



## Retreat Agenda

Friday, August 13, 2021

10:30 AM to 2:30 PM (12:00pm Lunch)

**Veterans Memorial Coliseum, 20 W State Street, Marshallton, IA 50158**

Google Meet joining information: Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/hkt-otxb-cpn>

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- I. **Welcome and Introductions** **Caleb Knutson**
- II. **Public Comment** **Caleb Knutson**
- III. **Commission Vacancies** **Caleb Knutson**
- IV. **Review of the Office of Latino Affairs duties** **Sonia Reyes**
  - A. **216A.14 Office of Latino affairs — duties.** The office of Latino affairs is established and shall do the following:
    - 1. Serve as the central permanent agency to advocate for Latino persons.
    - 2. Coordinate and cooperate with the efforts of state departments and agencies to serve the needs of Latino persons in participating fully in the economic, social, and cultural life of the state, and by providing direct assistance to those who request it.
    - 3. Develop, coordinate, and assist other public organizations which serve Latino persons.
    - 4. Serve as an information clearinghouse on programs and agencies operating to assist Latino persons
  - B. **Review of the Office of Latino Affairs community involvement and activities**
- V. **Commission Planning Session** **Sonia Reyes**
  - A. **Review Commission's duties.** According to **[Iowa Section Code Section 216A.15](#)** (PAGE 6) the Iowa Commission of Latino Affairs has the following duties:
    - 1. Study the opportunities for and changing needs of the Latino population of this state.
    - 2. Serve as liaison between the department of human rights and the public, sharing information and gathering constituency input.

3. Recommend to the board the adoption of rules pursuant to chapter 17A as it deems necessary.
4. Recommend legislative and executive action to the governor and general assembly.
5. Establish advisory committees, work groups, or other coalitions as appropriate

**B. Review of attendance requirements according to Iowa Code.**

[1.3\(8\) Nonattendance](#). Any person who has been appointed to the commission shall be deemed to have submitted a resignation if:

- a. The commission member does not attend three or more consecutive regularly scheduled meetings, or
- b. The commission member attends less than one-half of the regular meetings held within any 12-month calendar period

**C. Review [2019-2025 Plan](#)**

**D. Review of the current Commission Initiatives**

Commission Duties under <a href="#">Iowa Section Code Section 216A.15</a>	Current Initiative
I. Study the opportunities for and changing needs of the Latino population of this state.	Meetings in different parts of the state gathering community input.
II. Serve as liaison between the department of human rights and the public, sharing information and gathering constituency input.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Social Media (Commissioners Knutson &amp; Abarca)</li> <li>● Support and involvement with the Spanish Helpline</li> </ul>
III. Recommend to the board the adoption of rules pursuant to chapter 17A as it deems necessary.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● ICLA representation in the DHR Board</li> <li>● Annual Commission Report</li> </ul>
IV. Recommend legislative and executive action to the governor and general assembly.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Continue to ask for a meeting with what Governor</li> <li>● Latino Day on the Hill</li> <li>● Annual Policy Recommendations</li> </ul>



V. Establish advisory committees, work groups, or other coalitions as appropriate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PILA</li> <li>● Iowa Queer Communities of Color Coalition</li> </ul>
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### E. Planning for 2021-2023

1. Discuss and select the initiatives for the 2021-2023 plan.
2. Selection of commissioner leader per initiative
  - a) Planning session per selected initiative
3. Future Meeting Locations

### VI. Vote for the plan for 2021-2024

Marlú Abarca

### VII. Adjourn

Caleb Knutson

Upcoming Commission Meetings/Events			
Date	Time	Details	Location
10/01/2021	10:30 AM	Regular Commission Meeting	
10/16/2021	5:00 PM	2021 Iowa Latino Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony	Des Moines
01/14/2022	10:30 AM	Regular Commission Meeting	Zoom
1/27/2022	9:00 AM-3:00 PM	2022 Latino Day on the Hill	Des Moines
04/08/2022	10:30 AM	Regular Commission Meeting	
07/11/2022	9-9:30 AM	Vote on 2022 Iowa Latino Hall of Fame Honorees	Zoom

ACCESSIBILITY- Commission meetings are open to the public. If other accommodations are needed, please contact the office prior to the meeting. For further information, contact Sonia

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