



STATE OF WASHINGTON
COMMISSION ON HISPANIC AFFAIRS
COMISIÓN DE ASUNTOS HISPANOS

CHA Monthly Conference Call
Friday January 14, 2022
10:00AM – 11:00AM

Meeting called to order at 10:02 AM

Roll Call:

Name	Title	Organization	Present
Bernal Baca	Chair	CHA	YES
Brian Moreno	Vice Chair	CHA	YES
Candice Garza	Commissioner	CHA	NO
Jessica Hernandez	Commissioner	CHA	YES
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
Angie Hinojos	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	NO
GUESTS			
Senator Lisa Wellman Representative Alex Ybarra Representative Santos Representative Ortiz-Self (via Israel Rios, L.A.) Dr. Bish Paul, Policy Director Washington STEM Bernardo Miranda Maria Flores, Executive Director, CISL, OSPI Heather Rees, Research and Policy Program, CISL, OSPI Lydia M Faitalia, EOGOAC Tyson E.J. Marsh, EOGOAC			

Purpose of Meeting:
Conference Call

December 4, 2021 Minutes approved as read
Agenda approved with no additions

Washington STEM, Dr. Bish Paul

Dr. Paul provided an overview of 2 pieces of legislation that priorities for Washington STEM and 4 additional pieces of legislation that the organization is in strong support of.

- WA STEM
 - a. SB 5553, Wilson, C.
 - i. Makes sure that data is recorded to education and business systems, STEM Alliance Report Card
 - b. HB 1867, Paul
 - i. Dual Credit data access to ensure we make equitable decisions within program
- Others
 - a. HB 1840; Ortiz-Self
 - i. Include DEI and mental health in community colleges to address the inequities that exist that are barriers to completing college
 - b. HB 1659, Slatter
 - i. Addresses bridge funding in addition to tuition support
 - c. HB 1835, Hansen
 - i. Addresses communications for financial aid availability; creates grant programs for community organizations; allows for form-filling workshops
 - d. SB 5789, Randall
 - i. College pathways for students across the state; creates grant programs for community organizations

Commissioner Moreno raised a question regarding SB 5764. Commissioner Hinojos asked a clarifying question on SB 5789.

Educational Opportunity Gap Oversight Advisory Committee (EOGOAC)

Executive director Flores provided an overview of the EOGOAC, its charge, statute, and priorities to date. Members of the EOGOAC attended to provide support and field additional questions asked by CHA Commissioners. Director Flores provided an overview of studies submitted to the legislature in 2008 by CHA, Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs, and the Commission on African American Affairs that were the impetus for creating the EOGOAC. Director Flores stated that the EOGOAC wants to conduct a follow up study to assess opportunity gaps to date.

Vice Chair Moreno spoke about work with Career Connect Washington and the need for broader Prep and Explore programs for students in elementary and middle school. Commissioner Hinojos spoke about the importance of collecting qualitative and quantitative data and in addition, being intentional on disaggregating data as it pertains to the Latino community.

Commissioner Hinojos moved to support the study requested by the EOGOAC. Vice Chair Moreno seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Legislative Roundtable

Director Siguenza provided an update on HB 1750. A subgroup comprised of Commissioners Gonzalez and Hinojos and Dr. Baca will contact the chair of the corresponding committee for consideration of the Commission's position.

Commissioner Hernandez moved to adjourn, Commissioner Hinojos seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 11:03 AM

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