**Ayes:**

**Noes:**

**Abstain:**

**Absent:**

**Excused:**

5. **Leaders Provide Update on the Work Plan Focus Areas and Goals. Discussion Only.**

No Action Taken.

**M/S/C:**

**Ayes:**

**Noes:**

**Abstain:**

**Absent:**

**Excused:**

6. **Discussion and Possible Action on Commissioner Scott Recommendation to Council Regarding Encampments near School Properties.**

No Action Taken.

**M/S/C:**

**Ayes:**

**Noes:**

**Abstain:**

**Absent:**

**Excused:**

**SECTION C. COMMUNICATIONS**

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

**SECTION D. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 PM.

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

**Ayes:** Binns, Goodwin, Mullins, Kiggundu, Posey, Scott

**Noes:**

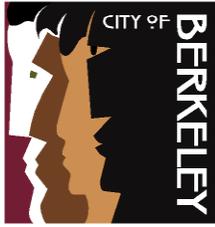
**Abstain:**

**Absent:**  
**Excused:**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Okeya Vance-Dozier, Secretary  
Peace and Justice Commission



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To: Mayor and Members of the Berkeley City Council  
From: Commission on the Status of Women  
Submitted by: Carole Marasovic, Chair  
Subject: Letter of Support for African-American Holistic Resource Center

On May 17, 2023, the Commission on the Status of Women recommended that Council fully fund the African-American Holistic Resource Center, under the current budget process, so that further planning to implement the AAHRC, at 6,000 feet, move ahead as expeditiously as possible and that this letter in support be submitted to Council.

The Commission supports the African-American Holistic Resource Center, as a vital community need, having been so advised that the following services for women and girls will be provided:

Information on African-American Holistic Resource Center as to Services to be Provided for Women

The AAHRC plans to provide classes/educative training learning experiences specifically for women and girls in the following area:

- \* Breast and ovarian cancer awareness
- \* The correlation between trauma, racism, sexism, and autoimmune diseases in women of color: our health is our wealth
- \* Taking care of our bodies, mind, and soul- movement and healing classes for women of color
- \* Generational wealth, financial literacy, and grant-writing workshop series for women and girls of color
- \* Civic engagement women leaders workshop series (for all genders): learning about past and present women leaders, such as Shirley Chisholm, Sarah Eagle Heart, Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson, etc.
- \* Exploring the creative arts classes
- \* Leadership Excellence program for women and girls

This is a partial list to give you an idea of the full-array of community-led and grounded services, programs, and trainings that will be provided within the AAHRC.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carole Marasovic, Chair

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