



STATE OF WASHINGTON
COMMISSION ON HISPANIC AFFAIRS

COMISIÓN DE ASUNTOS HISPANOS

3rd Quarter Commission Meeting

Zoom Meeting

9/18/2021 10:00am to 12:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 10:05 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	NO
Lili Navarrete	Commissioner	CHA	YES
Lina Alvarez	Vice-Chair	CHA	YES
Lola Flores	Commissioner	CHA	YES
Randy Nuñez	Commissioner	CHA	YES
Eric Gonzalez	Commissioner	CHA	YES
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			
Carlos Jimenez, Centro Cultural Mexicano Angie Hinojos, Centro Cultural Mexicano Luz Gonzalez-Virgen, L&I			

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Baca asked for any changes from Commissioners to the agenda.

Without further discussion, the agenda is approved.

WELCOME/ICE BREAKER

Chair Baca welcomed Commissioners and guests to share their early fall experience.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioners reviewed meeting minutes from:

- April 9th Conference Call
- May 14th Conference Call
- July 9th Conference Call
- August 13th Conference Call
- August 13th Special Meeting Call

Vice-Chair Alvarez moved to approve meeting minutes as read. Commissioner Garza seconded.

Without further discussion, meeting minutes are approved as read.



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ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES CHAPTER 16

Executive Director Sigüenza explained agency practice of including “Meals with Meetings” in Administrative Policies for easy access and assures staff and commissioners are aware of CHA policies.

Commissioner Nuñez moved to approve Chapter 16. Vice-Chair Moreno seconded.

Without further discussion, Administrative Policies Ch. 16 is approved as read.

VOTE: COMMISSION LEADERSHIP – CHAIR, 2 VICE-CHAIRS, 2 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Chair Baca explains to commissioners voting options for commissioners to discuss:

1. Create a new commission leadership
 - a. Chair
 - b. Vice-Chair
 - c. Vice-Chair
 - d. Executive Committee Member
 - e. Executive Committee Member
2. Continue the current commission leadership slate
 - a. Chair: Dr. Bernal Baca
 - b. Vice-Chair: Brian Moreno
 - c. Vice-Chair: Lina Alvarez
 - d. Executive Committee Member: Dr. Randy Nuñez
 - e. Executive Committee Member: Candice Garza

Vice-Chair Moreno moved to continue the slate. Vice-Chair Alvarez seconded. Chair Baca Vote passed unanimously.

Without further discussion, the current Commission Leadership slate is continued.

COMMISSION MEMBER RESIGNATION AND RECOGNITION

Executive Director Sigüenza recognizes the work former Commissioner Rodrigo Renteria provided on behalf of CHA during his time. Former Commissioner Renteria’s work focused on Ethnic Studies and educational access. Former Commissioner Renteria has been invited to attend our future meetings and participate as a member of the public.

Chair Baca recognized the unique strengths and perspectives commissioners bring to the Commission on Hispanic Affairs. The work commissioners put into their community and the agency is of great importance. Chair Baca emphasized the importance of serving communities and the impact Commissioner Renteria had on his fellow commissioners and the community.

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIES PRESENTATION

Communications and External Relations Manager Nancy provided background on the Commission on Hispanic Affairs partnership with L&I regarding the changes occurring in the state and how it affects agricultural employees. The purpose of the presentation is to provide commissioners and the public with resources and feedback as L&I grows its marketing and outreach.



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Luz from L&I presented their Changes to Agricultural Overtime Eligibility (PowerPoint attached to meeting materials). Luz's presentation highlighted the following:

- Minimum Wage Act protections
- History and changes for agricultural work
- Overview of ESSB 5172
- Overtime phase-in schedule
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
- L&I's law implementation plan
- Other agricultural workplace regulations
- Retaliation
- Overview of the farm labor contracting unit
- Employment Standards public webinars
- Contacts and resources

REDISTRICTING

Angie Hinojos from Centro Cultural talked about the importance of the results of the Census and the impact it has on the Latinx/Hispanic Community during redistricting. Centro Cultural Mexicano wants to work with CHA to spread awareness of upcoming changes and how they can support the community representation at this time during the process.

The Commission on Hispanic Affairs is working on a report based on the Census 2020 findings specific to Washington state Hispanics/Latinx, covering various demographics. The Commission on Hispanic Affairs will schedule a time with commissioners to meet again with Centro Cultural to discuss Census 2020 and Redistricting.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Alvarez motions to adjourn. Seconded by Vice-Chair Moreno.

Meeting adjourned at 11:31 AM.