



City of Albuquerque

Timothy M. Keller, Mayor



Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Commission

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

Commission Members Present

- Teresa Garcia, Chair
- Chearie Alipat, Co-Chair, NM Asian Family Center
- Sara Yvonne "Bonnie" Escobar, Enlace Comunitario
- Tiffany Jiron -CSVANW
- Amy Kindrick, Safe House
- Beatriz Valencia, CABQ Office of Equity and Inclusion
- Cecily Barker-APD
- Christina Nuanes-CYFD
- Barbie Montoya -AGs Office
- Desiree Castell-BCSO
- Amanda Christensen-APD

Other City Staff Present

- Bailey McCullough-APD Liaison
- Jeffery Barnard-Commander APD CID
- Markela Clinton, Office of Civic Engagement
- Erik Robinson-ACS
- George Vega-APD
- Erica Lowry-APD
- Leigh Brunner-City Legal
- Brandy Gutierrez-ACS

Members of the Public Present:

- Gail Starr-Healthcare for the Homeless
- David Adams-Community Member/Lawyer
- Carla Law-Commission on the Status of Women
- Jack Ox-Community Member
- Ernie Herrera-Community Member
- Maria Cahuenas-DVRC

MINUTES

I. Call to order.

- a. The Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Commission Meeting of August 20, 2025, was called to order by Chair Garcia at 3:00PM.

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 moved to approve the agenda. Amy Kindrick Seconded. Motion approved 5-0

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

- a. Due to delay in posting agenda, voting on minutes did not occur
- b. July meeting minutes are posted online at the cabq.gov/dvsac
- c. Chair Garcia moved to approve the minutes. Co-Chair Alipat seconded. Motion approved 5-0
 - i. Will amend section VII d to reflect Co-Chair Alipat instead of “CheChe”

V. Commission Updates.

- a. Working Group meeting Updates – Fourth Monday 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
- b. Vacancy and Open position for Programs to apply
 - i. Chair Garcia will send email regarding vacancy and vacancy posting
- c. Update on hours for 2nd Judicial District Court
 - i. Domestic Relations Civil/Criminal Division Clerk
Hours: 11am-4pm
 - ii. DV Hours: 10am-12pm and 1pm-3pm
 - iii. Self Help hours: 11am-4pm
- d. Reminder for Upcoming Election for New Chair and Co-Chair for Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Commission for October Meeting.

VI. Updates for Subcommittees

- a. Training Subcommittee
 - i. Still working through instructor gaps
 - ii. Next meeting is September 29th from 3:00-4:00pm
 - iii. ACS has requested an October 30th training
 - iv. Possibly reach out to coalition or Kim with RCC for Sexual Assault 101
- b. Policy and Funding Subcommittee
 - i. Every other month
 - ii. August 27th at 10:00am on Zoom
 - iii. Come with initiatives important to us and consider beginning to meet monthly up to the legislative session
 - iv. Coalition is coordinating a meeting with legislators the week of October 6th and will include Commission in the invite
- c. Restraining Order and Lethality Assessment Working Group Updates
 - i. Discussed in commission updates

VII. Discussion and Vote: Review and Approval for the 2024 Annual Report for Presentation to City Council.

- a. Ran through report with Commission
- b. Co-Chair Alipat discussed additional needs and services-Look up this section-about 41 min in.

- c. Member Tiffany Jiron suggested adding in some Tribal data for next year's report
- d. This report is solely collecting data from program members of the Commission

VIII. Discussion and Vote: New initiatives ongoing review of Task force recommendations - Request to Pause by Chair Garcia to focus on completing items and initiatives for the Commission

- a. Chair Garcia recommends to continue to review thoughtfully Task Force recommendations, but table beginning new initiatives during the transition of Chair/Co-Chair
 - i. Chair Garcia moves to pause discussing new initiatives until after the October meeting and until the new chair and co-chair are in their roles. Member Amy Kindrick seconded and motion was approved 5-0

IX. Discussion and Vote: Scheduling to complete prior initiatives: Mission and Vision and Survivor Focus Group meeting for Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Commission

- a. Decision to spend some time discussing this
- b. 3 samples of missions/visions shown from the coach that was hired with funding from City Council
 - i. Members liked shorter versions that were able to be easily translated and to be easily understood
 - ii. Members liked verbiage around culturally specific advocacy and being victim centered
 - iii. Concerns around ensuring that there is clarity around the commission not providing direct services
 - iv. Made edits, took notes, and collected recommendations and will re-address at a later time with the coach and at the September commission meeting.

X. Discussion and Vote (Optional depending on time): Continued Discussion for Domestic Violence Awareness month celebration planning

- a. Reach out to City Council to schedule presentation and proclamation
 - i. Will vote on language in September
- b. Commission outing
- c. Food at the October Commission meeting
- d. Meeting with Legislators
- e. Purple Sand like RCC did for Sexual Assault Awareness month
- f. Light up City Hall purple
- g. Press Release for DV Awareness and announce the restraining order packet
 - i. APD will confirm if restraining order packets are ready to go
- h. FAC will do ceremony
- i. APD PIO will do awareness posts on social media
- j. Still looking into DVSAC social media
- k. Look into tabling outside city council meeting during proclamation
- l. DV Awareness night tabling at Isotopes

XI. Public Comment

- a. **Beatriz Valencia spoke about an event September 12 in Old Town**
- b. **Webinar Series among multiple stakeholders about immigration issues among Healthcare workers.**

- c. **Amy Kindrick with Safe House spoke about event at Downs on 8/20/2025**
- d. **Community Member J.O. spoke about her experience as a DV Survivor and requesting policy change within the Police Department**
- e. **Community Member E.H. spoke about how policy was created in the military and made suggestions on how we could incorporate that into policy creation with the City.**

XII. Adjournment

- a. There being no further business before the Board, Chair Garcia adjourned the meeting at 4:48 PM.

Approved: _____

Date: _____