



**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, 2025.

**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.**

**The minutes were approved at the March 25, 2025, meeting on Commissioner Peña's motion, Commissioner Perales' second on a 7-0 vote. Commissioners Castañeda and Jackson were absent.**