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Iowa Commission of Latino Affairs

IOWA COMMISSION OF LATINO AFFAIRS MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 14, 2017 10:30 PM to 12:30 PM

Greater Quad Cities Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

2435 East Kimberly Road, Suite 60, Bettendorf, IA 52722

Commissioners Present

Alejandro Pino

Lorena Gingerich

Marlu Abarca

Jeannette Martinez

Department of Human Rights Staff

Sonia Reyes-Snyder, Office of Latino Affairs

Public Members

Lee Vazquez, Quad Cities Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Zenaida Lander, Quad Cities Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Mike Reyes, LULAC Iowa Director

Toni Robertson, LULAC Iowa

Michel Pontarelli, University of Iowa

Commissioners Absent

Juan Rodriguez

Michelle Reuss

I. Call to Order, Welcome & Introductions

Call to order and introductions by Chair, Jeannette Brown at 10:36 AM

II. Public Comment

- Lee and Zenaida shared about the Quad Cities Hispanic Chamber of Commerce services and upcoming events such as: ELLA, Quarterly speaker series, Workshops the Holiday Fiesta on 12/14/2017 and the Annual Gala in April of every year.
- Mike Reyes, the LULAC Iowa State Director, shared information about LULAC and the desire to collaborate with the commission. He mentions that LULAC councils across the state set their own goals and events, but each council president participates in quarterly meeting.

- The Commission shared what they are working on and their role.

III. Approval of minutes from August 2, 2017

Marlu Abarca moved for approval; Alejandro Pino seconded.

Vote: Aye: all No: 0

Approval of minutes from September 9, 2017

Marlu Abarca moved for approval; Lorena Gingerich seconded.

Vote: Aye: all No: 0

IV. Approval of ICLA August, 2017 Report

Marlu Abarca moved for approval; Alejandro Pino second.

Vote: Aye: all No: 0

V. Office of Latino Affairs & Department of Human Rights Report

Sonia Reyes-Snyder shared the office's report and highlighted statewide efforts.

VI. DHR Representative Report

Marlu Abarca shared with the commission the different initiatives department wide.

VII. ICLA's Latino Day on the Hill

The commission and those present discussed inviting legislators and the governor to the Latino Day on the Hill, which will be January 25th, 2017.

VIII. ICLA Legislative Priorities 2018 Discussion

- Commissioners would like more information about the racial profiling bill that the NAACP has drafted. They would also like to focus on voter ID and continue last year's priorities.

- **Approval of creation of a Commission's Legislative Committee**

Marlu Abarca moved for approval; Jeannette Brown Pino seconded.

Vote: Aye: all No: 0

- **Approval of Chair of Legislative Committee**

Jeannette Brown Nominated Marlu Abarca; Lorena Gingerich Seconded.

Vote: Aye: all No: 0

- 2018 Iowa Latino Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

The Iowa Latino Hall of Fame will might have to be after Latino Heritage Month in 2018 as, there are many festivals and events during this time. Sonia will work on a date and will inform commissioners.

- 2018 Iowa Latino Hall of Fame Selections Committee:

Lorena Gingerich, Chair of committee

Marlu Abarca, Commissioner

Michelle Reuss, Commissioner

Marta Codina, Public Member

_____, LULAC Member

Jeannette Brown, Ex-Oficio

- The commission asked for the Office of Latino Affairs to assist with getting the Iowa Latino Hall of Fame included in the Administrative Rules. Sonia Reyes-Snyder will work on this.

IX. Meeting with Chuck Grassley-DACA

Jeannette Brown shared with the commission the letter she received from Senator Chuck Grassley about DACA. Commissioners asked Jeannette Brown to set up a meeting with him.

X. Next Meeting (date and location)

Centro Latino of Iowa in Council Bluffs

Tuesday, March 20, 2017

10:30 PM to 12:30 PM

I. Adjourn

Marlu Abarca moved for approval; Lorena Gingerich seconded.

Vote:

Aye: all

No: 0