



Commission on the
Status of Women

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Wednesday, October 15, 2025 – 7:00pm
North Berkeley Senior Center
1901 Hearst Ave, Berkeley, CA 94709

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Mayor Adena Ishii:

Rashi Kersarwani:

Terry Taplin:

Shantee' Baker

Ben Bartlett:

Igor Tregub

Shoshana O'Keefe

Kameka Goodwin

Shirley Posey

Kera Binns

Brent Blackaby:

Cecilia Lunaparra:

Mark Humbert

Dianna Mullins

Najuna Kiggundu

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 September 17, 2025 minutes. Discussion and Action.
6. Presentation: Challenges and Opportunities for Berkeley Women Entrepreneurs
7. Chair Update Discussion Only.
8. Staff Update Discussion Only.
9. Leaders Provide Update on the Work Plan Focus Areas and Goals. Discussion Only.
10. 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 7:00 pm with Kera Binns (Chair) presiding. Okeya Vance-Dozier, Secretary.

SECTION A. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1. **Roll Call**

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

Absent: Baker

Excused:

Leave of Absence:

2. **Announcements**

None

3. **Comments from the Public**

Public Attendance: 6

Public Comments: 3

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

Approved minutes from 07/16/25.

M/S/C: Goodwin, Posey

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

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent: Baker

Excused:

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

Secretary's Report (No Action Taken)

SECTION B. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

4. Presentation: Paths to Stability: Supporting Women Experiencing Homelessness in Berkeley.

No Action Taken.

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:

SECTION C. COMMUNICATIONS

6. No communications received prior to meeting.

SECTION D. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

M/S/C: Binns, Mullins

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

Noes:

Abstain:

Absent: Baker

Excused:

Respectfully Submitted,

Okeya Vance-Dozier,
Secretary
Peace and Justice Commission