



Meeting Minutes

Indiana Commission on Hispanic/ Latino Affairs

Call to order: A special meeting of the Indiana Commission on Hispanic and Latino Affairs was held at the Indiana Government Center North, 100 N. Senate Ave Rm N300 Large Conference Room on Thursday, December 12th, 2019. The meeting convened at 1:11 PM, by Treasurer, Herb Hernández. Established quorum of 8 physically present members and 2 members over the phone.

Members in attendance: Christian Gallo (Chairman), Herb Hernández (Treasurer), Representative Earl Harris, Brenda Graves-Croom, Diana Feliciano, Beatriz Pacheco, Francisco García, Rebecca Kubacki. Those present by phone call: Stefanie Price, Pamela Ferguson. Public member present: Kristina Blankenship (FSSA) and Virgil Giles (ICRC)

Members not in attendance: Senator Jack Sandlin, Senator Jean Breaux, Representative Peggy Mayfield, Palermo Galindo (Vice Chair), Jesusa Rivera (Secretary), John Ruiz and Susana Suárez.

Approval of minutes: Motion was made by Rep. Earl Harris, and seconded by Rebecca Kubacki to approve the minute of October 17th, 2019. **Motion carried.**

Officers' reports:

-Treasurer Herb Hernandez present the updated budget. The fiscal year started with a total budget of \$102,432.00 and remain budget is \$55,819.75 as of October 31, 2019. Operating account I \$55,819.75 and special fund is \$51,028.44. Projected year-end balance of \$7,971.31.

-Director Dolly Serrant present the bi-monthly report with details of the Retreat Meeting. The Director reported the past and upcoming events, as well as social media resources. The report was not fully provided as Director was absent for this meeting.

Sponsorship Committee reports:

The subcommittee had not received the amount of sponsorship applications by Director as of 12/12/19. Beatriz commented about including a section on the partnership application on how these organizations could demonstrate work related to Census and making them priority. Discussion was also held about creating materials to provide to the organizations.

Listening Session Sub-Committee reports:

Herb Hernandez suggested that those individuals who have attended any of the listening sessions in the past to provide Dolly with feedback. Brenda commented that Dolly had entered all of the survey data but the next step will be to analyze the data.

The information from the listening sessions would be used to promote the results by the end of the next fiscal year.

Commission's Business: (notes)

Brenda provided a brief summary of the SWOT analysis that was conducted in the last meeting, discussed threats in detail and opportunities to counter those threats, especially the strong partnerships with other state agencies and the Census 2020 were highlighted. Rebecca suggested to utilize our website to convey message on the importance of voting. Rep. Earl commented on a project that will focus on Latinos and influential partners to show where the money goes to and how everyone is counted. Chairman Gallo mentioned about issues with individuals who are citizens on voting matters.

Chairman Gallo asked if there could be more legislature representation of the ICHLA Commission. Rep. Earl suggested to include ICHLA in the Civil Rights presentation and how to take advantage of Community Legislation Day. It was noted that the commissioners should be included as a strength and that social outings would create a positive impact within the commissioners.

Suggestion made by Herb on a firm policy of submitting the application to be approved for funds.

Herb will reach out to the Center for Evaluation Education Research and Policy to inquire about the cost of this organization to conduct the evaluation data from the listening sessions. (Contact- Patricia Muller, PHD 1900 E. 10th St, Bloomington, 47406)

Discussion about the House Bill #1485 Commission on Hispanic Latino affairs meetings. Motion to vote on HB #1485.

Chairman Gallo mentioned a program on behalf of Jesusa about improving the housing conditions for migrant farm workers.

Announcements: Next Commission Meeting will be Thursday, February 20, 2020, in Government Center North building 100 N Senate Ave. Rm N300 large conference room from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.