

Pima County/Tucson Women’s Commission

FULL COMMISSION

Wednesday, March 4, 2026, 6:00 p.m.

DRAFT Minutes

1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kim Fitch at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call:

Attending Commissioners:

Kim Fitch	Pima County District 3
Molly Ring	Pima County District 1
Annie Sykes	Pima County District 5
Ana Marrufo	City of Tucson Ward 1
Sierra Yamanaka	City of Tucson Ward 2
Lauren Burson	City of Tucson Ward 3
Roberta Vance	City of Tucson Ward 4
Stephanie Noriega	City of Tucson Ward 5 (virtually)
Ashley Rubin	City of Tucson Ward 6 (virtually)
Maria Vianey Valdez-Cardenas	PCTWC Commission
Joyce Wong	PCTWC Commission
Halle Aquino	PCTWC Commission (virtually)

Absent:

Cathy Bosch	PCTWC Commission
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Guests:

Zoey Dzieman
Melinda Gomez
Bonnie Bazata

3. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. Guest Speaker - Jen Allen, Pima County Board of Supervisors Board Chair/District

Jen Allen spoke of District 3’s priorities: addressing climate change, water conservation, increasing affordable housing, reforming the criminal justice policies, and advocating for rural communities. She passed out her district’s annual report. She said last year they saw the rise of data centers in Southern Arizona, catching local communities unprepared. A proposed land sale and rezoning for a data center was presented without disclosing

critical information like water and energy use. She voted against the land sale and rezoning but was outvoted 3-2.

Chair Fitch asked her how the PCTWC can help District 3 and if any grants were available to help our commission with the building structure and other resources we need to keep the commission running. Jen said she and her staff would look into some grants or bonds available. The former District 3 Supervisor, Sharon Bronson, was the go-to person for “Women in Government” and she was asked if she could fill the same role.

5. Review and Approval of Minutes from meeting of February 4, 2026:

It was moved by Ana Marrufo, duly seconded by Roberta Vance, to approve the minutes of February 4, 2026. Motion carried by a voice vote of 12 to 0.

6. Finance and Operations:

Molly Ring provided the Treasurer’s Report for period 2/1/26 thru 2/28/26. The PCTWC has maintained the account balance at \$35,478. The new income is due to the Presidio rent catching up. No new donations came in. Utility costs were lower because billing is behind but utilities will catch up next month.

There was a suggestion to include an Act Blue QR code to the social media accounts to encourage page visitors to donate. It was moved by Sierra Yamanaka, duly seconded by Annie Sykes, to accept the treasurer’s report. Motion carried by a voice vote of 12 to 0.

7. Chair Report

There has been no interest in the Alternate Treasurer position yet. Chair Fitch encouraged anyone interested to submit a Letter of Interest to be discussed at the next meeting.

8. Subcommittee Reports:

a. Nominating Committee -

Melinda Gomez submitted a Letter of Interest to become a member. Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of her being the District 4 appointee in the near future. In the meantime, the commission said she could be an at-large appointee until she met with Supervisor Steven Christy.

It was moved by Annie Sykes, duly seconded by Maria Vianey Valdez-Cardenas to add Melinda Gomez to the PCTWC as an at-large member. Motion carried by a voice vote of 12 to 0. Kim will forward the appointment documents to the Clerk of the Board and the City Clerk’s Office.

Guest Zoey Dzeiman introduced herself and said she was also interested in becoming a member. She founded a non-profit in high school and is interested in women's equality.

b. Website / Social Media Subcommittee –

Molly Ring said the thank you notes went out to the previous donors. More information to come on automating the thank you notes in the near future. She is looking at adding a commissioner of the month with a short biography and a spotlight on each one.

Discussion was held regarding a “Save the Date” on the website for the PCTWC's 50th Anniversary on August 26, 2026.

c. Strategic Planning Subcommittee -

Sierra Yamanaka will send a doodle poll to all the commissioners to agree on a retreat day this coming June.

d. DV Resource Guide Subcommittee

Roberta Vance reminded the subcommittee members to turn in any updates to Ana Marrufo so she can update the DV Resource Guide and reformat it once complete. She also said the commissioners were able to help a lady that reached out for help. They were able to get the resources she needed.

e. Building Maintenance Subcommittee -

Joyce Wong reported the exterior work was almost done. There is still work to be done on the awning and the interior paint. A contractor suggested to prioritize one room at a time for the interior paint project after the adobe repairs have been made to be more cost-effective if the work is to be done by August. The commissioners will continue to call painters to get price quotes.

The adobe repairs are approximately \$5,000 and the keyless lock will be installed soon. Melinda Gomez said she can contact someone to donate funds for the adobe repair. She will report back at the next meeting.

f. PCTWC 50th Anniversary Celebration –

Sierra Yamanaka will schedule a meeting with the commissioners this month. Kim reminded them a study on the status of women needed to be done before the event.

9. Strategic Plan Deep Dive – Goal #1

Due to time constraints, this item was tabled for the meeting in April

10. Old Business

None

11. New Business

Kim read a thank-you note from Alison Hughes who was the special speaker at the February meeting. She also invited the commissioners to a Women's March on March 8th. This event was scheduled at 2pm at the Federal Building.

Maria Vianey Valdez-Cardenas said Annie Sykes was nominated and will be awarded the Woman of Worth distinction by United Hearts of Arizona. This event was scheduled on March 7th at the El Pueblo Senior Center, 101 W. Irvington, Bldfg 14, at 10am.

12. Call to the Public / Announcements

None

13. Upcoming Meetings:

Next meeting will be held on April 1, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

13. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.