

Commission on Hispanic and Latiné Affairs Meeting

Minutes for Wednesday, February 25, 2026, and 5:30 pm Meeting

This meeting was held in the Hooker Conference Room (Suite 245, City Hall, 401 N. Morton St).

The meeting was called to order at approximately 5:30 pm.

Commission members present in person: Mariella Arredondo, Jimena Holguin, Claudia Lara, Marlo Libel, Dinorah Sapp, Raquel Anderson, Javier Rosales, Jose Fuentes, Gabriela Puscama.

Commission members present over Zoom: N/A

Commission members absent: N/A

City staff and elected officials present: Ximena Martinez, Marissa Parr-Scott

Were members of the public present: YES

Roll Call

Roll call was conducted. Commissioners present: Mariella Arredondo, Jimena Holguin, Claudia Lara, Marlo Libel, Dinorah Sapp, Raquel Anderson, Javier Rosales, Jose Fuentes, Gabriela Puscama.

Approval of Agenda and Approval of Memoranda/Minutes

Raquel Anderson moved to approve the agenda and minutes. Javier Rosales seconded the motion.

Reports

- Ximena reminded commissioners that the CHLA 2025 Annual Report will be presented to the City Council on March 25, 2025, and requested that commissioners submit any missing titles, employers, and photos. Commissioners discussed minor edits to the Education section and the Chair's message in the report. The Commission also discussed the importance of continuing efforts to empower the Latino/Hispanic community and exploring the possibility of reinstating community recognition awards. Ximena noted that presenting the annual report provides an opportunity to strengthen communication with the City Council and identify areas where the Commission may seek support. Commissioners also highlighted the importance of monitoring

local policy discussions that may affect Bloomington's Latino/Hispanic community.

New Business

- Marissa Parr-Scott, Staff Liaison to the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), invited CHLA members to attend the Women's History Month Luncheon on March 25 and shared information about upcoming CSW initiatives, including the Young Women Leadership Summit and the Women's Market. The Young Women Leadership Summit, held annually in early November, focuses on leadership development and networking opportunities for Black and Brown young women from middle school through college. CSW invited CHLA members to collaborate in planning future programming. Marissa also shared information about the Women's Market, scheduled for August 23, which provides free booths for women entrepreneurs, artists, and vendors. Commissioners discussed potential collaboration opportunities between CSW and CHLA, including outreach to Spanish-speaking entrepreneurs and highlighting Latino/Hispanic community members through recognition initiatives.
- Ayla Torres, President of ALMA (Advancing Latina Mentorship Access) at Indiana University, invited CHLA members to attend the ALMA Conference on March 7. ALMA is a student organization focused on building community and mentorship opportunities for Latinas through programs centered on social engagement, philanthropy, and education. The conference includes keynote speakers, workshops, networking opportunities, and college access information for students ranging from middle school through college. Commissioners discussed potential opportunities for collaboration and information sharing.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7 pm.