



City of Albuquerque

Timothy M. Keller, Mayor



Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Commission

Monday, July 14, 2025

Commission Members Present

- Teresa Garcia, Chair
- Chearie Alipat, Co-Chair, NM Asian Family Center
- Sara Yvonne “Bonnie” Escobar, Enlace Comunitario
- Tiffany Jiron (proxy sent)-CSVANW
- Amy Kindrick, Safe House
- Amanda Christensen-APD
- Beatriz Valencia, CABQ Office of Equity and Inclusion
- Rebecca O’Gawa-2nd Judicial District Attorney’s Office
- Luke Languit-APD-for Cecily Barker
- Ellen Braden-HHH CABQ
- Christina Nuanes-CYFD
- Judge Amber Chavez Baker-2nd Judicial
- Barbie Montoya for Kathleen
- Carmona-AGs Office
- Andrew Hennig-A/Lt APD SVS
- Xochitl Campos Biggs-APD Policy Advisor
- Markela Clinton, Office of Civic Engagement
- Joseline Segovia-APD Language Access
- Jennifer Garcia-APD
- Erik Robinson-ACS
- George Vega-APD

Members of the Public Present:

- Jennifer Getz-Commission on Status of Women
- Gail Starr-Healthcare for the Homeless
- Diego Salcido Morales, Casa Fortaleza
- David Adams-Community Member/Lawyer
- Carla Law-Commission on the Status of Women
- Bev McMillan-United Way
- Jennifer Pena-2nd Judicial

Other City Staff Present

- Jeffery Barnard-Commander APD CID

MINUTES

I. Call to order.

- a. The Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Commission Meeting of June 9, 2025, was called to order by Chair Garcia at 3:17PM.

II. Introductions.

- a. Roll Call by Chair Garcia
- b. House Keeping Items-Introduction
- c. Chair Garcia read the Community Agreements

III. Review and approval of agenda for Monday, July 14, 2025.

- a. Chair Garcia shared the agenda for the day. Due to delay in posting agenda voting will not occur.

IV. Review and approval of minutes from June 9, 2025

- a. Due to delay in posting agenda, voting on minutes did not occur

V. Commission Updates.

- a. Restraining Order Updates
 - i. Meeting with APD to help with translations so funding does not fall on non-profits
 - ii. Deputy Commander Christensen confirmed that translations are in process
 - iii. Will also meet with Commission on Deaf and Hard of hearing to do a video translation
 - iv. NM Coalition Against Domestic Violence is offering services to ensure that translations are trauma informed
- b. Working Group Meeting Updates-Fourth Monday 1:00-2:30 PM
- c. Funding Request Updates
 - i. No new updates
- d. Vacancy and open position for Programs to apply
 - i. Deputy Commander Andrew Jaramillo has transitioned away from the commission and Deputy Commander Amanda Christensen will step into the role.
 - ii. Gratitude for the work and collaboration that Andrew Jaramillo provided to the Commission
 - iii. Shannon Lowry is no longer the ED of ABQ SANE and this has created a vacancy in one of the voting member roles.
 - 1. Chair Garcia discussed harm created by the original appointment by Ms. Lowry and called for further intentionality, integrity, equity and accountability from the City
- e. DVSA Commission Roles, Responsibilities, policies, and expectations as we continue the work for community
 - i. Brief discussion around recognizing that members on the DVSA Commission are volunteers and reminders for respect and follow through for recommendations made by the Commission.
 - ii. Sometimes community members may come to the Commission with expectations outside of the scope of the commission and that we sometimes have to request assistance from the City for additional support

VI. Updates for Subcommittees

- a. Training Subcommittee
 - i. ACS Training was held on June 26
 - 1. Desiree collected post training surveys and responses will be presented at the July Meeting
 - ii. Next meeting held hybrid on Monday July 28, 2025 at 3:00 PM
- b. Policy and Funding Subcommittee

VII. Discussion and Vote: Presentation from the 2nd Judicial District Attorneys office to present on changes to the Statute for using phones to threaten.

- a. Court of appeals ruled that text messages are no longer and have never been allowed to be used under telephone harassment.
- b. Forcing legislature to fix language to include text messages
- c. Supreme court will be looking at it
- d. This was presented at the last legislative session and it didn't go anywhere which could have precipitated this ruling
- e. In the meantime, DA had training with DART officers to come up with other statutes to use
- f. Call to the Commission to take this on as a legislative priority.
- g. Take this on in Policy and Funding Subcommittee
- h. No voting to occur

VIII. Discussion and Vote: New initiatives ongoing review of Task force recommendation

- a. The City should commission a feasibility study to evaluate the expansion of current DV services in ABQ and determine if a large comprehensive service center would be a beneficial addition to the current services
 - i. Bev McMillan discusses "What is missing at the Family Advocacy Center" and create additions instead of a new build. Look at original study done in 2004 and see why the FAC was created instead of a Justice Center. Requests further education and discussion.
 - ii. Bonnie suggests forming a task force to identify gaps in service and see if existing non-profits can fill in any gaps
 - iii. Coalition is doing a comprehensive study to identify gaps in services
 - iv. Gail Starr discusses that the Gateway Center and ACS now exist and it would greatly change the conversation from what was proposed 5 years ago.
- b. City should develop or expand policies addressing DV within its workforce and lead a standard to be adopted by businesses and organizations that are intolerant of any acts of DV and provide resources to survivors and abusers
 - i. The City is doing and supporting this
- c. The City should create ordinances for housing relief for DV survivors including eviction protection and common nuisances specific to DV
 - i. Commander Barnard said there are some talks around this
 - ii. ACS talked about how they handle this frequently

IX. Optional (based on time) – Domestic Violence Awareness month celebration planning

- a. Team Bonding
- b. Food on Commission Meeting
- c. City Council Proclamation
- d. Schedule meeting with State legislative delegation
- e. Purple Sand
- f. Celebrate transition of Chair and co-Chair at October Meeting
- g. Ask City to highlight city building purple
- h. FAC will do a ceremony
- i. APD can talk to PIOs to use social media to spread awareness
- j. Reach out to Transit to see about doing adverts inside of City busses
- k. Create a social media account for the commission-Discuss this in August

X. Public Comment

XI. Adjournment

- a. There being no further business before the Board, Chair Garcia adjourned the meeting at 4:39 PM.

Approved: _____

Date: _____