



STATE OF WASHINGTON
COMMISSION ON HISPANIC AFFAIRS
COMISIÓN DE ASUNTOS HISPANOS

Commission Meeting
In Person
Saturday June 3rd, 2023
10:00 AM – 2:30 PM

Meeting called to order at 10:02 AM.

Roll Call:

Name	Title	Organization	Present
Angie Hinojos	Chair	CHA	YES
Bernal Baca	Vice Chair	CHA	NO
Eric Gonzalez	Vice Chair	CHA	NO
Jessica Hernandez	Commissioner	CHA	NO
Lili Navarrete	Commissioner	CHA	NO
Lina Alvarez	Commissioner	CHA	YES
Lola Flores	Commissioner	CHA	YES
Randy Nuñez	Commissioner	CHA	YES
Fernando Mejia	Commissioner	CHA	YES
Mike Gonzalez	Commissioner	CHA	YES
STAFF			
María Sigüenza	Executive Director	CHA	YES
Nancy Rocha Aguilar	Communications and External Relations Manager	CHA	YES
Cynthia Tamayo	Operations and Special Projects Manager	CHA	NO
GUESTS			
Dr. Morales: Latino Center for Health presentation			
Dr. Aisenberg: Latino Center for Health presentation			
Lee Collyer: Student Restraint and Isolation presentation			
Karla & Ariana: Nuestra Casa			
Benjamin Floyd: Yakima Basin YBIP			

Purpose of Meeting:

Regularly scheduled Commission meeting

Agenda Approval

Chair Hinojos provided an overview of the agenda. Executive Director asked to add public comment. Chair Hinojos asked for space to discuss The Office of Equity. Commissioner Lola moved to approve the updated agenda, Commissioner Fernando seconded, and without further discussion, the Commission approved the agenda unanimously.

Business

Vote to Approve Minutes

Commissioner Lina moved to approve the minutes, Commissioner Mike seconded, and without further discussion, the meeting minutes were approved unanimously by the Commission.

Latino Center for Health: Long COVID Summit Summary

Dr. Aisenberg and Dr. Morales did a presentation on the effects of long covid on the Latinx community. A conversation ensued.

Student Restraints

Director of School Health and Safety, Lee Collyer from OSPI, provided a presentation on students' restraint and isolation. Commissioners had the opportunity to ask questions. A conversation ensued.

Community Highlight: Nuestra Casa

Staff members from Nuestra Casa, a non-profit organization, presented on programs and services they provide to folks in the lower Yakima Valley. Conversation ensued.

Yakima Basin YBIP

Ben Floyd gave a presentation on the Yakima Basin Integrated Plan. Conversation ensued.

Office of Equity

Commissioners are interested in ensuring that our state's Equity Office is set up to succeed and, therefore, would like to be part of this office's work moving forward. Commissioners outlined as the state moves forward in aiding the Equity Office (EO) successfully implement their change. The request is to:

1. Include CHA as part of the hiring process.
2. Include CHA as part of the implementation and strategic planning efforts of the EO moving forward.
3. Include CHA in the community advisory board, consistent with the intent and vision of the task force.
4. Clearly define the role of the Equity Office in the state enterprise, including
 - a. the vision of the task force creating the Office to be internal-facing and
 - b. how the EO will collaboratively and intentionally work with CHA,
5. Provide a list of taskforces, workgroups, advisory committees, and other such bodies the Equity Office serves on. The list should include the mission of the body, the EO's role in the body, and the EO designee/appointee.

Public Comment

Kamila Rubio shared about the non-profit organization, Communities for Our Colleges.

2024 Priorities

Executive Director Sigüenza gave a quick overview of the 2024 priorities. Commissioner Rios and Commissioner Lola were open to presenting topics from the health committee in the next commission meeting. Commissioner Fernando spoke about topics in the education committee.

Conversation ensued. Once Commissioners vote on priorities, the next step will be to meet with the policy office.

Meeting Adjourned 2:30 P.M.

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