



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Commission

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

5:30 PM

Zoom (register in advance):

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1. Call To Order/Roll Call

A regular meeting of the DEI Commission was called to order by Chair LongSoldier on February 25, 2026, at 5:34 PM.

Richard Watts also attended as a member of the public.

- Present** 4 - Commissioner Bianca Gonzalez-De La Rosa, Commissioner Iona LongSoldier, Commissioner Michelle Curry, and Chrissy Chard
- Excused** 5 - Council Member Craig Kim, Commissioner Deana Hall, Joanne Stranahan, Commissioner Ashley Roman, and Council Member Stefanie Trujillo
- Absent** 1 - Commissioner Marco Vega

2. Land acknowledgement

Chair LongSoldier read the land acknowledgement.

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4. Approval of Minutes

[Min 26-045](#)

January Meeting Minutes

Chair LongSoldier made a motion to approve the minutes of the January meeting. Commissioner Chard seconded the motion.

- Ayes:** 4 - Commissioner Gonzalez-De La Rosa, Commissioner LongSoldier, Commissioner Curry and Chard
- Excused:** 5 - Council Member Kim, Commissioner Hall, Stranahan, Roman and Council Member Trujillo

5. 2026 Budget & Goals

[26-022](#)

2026 Goals - Draft

The commission discussed goals and made some edits to the first goal. The final vote to adopt goals will be at the March meeting to include the full group.

[26-023](#)

2026 Budget - Draft

Chair LongSoldier moved to approve the budget as drafted. Commissioner Curry seconded the motion.

Ayes: 4 - Commissioner Gonzalez-De La Rosa, Commissioner LongSoldier, Commissioner Curry and Chard

Excused: 5 - Council Member Kim, Commissioner Hall, Stranahan, Roman and Council Member Trujillo

6. Subcommittee Reports

a. Community Listening & Advocacy

Subcommittee shared a draft survey for feedback. The commission discussed the goals and outcomes of the survey and how to collect responses. Staff will share draft with full group to discuss more at the March meeting, along with the date of the first Speak Up event.

b. Events, Education & Partnerships

i. February Movie Debrief

Event was a success with no adjustments to consider for the future. The next movie is the Park After Dark event with PRG on May 29. The movie will be the live-action version of Lilo & Stitch. Staff will reach out to PRG to know what is expected from the DEI Commission to support the event day-of.

ii. March Project

Flyer with information was shared with the group.

iii. Juneteenth Event Planning

Staff shared planning update and information regarding Cultural Council's sponsorship. Chair LongSoldier inquired about the t-shirt vendor from last year, and will discuss more with the subcommittee.

7. Council Report

a. Upcoming Proclamations - Mar 16

The proclamations scheduled for March 16 will likely move to a later date. Staff will share with the group once confirmed.

8. Other Business

Chair LongSoldier shared information regarding the Denver PowWow March 20-22. Commissioner Chard shared information regarding the upcoming No Kings protest on March 28.

Chair LongSoldier moved to reimburse commissioners to attend the Denver PowWow for up to two tickets. Commissioner Chard seconded the motion.

Ayes: 4 - Commissioner Gonzalez-De La Rosa, Commissioner LongSoldier, Commissioner Curry and Chard

Excused: 5 - Council Member Kim, Commissioner Hall, Stranahan, Roman and Council Member Trujillo

a. March Meeting & Agenda Setting

Next meeting is scheduled for March 25 at Bison Ridge Rec Center with Anythink Libraries presenting. Commission hopes to discuss March event debriefs and Park After Dark movie needs in addition to other identified agenda items from earlier in the meeting. Snacks will be provided, but not a full meal.

9. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:49 PM.

Melissa Sumner, Staff Liaison

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