



**CITY OF GLENDALE
COMMISSION ON THE STATUS OF WOMEN
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

February 27, 2019, 5:30 pm

1. ROLL CALL & WELCOME

PRESENT: Magran, Perian, Semerdjian, Dilanian, Garabetian
ABSENT: Broussalian, Burns
STAFF: Hayrapetian, Powers, Varpetian

A. Report regarding the posting of the Agenda: The Agenda for the February 27, 2019, special meeting was posted on the bulletin board outside of City Hall on February 25, 2019.

2. INTRODUCTIONS & PRESENTATIONS

A. Presentation: Laura Duncan, Executive Director, Ascencia

Dr. Laura Duncan has been with Ascencia for five years, and was recently named Executive Director. She provided information about Ascencia, a homeless services agency located in South Glendale that serves men and women. Homeless crisis has become highly visible. She highlighted the factors that contribute to someone becoming homeless (i.e., mental health, substance abuse). Some of the services Ascencia provides include psychiatric services, trauma therapy, and tutoring for students. During 2017-18, Ascencia served the highest number of people (1,291), compared to five years ago. She also highlighted the three phases of their services: (1) outreach, engagement, and assessment; (2) gathering documentation, accessing services, emergency shelter, establishing/increasing income; and (3) permanent housing and supportive services. Overall, Ascencia serves an average of 1200 people per year and has 45 beds that serve about 200 people per year. Dr. Duncan invited CSW members to tour Ascencia.

3. ORAL COMMENT: Discussion is limited to items NOT a part of this agenda. Each speaker is allowed 5 minutes. The Commission may question or respond to the speaker but there will be no debate or discussion. Staff may refer the matter to the proper department for investigation and report.

No speaker cards were submitted

4. CONSENT ITEMS

A. Approval of the minutes of the Special Commission Meeting held on November 28, 2018

Motion: Perian Second: Semerdjian

Roll call was conducted and Commissioners voted as follows:

Ayes: Magran, Perian, Semerdjian

Noes: --

Abstain: --

Motion Passes (3-0-0)



5. BUSINESS AGENDA

A. Action Items

1. 2019 Quarterly Meeting Schedule of the Commission on the Status of Women
Motion to Cancel the Regular Commission Meeting Scheduled for Monday, November 11, 2019, and hold a Special Commission Meeting on November 7, 2019 at 5:30 PM
Motion: Perian Second: Semerdjian
Roll call was conducted and Commissioners voted as follow:
Ayes: Magran, Perian, Semerdjian
Noes: --
Abstain: --
Motion Passes (3-0-0)

2. Consideration of State Legislation for the Commission on the Status of Women's Legislative Agenda
Motion Providing Direction on the List of Bills Presented
Motion: Semerdjian Second: Perian
Roll call was conducted and Commissioners voted as follow:
Ayes: Magran, Perian, Semerdjian
Noes: --
Abstain: --
Motion Passes (3-0-0)

3. Establishment of Ad Hoc Committees to Support the 2019-22 Commission on the Status of Women's Strategic Plan
Motion to move forward with filling some of the Ad Hoc Committees.
Motion: Perian Second: no second, motion dies
Motion to hold item to the following meeting to fill Ad Hoc Committees with a full quorum.
Motion: Semerdjian Second: Magran
Roll call was conducted and Commissioners voted as follow:
Ayes: Magran, Perian, Semerdjian
Noes: --
Abstain: --
Motion Passes (3-0-0)

4. Consideration and Discussion of a Program Celebrating the Centennial of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution
Motion to have the CSW participate as a sponsor of the Centennial Celebration of the 19th Amendment, with Commissioner Semerdjian as the CSW's representative
Motion: Semerdjian Second: Magran
Roll call was conducted and Commissioners voted as follow:
Ayes: Magran, Perian, Semerdjian
Noes: --
Abstain: --
Motion Passes (3-0-0)



6. COMMISSIONER/STAFF COMMENTS

Commissioner Perian shared that she attended Soroptimist's Human Trafficking presentation.

Staff Powers mentioned that it was the inaugural DGA International Women's Day Summit at CBRE on March 8, at 1:30 pm. She also congratulated Vice Chair Magran for receiving the Tom Miller Award from the Glendale Healthier Community Coalition on April 4 during their awards luncheon.

Commissioner Perian asked to get metrics for incarceration details and other vital (and readily available) data and Staff member Powers said she will reach out to the Glendale Police Department and the Verdugo Job Center for that data.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 PM.

Motion: Perian Second: Semerdjian