



**EMMA S. BARRIENTOS MEXICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CENTER
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2025**

The Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center convened in a Regular meeting on Wednesday, June 4, 2025, at City Hall – Board and Commissions Room located at 301 West Second Street in Austin, Texas 78701. (Some members of the ESB-MACC Advisory Board participated via videoconference.)

Chair Navarro called the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center Meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Board Members in Attendance:

Angelica Navarro, Chair
Lillian “Lily” Zamarripa-Saenz, Vice Chair
Hilario “Larry” Amaro, Member
Noemi Castro, Member
Alexander “Al” Duarte, Member
John Estrada, Member
Cynthia “Cy” Herrera, Member (Arrived at 6:17pm)
Lynda Quintana, Member
Raul “Roy” Reyna, Member

Board Members Absent:

Anthony Martinez, Member
Selma Sanchez, Member

Staff in Attendance:

Michelle Rojas, ESB-MACC Culture and Arts Education Manager
Marie Ortiz, ESB-MACC Culture and Arts Education Supervisor
Tina Davila, ESB-MACC Administrative Specialist

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: GENERAL

No sign-ups for public communication.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. The minutes from the Regular meeting of May 7, 2025, were approved on Vice Chair Zamarripa-Saenz motion. Member Reyna seconded. Unanimous vote (8.0). Motion passed. Members Herrera, Martinez and Sanchez absent.

STAFF BRIEFINGS

2. **Staff briefing on staffing updates, April and May programs, marketing and outreach efforts, and updates on signature event planning.**

Olivia Tamzarian, ESB-MACC Culture and Arts Education Marketing & Outreach Representative provided updates on their Holistic Wellness Programs (HWP), Education, Caminos Teen Leadership programming, and current and upcoming marketing and outreach events. Tamzarian reminded the board of their Awards of Excellence (AOE) event that would take place Saturday, June 28th from 3pm-5pm at the Long Center – Kodosky Lounge. She gave a summary of the event, informing everyone about what to expect, and requested that the winners not be publicly disclosed until an official announcement was made. She indicated the announcement would be shared on their social media platforms and through the City’s news release on June 20, 2025.

(Please see the Board and Commissions Website for backup material.)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. **Update on the ESB-MACC Phase 2 Construction Project.**

Michelle Rojas, ESB-MACC Culture and Arts Education Manager provided a brief overview of the current project timeline, announcements, scheduled milestones, as well as photos showing the construction progress.

(Please see the Board and Commissions Website for backup material.)

4. **Discussion on Annual Internal Review Report.**

Chair Navarro notified the board that the Annual Internal Review report was due July 31, 2025. She explained that she and Vice Chair Zamarripa-Saenz were working on a draft and would share it with the rest of the board once completed.

WORKING GROUP UPDATES

5. **Awards of Excellence: Update on event planning and assignment of tasks.**

Member Reyna informed the board that Bruna Cristina from Telemundo would serve as their Master of Ceremonies. He noted that Bruna had been collaborating with Marie Ortiz, ESB-MACC Culture & Arts Education Supervisor and Estrella DeLeon, ESB-MACC Culture & Arts Events Coordinator, on planning and logistics. Member Quintana also shared that the nomination process was easy. She mentioned she had discovered artists she had never heard of before and expressed her excitement.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Create a working group to assist with planning the MACC’s grand opening. (Sponsors: Navarro, Zamarripa-Saenz)

Update from the Music Hub working group. (Sponsors: Zamarripa-Saenz, Herrera)

ADJOURNMENT

Member Zamarripa-Saenz motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:43pm. Member Castro seconded. Unanimous vote (9.0). Motion passed. Members Martinez and Sanchez absent.

The minutes were approved at the August 6, 2025, Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center meeting on Member Duarte’s motion, Vice Chair Zamarripa-Saenz seconded on a 10-0 vote with no vacancies. Board Member Martinez absent.