



**HISPANIC/LATINO QUALITY OF LIFE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2026**

The Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Resource Advisory Commission convened in a regular meeting on Tuesday, July 28, 2026, at Austin City Hall, room 1101.

Chair Galvan called the Hispanic/Latino Quality of Life Resource Advisory Commission Meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Lysette Galvan, *Chair*

Commissioners in Attendance Remotely:

Dulce Castañeda, *Vice Chair*

Amanda Afifi

Andrea Flores

Elizabeth Morales

Jesús Perales

Melissa Ruiz

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION : GENERAL

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approve the minutes of the Hispanic Latino Quality of Life Resource Advisory Commission meeting on June 23, 2026.

The minutes from the meeting on June 23, 2026, were approved during the July 28, 2026 meeting on Commissioner Perales' motion, Commissioner Ruiz's second on a 6-0 vote. Commissioner Morales was off the dais. Commissioner Ramos was absent.

STAFF BRIEFING

2. Staff briefing from Austin Public Health regarding general information on the Domestic Violence Center. Presentation by Laura LaFuente, Assistant Director, Austin Public Health and Akeshia Johnson Smothers, Program Manager III, Austin Public Health.

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3. Staff briefing from Austin Police Department regarding the transition of the Eloise House to Brave. Presentation by Kachina Clark, Division Manager, Austin Police and Marcy Alonzo, Sexual Assault Response and Resource Team (SARRT) Coordinator, Austin Police.
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4. Staff briefing from Austin Arts, Culture, Music and Entertainment (ACME) regarding Spanish Language support for ACME funding programs. Presentation by Morgan Messick, Assistant Director, ACME and Laura Odegard, Division Manager – Cultural Affairs and Investments, ACME.
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5. Staff briefing regarding the 2026 East Austin Historic Resource Survey. Presentation by Sofia Wagner, Planner III, Austin Planning.
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DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

6. Approve a revision of the bylaws to add public safety to the purpose and duties.
The motion to approve a revision of the bylaws by adding public safety to the purpose and duties of the bylaws were approved on Commissioner Morales' motion, Commissioner Afifi's second on a 7-0 vote. Commissioner Ramos was absent.
7. Approve a Recommendation to Council to Protect Language Access Programs.
The motion to approve a Recommendation to Council to protect language access programs was approved on Commissioner Perales' motion, Commissioner Morales' second on a 7-0 vote. Commissioner Ramos was absent.
8. Approve a Recommendation to Council to Protect SAFE Alliance and Eloise House.
The motion to approve a recommendation to Council to protect SAFE Alliance and Eloise House was approved on Vice Chair Castañeda's motion, Commissioner Flores' second on a 7-0 vote. Commissioner Ramos was absent.
9. Approve a Recommendation to Council to Protect Mental Health Services.
The motion to approve a recommendation to Council to protect mental health services was approved on Commissioner Afifi's motion, Commissioner Ruiz's second on a 7-0 vote. Commissioner Ramos was absent.
10. Approve a Recommendation to Council to Protect Community Hubs and Organizations with Wraparound Services.
The motion to approve a recommendation to Council to protect community hubs and organizations with wraparound services was approved on Commissioner Afifi's motion, Commissioner Morales' second on a 7-0 vote. Commissioner Ramos was absent.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Create a list of questions to share with JIC for the Chief Interim Equity Officer.
- Presentation from Austin Police Oversight regarding the Officer involved shooting dashboard.
- Approval of proclamation language for Hispanic Heritage Month

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Galvan adjourned the meeting at 8:11p.m. without objection.

The minutes from the meeting on July 28, 2026, were approved during the August 25, 2026 meeting on Commissioner Perales' motion, Commissioner Flores' second on a 6-0 vote. Commissioner Morales was off the dais. Commissioner Afifi was absent.