



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

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

The Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Resource Advisory Commission convened in a regular called meeting on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at City Hall, 301 W 2nd St in Austin, Texas.

Vice Chair Silva called the Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Resource Advisory Commission Meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Daniela Silva, Vice Chair
Melissa Ruiz

Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

Amanda Afifi
Dulce Castañeda
Lyssette Galvan
Jesus Perales

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Resource Advisory Commission regular meeting on January 28, 2024.

The minutes from the meeting on January 28, 2025, were approved on Commissioner Perales' motion, Commissioner Galvan's second on a 6-0 vote. Chair Neri, Commissioners Jackson and Peña were absent.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

2. Staff briefing regarding immigrant affairs by Rocío Villalobos, Immigrant Affairs Manager and DACA Liaison Officer, Equity and Inclusion Office.

The presentation was made by Rocío Villalobos, Immigrant Affairs Manager and DACA Liaison Officer, Equity and Inclusion Office.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

3. Approve the formation of a Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Working Group to research and write budget recommendations.

The motion to approve a Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget Working Group to research and write budget recommendations was approved on Commissioner Perales’ motion, Commissioner Galvan’s second on a 6-0 vote. Chair Neri, Commissioners Jackson and Peña were absent.

Vice Chair Silva, Commissioners Afifi and Galvan were added to the Working Group without objection.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

4. Presentation by American Gateways regarding their work in the Austin community providing legal services to the low income and immigrant communities.

The presentation was made by Rebecca Lightsey, Co-Executive Director, American Gateways.

5. Presentation by the Community Investment Budget Coalition on their priorities for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

The presentation was made by Kathy Mitchell, Community Investment Budget Coalition.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Austin Police Department – Immigration Enforcement - March

Two Budget Recommendations -March - Family Stabilization Grant and Immigrant Legal Services

Director of Equity and Inclusion Office - April

Emergency Language Plan – CPIO - April

Boy Scouts - April

Know Your Rights Presentation- May – Workers Defense

Vice Chair Silva adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m. without objection.