



**Indiana Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs  
Commission Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, October 16, 2014  
1:00pm – 3:00pm  
Conference Center  
Indiana Government Center South  
Indianapolis, IN**

**Commissioners Present:**

Senator Michael Crider  
Rep. Mara Candelaria Reardon  
David Galvin, Designee, Department of Education  
Virginia Hernandez, Designee, Civil Rights Commission  
Tina Little, Designee, Department of Correction  
Teresa Mora, Designee, Family and Social Services Administration  
Brenda Summers, Department of Workforce Development  
Richard Espinosa, Senate Lay Member, Fort Wayne  
Guadalupe 'Herb' Hernandez, Senate Lay member, Fort Wayne (TELEPHONE)  
Francisco Garcia, House Lay Member  
Jesusa Rivera, House Lay Member, South Bend

**Commissioners Not Present:**

Rep. Rebecca Kubacki  
Senator Frank Mrvan  
Andrea Perez, Designee, Department of Health  
Seth Morales, Governor Appointee  
Christian Gallo, Senate Lay Member  
Pedro Ledo, Jr., Senate Lay Member, Fort Wayne (Chair)  
Charlie Garcia, House Lay Member, Indianapolis  
Gerardo Gonzalez, House Lay Member, Bloomington

**Visitors:**

Charlie Geier  
Rachel Davidson

**Staff Present:**

Danielle Dean, Executive Director

**Opening:**

Danielle Dean called the meeting to order at 1:05pm and introduced the presenters from DOE.

DOE then presented their materials regarding migrant education.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Commissioners were given time to review the August 2014 minutes. There was a motion to approve the minutes, and the minutes were voted on and approved.

**Approval of Financials**

Commissioners will be sent an electronic version of all budgets from July 2014 forward.

**Chairman's Report**

After it ended, there was brief discussion about the DOE presentation.

Mara commented that people tell foreigners to "learn English" and noted that that is the point; we want students to be educated in both languages.

It was noted that messaging and framing this message is often difficult and people tend to be resistant to change.

Mara discussed the 'Seal of Biliteracy,' which she introduced as legislation.

It was noted that the commission would have further discussion on ways to help DOE with their efforts, and that perhaps it could be added into ICHLA's strategic plan.

Richard noted the importance of keeping both languages and not losing one's culture.

Others noted that being multilingual is expected in other countries, but not here.

Richard excused himself to leave early.

Danielle stated that the PowerPoint and audio of DOE's presentation will be made available online.

Danielle updated the commission on her meetings, travels and events; reminded everyone that updates are sent via email.

She also noted that ICHLA reached quorum during August's meeting and that the meeting bimonthly would be voted on at the next meeting.

She also updated everyone on the events that ICHLA participated in during Hispanic heritage month such as Jazz Fest, El Grito, FIESTA, etc.

She challenged all commissioners to a day in the field with migrant workers, working side-by-side with them to experience what it's like.

She thanked the commissioners for their time.

### **New Business**

The election policy and bimonthly meeting addendum will be addressed and voted on during December's meeting.

### **Adjournment**

At 2:05 pm, the meeting was adjourned.