



### MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 19, 2018 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM

Centro Latino, 300 W Broadway, Suite 40, Council Bluffs, IA 51503

#### Commissioners Present

- Alfonso M. Perez
- Jeannette Brown
- Lorena Gingerich
- Marlu Abarca

#### Department of Human Rights Staff Present

- Sonia Reyes-Snyder, Office of Latino Affairs

#### Commissioners Absent

- Juan Rodriguez
- Junior Jaime
- Michelle Reuss

#### Public Members Present

- Representative Charlie McConkey
- Roger Garcia, Director. Centro Latino of Iowa
- Sofia Sandoval, Centro Latino of Iowa

#### I. Call to Order, Welcome to new commissioners & Introductions

Roll call at 10:36 AM

#### II. Public Comment

- Representative McConkey shared information about the legislature for the past year and expressed the desire to educate the community on the legislative process, voter registration and the absentee ballots. He also recommended that when constituents contact their legislators personal emails work best and that they should request a reply.  
Brown, the committee chair asked him how he voted for SF481 and he shared that he voted for it.
- Roger Garcia shared information about the Centro Latino of Iowa services. They are in a new location and are able to provide more services than before.

- **Approval of minutes from March 20, 2018 & April 20, 2018**

Marlu moved to approve the meeting and call minutes

Alfonzo seconded

All in favor

#### III. Approval of June 2018 Commission Report for DHR Board

Marlu moved to approve the June 2018 Commission Report

Alfonzo seconded

All in favor

#### IV. Legislative Committee Chair Report by Marlu Abarca

- The 2019 Latino Day on the Hill is scheduled for 1/25/2019 with the goal of making one on one introductions of legislators with youth.
- The committee will work on establishing a Bill Watch
- The committee will work on recommendations for the Governor and legislators

#### V. DHR Representative Report

Jeannette Brown reported that the DHR Board Meeting was scheduled for the same day as the Commission meeting, making it not possible for the Commission of Latino Affairs to have a representative present.

**VI. Office of Latino Affairs & Department of Human Rights Report**

- Sonia shared with the commission the projects she is working on for the office and the Human Rights Youth Summit she is working on for August.

**VII. 2018 Hall of Fame Nominations Update**

Lorena reported that the selection committee is looking forward to reviewing the 2018 nominees. The deadline for nominations is July 1, 2018.

The committee will be working on the ceremony details and approaching sponsors of the event.

**VIII. Election and Vote of new ICLA Representative at DHR Board**

Lorena nominated Jeannette Brown to be the Latino Commission representative at the DHR Board.

Alfonzo seconded

All in favor

**IX. Approval of new Commission logo**

Timothy Bladel from Intuition: A Creative Company is working on a logo for the commission. It will be presented at a future meeting.

**X. Commission four year plan**

Commissioners and public members had a discussion on priorities for the commission to focus on, such as:

- Commission Awareness in the state
- LGBTQ Latinos
- Education about Afro Latinos
- Support for Latino Professionals
- Cultural Awareness

**XI. Commission Committees & Sign Up**

- Legislative
- Hall of Fame
- FOLA (Friends/Amigos/Les Amis/Os Amigos of the Office and Commission of Latino Affairs)
- Others?

Committee	Committee Chair	Committee Members
Legislative: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Latino Day on the Hill Initiative</li> <li>• Commission Recommendations to the Governor &amp; Legislators</li> <li>• Bill Tracking</li> </ul>	Marlu Abarca	Junior Jaime
Hall of Fame	Lorena Gingerich	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marlu Abarca, Commissioner</li> <li>• Jeannette Brown, Commissioner</li> </ul>
FOLA (Friends/Amigos/Les Amis/Os Amigos of the Office and Commission of Latino Affairs)	Jeannette Brown	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alfonzo Perez, Commissioner</li> <li>• Juan Rodriguez, Commissioner?</li> <li>• Traci Stiles</li> </ul>

PILA (Association of Iowa Latinx Professionals): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LGBTQ Initiative</li> <li>• Afro-Latinos Initiative -Marlu Abarca</li> </ul>	Sonia Reyes-Snyder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Juan García, Des Moines</li> <li>• Elizabeth Medina, Ames</li> <li>• Dr. Liz Méndez-Shannon, Ames</li> <li>• Manuel Cornell, Des Moines</li> <li>• Gisella Aitken-Shadle, Dubuque</li> <li>• Claudia Rivera, Hampton</li> <li>• Juanita Zavala, Ottumwa</li> </ul>
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Juan Rodriguez will be asked to join the FALO Committee.

**XII. Future Commission Meetings Meeting (date and location)**

With the goal of making the commission meetings more accessible to constituents, the commission decided to hold future meetings on Saturdays.

The commissioners identified the following locations to hold future meetings:

Ottumwa

Denison

Hampton

Storm Lake

Sioux City

Dubuque

**III. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 PM