



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE
HISPANIC/LATINO QUALITY OF LIFE ADVISORY COMMISSION
Wednesday, September 23, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.
Street-Jones Building, 400-A
1000 East 11th Street
Austin, Texas 78702**

CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:

*Jill Ramirez, Chair
Dianna Velasquez, Vice-Chair
Carlos Espinosa
Andrea Guerra
Rodolfo Jiménez*

*Carmen Llanes
Isabel López-Aguilar
Yvette Ruiz
Teófilo Tijerina
Emilio Zamora*

Approved Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The Board Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance: Chair Jill Ramirez, Vice-Chair Dianna Velasquez and
Commissioners: Carlos Espinosa Andrea Guerra, , Rodolfo Jiménez, Carmen Llanes, Isabel López-Aguilar, Yvette Ruiz, Teófilo Tijerina, and Emilio Zamora.

Staff in Attendance: Ray Baray, Chief of Staff and Marion Sanchez, Community Engagement Consultant at CPIO

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

- a. Stephanie Bergara
- b. Gilbert Rivera
- c. Sylvia Orozco
- d. Cynthia Valadez

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. A motion was made by Commissioner Lopez-Aguilar and seconded by Commissioner Tijerina to approve the August 26, 2015 regular schedule meeting minutes. The motion was approved on a unanimous vote.

3. OLD BUSINESS

- a. None

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Council Member Renteria gives a presentation about the City of Austin budget providing the overall highlights
- b. Discussion and possible action on how to promote future meetings to increase public participation, transparency and awareness. Discussion includes, but is not limited to Social Media including Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and other possible communications



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tools. Yasmin Wagner, Creative Services Manager at CPIO provided information and answered questions.

- A motion was made by Commissioner Tijerina and seconded by Commissioner López-Aguilar to form a work group which will offer communication tools to increase public participation, transparency, and awareness of the Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Advisory Commission. Members of the work group will consist of Commissioners López-Aguilar, Jimenez, Zamora, Ruiz, and Espinosa. The motion was approved on a unanimous vote.
- c. Discussion and possible action on future meeting locations
- A motion was made by Commissioner López-Aguilar and seconded by Commissioner Ruiz to move further meetings to the Mexican American Cultural Center (MACC). Quarterly meetings will be rotating around the city. The motion was approved on a unanimous vote.
- d. Discussion and possible action scheduling a special called meeting to strategize future actions. Discussion includes, but not limited to meeting agenda items and history of the commission.
- A motion was made by Commissioner Zamora and seconded by Commissioner Espinosa to schedule a strategic & planning meeting. The meeting will include planning meeting agenda items, overviewing the history of the commission, goals and objectives, etc. The motion was approved on a unanimous vote.
- e. Discussion and possible action about future agenda items
- A motion was made by Commissioner Tijerina and seconded by Vice-Chair Velasquez to include a presentation about assessment needed for Hispanic/Latinos at a next commission meeting. The motion was approved on a unanimous vote.
 - A motion was made by Commissioner Zamora and seconded by Commissioner Lopez-Aguilar to invite City Manager Marc Ott or a representative to attend a commission meeting to receive an update of the development of the Office of Diversity and Equity. The motion was approved on a unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Chair Ramirez and seconded by Commissioner Ruiz to adjourn the meeting. The Commission approved the motion unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.