

Commission on Hispanic and Latiné Affairs Meeting

Minutes for Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at 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 **5:32 pm**. Commission members present in person: **Jimena Holguin, Mariella Arredondo, Raquel Anderson, Dinorah Sapp**. Commission members present over Zoom: **Gabriela Puscama**. Commission members absent: **José Fuentes, Marlo Libel, Claudia Lara, and Javier Rosales**. City staff and elected officials present: **Ximena Martinez**

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

- **Sonya Chevigny, Somos Latinos Indy** (not present, reschedule).
- **Dara Márquez, La Casa de Amistad**. Three main goals for La Casa de Amistad:
 - Abogacía - clínica legal, leyes de inmigración; abogado de inmigración a tiempo completo; naturalización; DACA; casos humanitarios.
 - Educación - programas de K-12 después de la escuela; programas biculturales, bilingües
 - Servicio Social - City ID program in South Bend, Plymouth, Goshen, Ft. Wayne; trabajadora social, caseworker; consejera bilingüe
 - Commissioners commented on the great service and programs offered by La Casa de Amistad, and we will continue our collaboration.
- **Herb Hernández, Indiana Commission of Hispanic/Latino Affairs** (on Zoom, bad internet connection, could not comment, reschedule)

Roll Call

Roll call was conducted. Commissioners present: **Jimena Holguin, Mariella Arredondo, Raquel Anderson, Dinorah Sapp, Gabriela Puscama**.

Approval of Agenda and Approval of Memoranda/Minutes

Jimena Olguin moved to approve the agenda and minutes. **Mariella Arredondo** approved the motion, and **Raquel Anderson** seconded the motion.

REPORTS

1. STAFF

A. Commissions' Training Feedback / Questions

The new guidelines are not written yet; they were just announced at the Training. Mariella was not able to attend the Training. Ximena will send out questions and comments as a commission, such as regarding the Legal disclaimer and how to handle statements. Do we need to wait until the Legal department approves it, or is including the legal disclaimer with a statement enough? Code of Conduct and Slides are missing.

B. Fiesta del Otoño

Sábado 19 de septiembre. The Commission will have a table. The Commission suggested inviting: La Casa de la Amistad, Mobile Health Clinic, Veronica Sambrano, Lisbeth Jimenez.

C. Consulado Móvil de México

Saturday, October 17, needs a closed place, like a basketball court (church, MCCSC)

2. HEALTH SUBCOMMITTEE

A. Second Mental Health Forum: Tuesday, August 4th, 5:30-7pm

B. Next Mental Health Workshop with Luciana: November 2026

C. Healthy Eating Workshop for Families: July 2026 with Veronica Sambrano and Veggie Meter.

3. EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE

A. MCCSC enrollment Outreach. Dinorah will contact Romeri Rubio about the workshop on how to enroll children for the academic year 27 (spring 2027)

B. FAFSA Information Campaign. Raquel will contact Lillian Casillas for La Casa workshops with dates and months (enero / febrero)

C. Century 21 Century Scholars. Mariella created flyers for the 21st-century scholars. The Commission will bring these flyers to Fiesta del Otoño.

4. PUBLIC RELATIONS / CIVIC ENGAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

A. Senate Bill 76 (SB 76). Commissioners will report on their review of Mariella Arredondo's SB 76 summary and on the questions for the Legal Department.

B. Latiné Recognition Awards. The Commission will revisit this next time.

5. Discussion:

- Raquel mentioned an art exhibit about Cuba coming up in the Ifell Building.
- Community Care Coalition fundraiser 25 July.

Adjournment 6:59