

Seattle Women's Commission Meeting Minutes

Monday September 15, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

Hosted in person at Seattle City Hall and online on Zoom.

Call to Order - 5:30

- Meeting start time 5:30 p.m.
- Notetaker: N. Ghazanfari (and N. Evanoff)
- Present: N. Ghazanfari, T. Mills, S. Hitchcock, K. Faoro Wright, J. Tran, H. Glover, N. Goforth, A. DeFisher, N. Evanoff, E. Barr, K. Guerrero, V. Mamidala, N. Tola, Tyra Wheless, Marta Idowu, Meredith Stone, W. Nakamura, L. Perez, S. Miles
- Absent: E. Han, M. Rivera, T. Owens
- Late arrival: S. Styles

Land and Labor Acknowledgment

We are currently occupying the unceded lands of many First Peoples; Coast Salish people, Muckleshoot, Suquamish, Stillaguamish, and Duwamish. We acknowledge and thank local First Nations for their centuries of land stewardship that long predates the arrival of European settlers. We remind you to be aware of the spaces you occupy locally, that these lands were stolen from First People in the name of white settler colonialism and that you seek ways to continue your education and give back to local Indigenous communities,” from the Duwamish Tribe’s website.

“We must acknowledge that much of what we know of this country today, including its culture, economic growth, and development throughout history and across time, has been made possible by the labor of enslaved Africans and their ascendants who suffered the horror of the transatlantic trafficking of their people, chattel slavery, and Jim Crow. We are indebted to their labor and their sacrifice, and we must acknowledge the tremors of that violence throughout the generations and the resulting impact that can still be felt and witnessed today,” by Dr. Terah “TJ” Stewart.

Introductions/Roll Call

- Welcome new commissioners!
- No icebreaker this month
 - Approve August Meeting Minutes
 - Motion to approve: E. Barr

- Second: W. Nakamura
- Approved: K. Faoro Wright, A. DeFisher, S. Hitchcock, K. Guerrero, V. Mamidala, H. Glover, J. Tran, N. Ghazanfari, N. Evanoff, N. Tola, N. Goforth, T. Mills, W. Nakamura
- Approve September Meeting Agenda
 - Motion to approve: E. Barr
 - Second: J. Tran
 - Approved: K. Faoro Wright, A. DeFisher, S. Hitchcock, K. Guerrero, V. Mamidala, H. Glover, J. Tran, N. Ghazanfari, N. Evanoff, N. Tola, N. Goforth, T. Mills, W. Nakamura

Public Comment - 5:45 pm

No public comments. No guests.

Items of Business - 5:45

Subcommittee Updates

- Reproductive Health - Mobile mammogram update with councilwoman Alexis Mercedes Rinck
- Gender-Based Violence
 - Art show - volunteers (T. Mills) - Artist list finalized. Working on a press release with Comms. Need volunteers for Oct 2nd and Oct 9th. 2 people for each 1.5-hour shift. Talley will send out a sign-up sheet soon.
 - Aurora Commons volunteer night (A. DeFisher) - Amanda working on donation items. Consider volunteering and contacting her for more information.
- Housing Access - No major updates.
- Communications - Proclamation for October on DV/GBV with focus on immigrant women (N. Ghazanfari)

Co-Chair Updates

- Commissioner Kudos (N. Evanoff)
- SWC Mentor Program (E. Barr)
- SWC Roster - commissioner info and districts, working on a map (N. Evanoff): Will be available for public access and shared across the SOCR.
- Monthly meeting structure - icebreaker, subcommittee updates
 - Working on more efficient use of time
 - Feedback form in the works – in the meantime, email co-chairs or talk to your subcommittee with any feedback
 - Idea - subcommittee email groups (N. Ghazanfari)

Budget

- SWC Art Show (T. Mills) - \$125.
 - Motion to approve: T. Mills
 - Second: N. Ghazanfari, N. Evanoff
 - Approved: K. Faoro Wright, A. DeFisher, S. Hitchcock, K. Guerrero, V. Mamidala, H. Glover, J. Tran, N. Goforth
 - Motion approved.
- Candidate Forum (E.Barr/W. Nakamura) - \$100
 - Motion to approve: E. Barr
 - Second: T. Mills
 - Approved: K. Faoro Wright, A. DeFisher, S. Hitchcock, K. Guerrero, N. Ghazanfari, V. Mamidala, H. Glover, N. Goforth
- Swag updates (E. Barr).

Seattle Office for Civil Rights Updates - 7:00 (M. Idowu)

- Safety updates:
 - Meredith Stone: Shared information about the event at LGBTQ meeting during the public comments. Security was called due to concern for gun violence. Discussed ways to remain safe.
 - Martha Idowu: Parking permit forms available online and on paper.

Schedule of Upcoming Meetings and Events - 7:15

- [Artstation Mt. Baker Art Market](#) / 3rd Saturday of every month through December Mt. Baker Light Rail Station
- [SUFFS Women+ in Politics Night](#) - **September 19** – If you didn't receive the email from Emily about this event, please check your spam folder!
- [SWC Presents: We Are the Ones We've Been Waiting For](#) - **October 2 through October 31** (Artist reception 10/2; Cap Hill Art Walk 10/9)

Adjourned