



City of Albuquerque

Timothy M. Keller, Mayor



Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Commission

October 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
- Jodie Jaramillo-RCCNM
- Xochitl Campos Biggs-APD Policy
- Markela Clinton, Office of Civic Engagement
- Erik Robinson-ACS
- Brandy Gutierrez-ACS
- Joseline Segovia-APD
- Lisa Schatz Vance-City Legal

- Amy Kindrick, Safe House
- Beatriz Valencia, CABQ Office of Equity and Inclusion
- Cecily Barker-APD
- Christina Nuanes-CYFD
- Desiree Castell-BCSO
- Amanda Christensen-APD
- Barbie Montoya-AG’s Office
- Rebecca O’Gawa-DA’s Office

Other City Staff Present

- Cecily Barker-APD

Members of the Public Present:

- Gail Starr-Healthcare for the Homeless
- Jenifer Raphael Getz-Commission on the Status of Women
- Tamara Torres-Community Member
- Martha Lugo-Casa Fortaleza
- Diego Salcido Morales-Casa Fortaleza
- Angela Gonzales-CSVANW
- Franchesca Hernandez
- Baily Oliva-ABQ SANE
- Maria Cahuenas
- Dana Chisholm
- Pamelya Herndon

MINUTES

I. Call to order.

- a. The Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Commission Meeting of October 20, 2025 was called to order by Chair Garcia at 3:03.

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 October 20, 2025.

- a. Chair Garcia moved to approve the agenda. Amy Kindrick seconded. Motion approved

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

- a. Chair Garcia moved to approve the minutes. Amy Kindrick seconded. Motion approved 6-0

V. Commission Updates.

- a. Working Group meeting Updates – Fourth Monday, October 27th 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm at the DAs Office
- b. Vacancy and Open position for Programs to apply
 - i. Please invite programs to apply
 - ii. Applications is on the website and the link is in the email Chair Garcia sent out
- c. Proclamation to be read at City Council after Commission meeting

VI. Updates for Subcommittees

- a. Training Subcommittee
 - i. Met last month and discussed the upcoming ACS meeting
 - ii. Talked about reducing the number of trainings as it is putting a strain on the providers doing it once every 3 months
- b. Restraining Order and Lethality Assessment Working Group Updates
 - i. Waiting on translation on court documents for RO Packet
 - ii. Will talk about press conference when finished with RO Packet
 - iii. Have had intentional conversations on cost and timeline
 - iv. Moving forward with the Statewide implementation option since it already existed in NM-gives the option for programs across the state to join. They need a LEA and a 24/7 DV community partner.
 - 1. Will cost \$7500 under Statewide implementation
 - v. Where will the money come from? We were given \$250,000 from Councilor Sanchez and we believe we can pull the \$7500 from that amount. Councilor Baca is also working on \$50,000 and funds could come from there.
 - 1. Need to follow City Procurement Rules
 - 2. Funds are for FY26
 - 3. HHH could possibly enter into a purchase agreement with the company who administers the lethality assessment
 - vi. We need a program that has a 24/7 hotline and our community partner that meets the criteria is Safe House and they are willing to be the partner.
 - vii. Already have the support from APD and BCSO
 - viii. We want this to be sustainable-the following years it will be \$2,500.
 - ix. If other programs will be using it we will head to the legislature to ask for continuing funding for the lethality assessment
 - x. Option to have Quintin McShan fund the \$7500

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

- a. Chair Garcia moves to wait for November 10 meeting to vote on report. Amy Kindrick seconded. Motion approved 6-0

VIII. Discussion and Vote: Creation of social media accounts i.e. Facebook page and Instagram page to better communicate with community and ongoing initiatives, meeting dates and more.

- a. Chair Garcia moves to suspend discussion until November. Co-Chair Alipat seconded. Motion approved 6-0

IX. Discussion and Vote: Statements, Nominations, election and vote for New incoming Chair, Co-chair for the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Commission and for the Training and Policy Subcommittees.

- a. Chair Garcia and Co-Chair Alipat are at the end of their terms come October 31st.
- b. Subcommittees are not required to have voted on chairs and co-chairs
- c. Chair Garcia read a heartfelt statement about her time of service on the commission as Chair
- d. Co-Chair Alipat read a heartfelt statement about her time of service on the commission as a Chair.
- e. Chair and Co-Chair will be 1-year terms from this point on. Each Chair and Co-Chair can serve two 1 year terms.
- f. Chair Garcia requests nominations for Chair and Co-Chair of the DVSAC
 - i. Chair Garcia nominates Amy Kindrick for Chair and Tiffany Jiron as Co-Chair. Bonnie makes motion to close nominations and vote. Chair Garcia Seconded and motion approved 6-0.
 - ii. Amy Kindrick accepted nomination for Chair
 - iii. Tiffany Jiron accepted nomination for Co-Chair
 - 1. Tiffany made a sincere statement about being a lived-experience member of the Commission
- g. Chair Garcia requests nominations for Subcommittees
 - i. Desiree nominated Bonnie and herself to remain Chair and Co-Chair for training Subcommittee
 - ii. Chair Garcia moved to close nominations. Amy Kindrick seconded and motion approved 6-0
 - iii. Co-Chair Alipat nominated Becky O’Gawa and Xochitl Campos Biggs as chair and Co-Chair of the Policy Subcommittee
 - 1. Becky will check on conflict of interest and if she is able to. Xochitl will also have to check with the City
 - iv. Jodie Jaramillo nominated Gail Starr to Chair the policy Subcommittee.
 - 1. Gail respectfully declined the nomination
 - v. Co-Chair Alipat moved to table discussion and nominations for Policy Subcommittee to the November meeting. Chair Garcia seconded. Motion approved 6-0

X. Public Comment

- a. Markela Clinton read the City’s Proclamation for DV Awareness Month
- b. Francesca reiterated Quintin’s information about a legislative grant from Sandoval County for DV training in Sandoval County. Handed out fliers and business cards
- c. Chair Garcia has NM United Tickets
- d. Beatriz Valencia extended huge gratitude for the service that Chair Garcia and Co-Chair

Alipat gave to the commission

- e. Representative Herndon discussed a new initiative the task force is working on about no survivor having to go to court without a representative as well as initiatives to help survivors who bring pets with them out of DV situations

XI. Adjournment

- a. There being no further business before the Board, Co-Chair Alipat adjourned the meeting at 4:51 PM.

Approved: _____

Date: _____