



STATE OF WASHINGTON
COMMISSION ON HISPANIC AFFAIRS
COMISIÓN DE ASUNTOS HISPANOS

1st Quarter Commission Meeting
 Zoom Meeting
 3/6/2021 10:00am to 12:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 10:06 AM .

ROLL CALL

Name	Title	Organization	Present
Bernal Baca	Chair	CHA	YES
Brian Moreno	Vice Chair	CHA	YES
Candice Garza	Commissioner	CHA	YES
Jessica Hernandez	Commissioner	CHA	YES
Lili Navarrete	Commissioner	CHA	NO
Lina Alvarez	Vice Chair	CHA	YES
Lola Flores	Commissioner	CHA	NO
Randy Nuñez	Commissioner	CHA	YES
Rodrigo Renteria	Commissioner	CHA	NO
STAFF			
María Sigüenza	Executive Director	CHA	YES
Nancy Rocha Aguilar	Communications and External Relations Manager	CHA	YES
Myra Hernandez	Operations and Special Projects Manager	CHA	YES
GUESTS			

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Without further discussion the agenda, with amendments, was approved.

WELCOME/ICE BREAKER

Vice Chair Alvarez introduced an ice breaker for commissioners.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were approved as read.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

Overtime Legislation

- Chair Baca provided an overview of overtime legislation; he explained that the bill was created after the lawsuit by Columbia Legal Services to the dairy industry and carried it over to the agriculture industry. A law that prohibited farmworkers from overtime pay is being overturned by this bill.

Miller Park Funding

- Vice Chair Alvarez provided an update on the funding process. A few state legislators are supporting the funding, but we’re still waiting for more support. She stressed that park investment hasn’t happened in over 15 years, and it was an important endeavor to garner support for.



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ED Sigüenza provided an update on the Legislative Watchlist

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Budget

- ED Sigüenza provided an overview on the CHA budget: it is in a good standing and the team is focused on maximizing dollars by making website development, looking into technology for hybrid meetings; and providing more development opportunities to staff. After a question about carry-over, ED Sigüenza confirmed that anything not spent goes back to the general fund. ED Sigüenza also discussed increasing the amount that commissioners can choose to donate or use for awards. The current allotted amount is \$150.

Grant funding update

- Vice Chair Moreno provided an update on Pasco endorsement and beginning recruitment, starting conversations with Walla Walla replicating the program with their wine sciences program. LWIT submitted and awaiting approval after discovering an email glitch that resulted in them having to resubmit their application.

The Migrant Student Advisory Committee is meeting with Chris Reykdal on May 12th and providing feedback on his 10 priorities

Poverty Reduction Work Group

- CHA has been a constant active participant with the group. ED Sigüenza provided an overview of their history and work to date. She stressed that they have now wrapped up their work but will continue to meet and work in plan implementation.

VACCINE UPDATE

Commissioner Garza provided an update on the work she's doing with DOH. DOH has reached their goal daily vaccines meaning that numbers are growing and more and more people getting vaccinated. Right now, the current phase prioritizes educators, child care workers, and teachers are part of the current phase and getting scheduled ASAP.

More people being added than before:

- 3/22 high risk critical workers will be added to phase: ag, food processing, corrections, public transit, remaining first responders, etc.. People 16 years or older who are high risk and pregnant have been added as well.
- In April, DOH is adding 50 or older with 2 or more underlying conditions to the prioritization phasing.
- Johnson & Johnson vaccine approved: WA has yet to receive them, but they are coming

A discussion continued Commissioner Garza's update on current gaps that commissioners are seeing.

INTERIM TIMELINE

April/May:

- Finalize committee goals/focus
- Identify policy priorities

June

- Solidify policy priorities
- Start legislative concept paper (if any)

September

- Complete concept paper (if any)
- Create legislative strategy



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NEXT STEPS

Next meeting will be on April 9th via zoom

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Moreno motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nuñez. Without further discussion, the meeting adjourned at **11:28**.

ORIGINAL



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CHAT BOX

10:04:23 From Jessica Hernandez : Hola! Sorry to be on "listen mode" only!
10:04:32 From Jessica Hernandez : I only eat the spicy chicken!!!
10:06:01 From Jessica Hernandez : PRESENT!
10:08:05 From Jessica Hernandez : Go see and hug my sister in Bainbridge!! THEN travel to Mexico with the kids!! Zihuatenejo!
10:08:29 From Lina Alvarez : Jessica, that's awesome.
10:15:59 From María Sigüenza | CHA | she/her/ella :
<https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=5217&Year=2019>
10:16:05 From Jessica Hernandez : Wow, that IS exciting!
10:16:31 From María Sigüenza | CHA | she/her/ella : That one isn't it
10:18:10 From Myra Hernandez | She/Her : <http://lawfilesex.leg.wa.gov/biennium/2021-22/Pdf/Bill%20Reports/Senate/5172%20SBA%20LCTA%202021.pdf?q=20210306101755>
10:18:15 From María Sigüenza | CHA | she/her/ella : I think this one is it:
<https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=5046&Year=2021>
10:18:34 From María Sigüenza | CHA | she/her/ella : Myra is correct
10:25:41 From Randy Nuñez : Great work Lina!
10:34:57 From María Sigüenza | CHA | she/her/ella :
<https://app.leg.wa.gov/billsummary?BillNumber=1236&Year=2021&Initiative=false>
10:45:32 From Brian Moreno : <https://owllabs.com/products/meeting-owl-pro>
10:50:15 From Candice Garza : AMAZING!!! CONGRATS BRIAN!!!!
10:51:05 From Randy Nuñez : great news, great work!
10:51:23 From Jessica Hernandez : felicidades! thank you for your work Brian!
10:51:31 From Brian Moreno : Thanks all.
10:52:23 From Jessica Hernandez : Maria, I apologize if I missed it, is there an update on new Commissioners accepted from Gov's office?
10:59:41 From María Sigüenza | CHA | she/her/ella : We're still waiting. No news yet.
10:59:58 From Jessica Hernandez : Gracias