

MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the Human Services Commission
Thursday, May 15, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Human Services Commission of the City of Gardena, California, was called to order by Chair Loduem at 6:06 pm on Thursday, May 15, 2025, in the Nakaoka Community Center.

1. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Chair Valerie Loduem; Vice-Chair Tanoh Amoa (King Nat) Jr.; Member Shari Farmer; Member Sharon Pamplin

Absent: Member LaWanda Staten

In Attendance: Nicola Howard, Staff Liaison

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was moved by Member Farmer, seconded by Member Amoa, and carried by unanimous vote of those present to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2025 meeting.

5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

HS Commission presentation to Council – no date has been set

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

Chair and Co-Chair will be selected during the July meeting. No meeting in June due to the Juneteenth holiday.

7. **COMMISSION MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS**

- Member Pamplin attended the Ministerial Association Meeting.
- Member Farmer attended PACFest and went through the Community Policing Academy through Gardena PD. Commissioners asked Member Farmer if she could find out when the next Academy will be offered and share the information with them.

8. **UPCOMING EVENTS / VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

The following events were discussed and flyers distributed:

- Older Americans & Mental Health Awareness Month Celebration - Saturday, May 17
- Boys to Men - Friday, May 30
- Bring it on the Blvd - Saturday, June 7
- Juneteenth - Thursday, June 19
- Community Care Day - Saturday, June 21
- Gardena Dodger Day – Tuesday, July 22

9. **STAFF LIAISON REPORT**

- Human Services Update - Liaison Howard shared that our new Human Services Coordinator has started so we are full staff in Human Services now. Our new coordinator will focus on our community events and programs and the community food pantry.

- We received the donation from the post office for the community food pantry.
- Hygiene supplies are given out to the homeless and as part of the community pantry and we can always use donations of those supplies.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:45 pm made by Member Farmer, seconded by Member Pamplin, and passed with unanimous vote of those present. Next meeting will be July 17, 2025 at 6:00 pm in the Nakaoka Community Center.

APPROVED:



Nicola Howard, Staff Liaison



Valerie Loduem, Chair