



***HISPANIC/LATINO QUALITY-OF-LIFE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINUTES***

**The HISPANIC LATINO QUALITY OF LIFE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION convened a REGULAR meeting on TUESDAY, MARCH 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. CST, in CITY OF AUSTIN BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS ROOM #1101 – CITY HALL (301 W. 2<sup>ND</sup> STREET; AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701).**

**Chair AMANDA AFIFI called the HISPANIC LATINO QUALITY OF LIFE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION Meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.**

**Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance:**

*Amanda Afifi (Chair)*

*Daniela Silva*

**Board Members/Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:**

*Ivanna Neri (Co-Chair)*

*Jesus Perales*

*Leonor Vargas*

*Kevin Jackson*

**Commissioners Absent:**

*Eliza May*

*Vanessa Maldonado*

**Staff in Attendance:**

*Equity Office, Community Services Program Coordinator – Alejandra Mireles*

*Office of City Clerk, Business Process Specialist – Christi Vitela*

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL**

The first ten speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

1. Martha Cotera, communicates support for recommendation supporting Academia Cuauhtli (agenda item six).

2. Carmen del Unda, communicates support for recommendation supporting Academia Cuauhtli (agenda item six).
3. Emelio Zamora, communicates support for recommendation supporting Academia Cuauhtli (agenda item six).

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

4. Approve the minutes of the COMMISSION'S REGULAR MEETING on FEBRUARY 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024.  
**The minutes were approved on COMMISSIONER JESUS PERALES' motion, COMMISSIONER LYSETTE GALVAN's second on a 7-0 vote (Absent: Commissioners Vanessa Maldonado and Eliza May).**

#### **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

5. Approve a recommendation on the FY 2024-25 Budget for Supporting Hispanic/Latino College Graduates.  
**Commissioners discuss and edit. Recommendation PASSESS on COMMISSIONER JESUS PERALES' motion, COMMISSIONER AMANDA AFIFI's second on a 7-0 vote (Absent: Commissioners Vanessa Maldonado and Eliza May).**
6. Approve a recommendation on the FY 2024-25 Budget for the Family Stabilization Program.  
**Commissioners discuss and edit. Recommendation PASSESS on COMMISSIONER DANIELA SILVA's motion, COMMISSIONER JESUS PERALES' second on a 7-0 vote (Absent: Commissioners Vanessa Maldonado and Eliza May).**
7. Approve a recommendation on the FY 2024-25 Budget for Re-Entry Programs.  
**Commissioners discuss and edit. Recommendation PASSESS on COMMISSIONER LYSETTE GALVAN's motion, COMMISSIONER DANIELA SILVA's second on a 7-0 vote (Absent: Commissioners Vanessa Maldonado and Eliza May).**
8. Approve a recommendation on the FY 2024-25 Budget for Immigrant Legal Services.  
**Commissioners discuss and edit. Recommendation PASSESS on COMMISSIONER LEONOR VARGAS' motion, COMMISSIONER LYSETTE GALVAN's second on a 7-0 vote (Absent: Commissioners Vanessa Maldonado and Eliza May).**
9. Approve a recommendation on the FY 2024-25 Budget for Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Programs That Support Children and Youth.  
**Commissioners discuss and edit. Recommendation PASSESS on COMMISSIONER LEONOR VARGAS' motion, COMMISSIONER JESUS PERALES' second on a 7-0 vote (Absent: Commissioners Vanessa Maldonado and Eliza May).**
10. Approve a recommendation on the FY 2024-25 Budget for Housing Stabilization Programs.

**Commissioners discuss and edit. Recommendation PASSESS on COMMISSIONER DANIELA SILVA's motion, COMMISSIONER LEONOR VARGAS' second on a 6-1 vote (Abstain: Commissioner Ivanna Neri. Absent: Commissioners Vanessa Maldonado and Eliza May).**

11. Approve a recommendation on the FY 2024-25 Budget for Early Childhood Education and Development.  
**Commissioners discuss and edit. Recommendation PASSESS on COMMISSIONER JESUS PERALES' motion, COMMISSIONER DULCE CASTAÑEDA second on a 7-0 vote (Absent: Commissioners Vanessa Maldonado and Eliza May).**
12. Approve a recommendation on the FY 2024-25 Budget for Medical Clinics.  
**Commissioners discuss and edit. Recommendation PASSESS on COMMISSIONER JESUS PERALES' motion, COMMISSIONER IVANNA NERI's second on a 7-0 vote (Absent: Commissioners Vanessa Maldonado and Eliza May).**
13. Approve a recommendation on the FY 2024-25 Budget for Language Access.
14. Approve a recommendation on the FY 2024-25 Budget for iMOMS and Women's Mind at Ease Conference.  
**Commissioners discuss and edit. Recommendation PASSESS on COMMISSIONER JESUS PERALES' motion, COMMISSIONER IVANNA NERI second on a 5-2 vote (Abstain: Commissioners Leonor Vargas and Dulce Castañeda. Absent: Commissioners Vanessa Maldonado and Eliza May).**
15. Approve a recommendation on the FY 2024-25 Budget for Increase Funding for Community Navigators in the Economic Development Department's Arts Funding Programs.  
**Motion to POSTPONE PASSESS on COMMISSIONER IVANNA NERI's motion, COMMISSIONER DANIELA SILVA's second on a 7-0 vote (Absent: Commissioners Vanessa Maldonado and Eliza May).**

#### **WORKING GROUPS/COMMITTEE UPDATES**

16. Budget & Policy Priorities Workgroup – Updates from the last workgroup meeting related to policy matters and the FY 2024-25 budget. (*Amanda Afifi, Sharon Vigil, Jesus Perales, Dulce Castañeda, and Leonor Vargas*)  
**No other updates.**
17. Language Access Workgroup – Updates from the workgroup on issues pertaining to their assignment. (*Amanda Afifi, Dulce Castaneda, Vanessa Maldonado, Daniela Silva, and Hector Ordaz*)  
**No updates.**

18. Public Safety & Immigrant Affairs Workgroup – Updates from the workgroup on issues pertaining to their assignment. (*Dulce Castaneda, Leonor Vargas, and Sharon Vigil*)  
**No updates.**
19. Arts and Culture Workgroup – Updates from the workgroup on issues impacting Spanish speaking artists and performers. (*Ivanna Neri, Leonor Vargas, Ana Laura de Santiago, Norma del Torro, Priscilla Cortez, and Luis Ordaz*)  
**No updates.**
20. Joint Inclusion Committee (JIC) – General update and discussion on the coalition building work of the Committee. (*Amanda Afifi and Ivanna Neri*)  
**COMMISSIONER AMANDA AFIFI shares that recommendations from coalition will be considered.**

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**Lila Valencia, City Demographer**

**APD, SB4 procedures and policies**

**Officer Elections (Chair and Vice Chair)**

### **ADJOURNMENT: 8:08 pm**

**The minutes were approved at the APRIL 23, 2024 REGULAR meeting on COMMISSIONER DANIELA SILVA's motion, COMMISSIONER DULCE CASTAÑEDA's second on a 6-0 vote (Absent: Commissioners Vanessa Maldonado and Jesus Perales).**