

# **Commission on Hispanic and Latiné Affairs Meeting**

## **Minutes for Wednesday, April 29, 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 **5:35 pm**.

Commission members present in person: **Mariella Arredondo, Jimena Holguin, Claudia Lara, Gabriela Puscama, and Javier Rosales.**

Commission members present over Zoom: **N/A**

Commission members absent: **Marlo Libel, Raquel Anderson, José Fuentes, Dinorah Sapp.**

City staff and elected officials present: **Ximena Martinez**

Were members of the public present: **YES**

- **Verónica Sambra** shared potential opportunities for nutrition workshops targeting Latino youth and families.
  - Possible locations include IU La Casa, the Southwest Library, Bloomington High School North/South, and Amigos Clubs
  - Proposed workshop topics include healthy cooking demonstrations, practical nutrition education, and family-friendly recipes
- An **elementary bilingual educator** who attended the adolescent mental health workshop shared positive feedback and interest in continued collaboration

### **Roll Call**

Roll call was conducted. Commissioners present: **Mariella Arredondo, Jimena Holguin, Claudia Lara, Gabriela Puscama, and Javier Rosales.**

### **Approval of Agenda and Approval of Memoranda/Minutes**

**Claudia Lara** moved to approve the agenda and minutes. **Mariella Arredondo** seconded the motion.

## REPORTS

### 1. Mental Health Workshop (April 26)

The Commission discussed the recent mental health workshop for adolescents held on April 26. Key points included:

- Positive community response and engagement
- Attendance of approximately 10 families (over 20 participants total)
- Feedback on outreach strategies, rotation of topics, and opportunities for improvement
- Javier Rosales shared reflections based on his experience with community-based support models

#### Action Items:

- **Gabriela Puscama** will coordinate with Luciana to schedule the next workshop, potentially in late summer (August), considering availability.

### 2. IUCU Scholarship

The Commission discussed updates regarding the IU Credit Union–CHLA Scholarship.

#### Action Items:

- **Dinorah Sapp** will conduct outreach to Amigos Clubs at local high schools to encourage applications.
- The Scholarship Selection Committee will include: **Mariella Arredondo, Gabriela Puscama, Javier Rosales, and Jimena Holguín.**
- The selection meeting will take place via Zoom on **May 24 at 4:00 p.m.**

## OLD BUSINESS

### 3. Senate Bill 76 (SB 76)

The Commission agreed to continue discussion on SB 76 and emphasized the importance of being well-informed on its implications.

- Commissioners will review the full legislation

- The Commission will seek guidance from legal and policy experts to better understand potential impacts on the Hispanic and Latiné community

**Action Items:**

- **All Commissioners** will review SB 76 and prepare questions for the Legal Department
- **Gabriela Puscama** will contact the Indiana Latino Affairs Commission for guidance or expert recommendations
- **Jimena Holguín** will reach out to Latino legal experts and/or Indiana University law faculty for potential participation in a future meeting
- **Claudia Lara** will follow up with contacts from the ALMA Conference network

**4. Civic Engagement / Partnerships**

**Action Items:**

- **Gabriela Puscama** will reach out to the Latino Affairs Commission in Indianapolis to explore collaboration opportunities and potential presentations to CHLA.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**5. Education Subcommittee Planning**

**Action Items:**

- **Mariella Arredondo** will add key dates related to education initiatives (school registration, FAFSA, Century 21 Scholarship).

**6. Latiné Recognition Awards**

- The Commission agreed to revisit and further discuss this initiative at the next meeting.

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:04 pm.