



**Indiana Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs  
Commission Meeting Minutes  
May 18, 2017  
1:00pm – 3:00pm  
Conference Center  
Indiana Government Center South  
Indianapolis, IN**

**Commissioners Present:**

Senator Mark Messmer  
Virginia Hernandez-Ocasio, Designee, Civil Rights Commission  
Tina Little, Designee, Department of Correction  
Brenda Graves-Croom, Designee, Family and Social Services Administration  
Sabrina Rahn, Department of Workforce Development  
Seth Morales, Governor's Appointee  
Richard Espinosa, President Pro Tempore Appointee, Fort Wayne  
Herb Hernandez, President Pro Tempore Appointee, Fort Wayne  
Teresa Mora, President Pro Tempore Appointee (via telephone)  
Francisco Garcia, Speaker of the House Appointee  
Lillian Casillas, Speaker of the House Appointee, Bloomington  
Jesusa Rivera, Speaker of the House Appointee, South Bend (via telephone)

**Commissioners Not Present:**

Senator Frank Mrvan  
Rep. Peggy Mayfield  
Andrea Perez, Designee, Department of Health  
Christian Gallo, President Pro Tempore Appointee, Lafayette  
Rebecca Kubacki, Speaker of the House Appointee

**Visitors:**

Christine Meyer

Kerry Steiner

**Staff Present:**

Danielle Dean, Executive Director

**Opening:**

Sabrina Rahn called the meeting to order at 1:10pm.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Commissioners approved the minutes from the last meeting.

**Approval of Financials**

Commissioners approved most recent budget.

**Chairman's Report:**

N/A

**Executive Director's Report:**

Danielle explained all the details surrounding the Adelante fair, including date, time, location, services, organizations participating, etc.

Commissioners gave some feedback like creating a "passport book" for the participants and getting law enforcement involved in a fun way.

Commissioners were then given some time to go over the budget. Herb went through a few items to make sure everyone was aware of when the budget resets and where some money would be allocated.

The commissioners then considered supporting the Latino Coalition against Domestic and Sexual Violence. The budget was approved as well as support to the Latino Coalition in the amount of \$2,500.

Brenda asked a question regarding a way to locate certified interpreters.

Kerry Steiner (guest) suggested enlisted students to write an app.

There was then discussion regarding a central resource guide, not just for interpreters, but in general.

Christine talked about the importance of keeping this conversation going because it's not just needed for the state, it's need for non-profits and beyond.

**Adjournment**

At 2:45 pm, the meeting was adjourned.