



The Greater Tulsa Area Hispanic/Latinx Affairs Commission

Meeting Minutes | August 11, 2022 | 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

City Hall at One Technology Center

Members Present	Members Absent
Amy Ariza	Chriss Chavez
Carlos Bejarano	Jordan Mazariegos
Amairani Perez Chamu	Elsie Urueta Pollock
David Gomez	
Fatima Linares	
Andy Little	
Jessica Lozano	
Mimi Martinez	
Mark Ohensgore	
Ivan Patino-Cortez	
Amanda Peregrina	
Angelica Reina	
Jania Rivera-Wester	
Jacob Rodriguez	

I. Call to Order

- a. Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm by Chairman Bejarano
- b. Land, Back to School, and Covid-19 acknowledgment read by Commissioner Perez Chamu

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. Commissioner Bejarano requests a motion to approve the May and June Meeting Minutes
 - i. Commissioner Perez Chamu makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes
 - ii. Commissioner Rivera Wester seconds the motion
 - iii. All in unanimous approval

III. Guest Speakers: Guest Speaker: Shandi Campbell, Director of The Landlord/Tenant Resource Center for Housing Solutions

- a. Housing Solutions is a non-profit organization that builds systems to make homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring in Tulsa. Shandi presents the makeup, resources, contacts for the Landlord/Tenant Resource Center, and the most up-to-date information on the number of people they've served this year.

IV. Chair's Report

- a. Chairman Bejarano reports:
 - i. Elections are coming up, and it's vital to begin paying attention to local, state, and federal candidates. The next election in Tulsa county will be on August 23. October 14 is the deadline to register to vote on November 8.
 - ii. Commissioner Urueta Pollock is out on maternity leave

V. Committee Reports

a. Executive Committee

i. Commissioner Bejarano reports:

1. The committee is working on planning for the remainder of the year and will update the commission's strategic plan document to determine the commission's focus for the end of the year. I.e., guest speakers for Sept, Oct, and November.

b. Education

- i. Commissioner Linares reports that the committee is strategically planning for the remainder of the year and will be having a virtual meeting Tuesday

c. Community Advocacy

- i. No report

d. Public Safety

i. Commissioner Ohensgore reports:

1. The committee is discussing fall initiatives
2. TPD is graduating its 162nd class of 26 new officers tomorrow, and 3 Spanish speakers are in the class.

e. Immigration

i. Commissioner Gomez reports:

1. The committee met on zoom with Gabriela Ramirez-Perez, an Immigration policy analyst for OK Policy Institute. The committee learned about Oklahoma Policy Institute's advocacy for making driver's licenses publicly available to undocumented immigrants for better public safety. A bill was almost passed in Oklahoma but died despite unanimous committee approval.

a. The committee wants to follow that somehow and see where they can be of assistance.

b. The committee would like to have Gabriela speak at the commission meeting.

i. Commissioner Martinez informs the commission that there was an effort this summer to collect signatures for this initiative.

ii. Commissioner Gomez notes that even police are for it because of how it impacts drivers on the road

1. The lens of public safety seems to be the best argument to advocate for this.

iii. Commissioner Ariza shares the repercussions her clients have been dealing with due to not having a driver's license. Some places in the US give IDs – why isn't Oklahoma one?

f. Special Committees

- i. No report

VI. Old Business

- a. None

VII. Announcements / Public Comments

- a. Commissioner Martinez reports a back-to-school drive at Tulsa Technology Center on Saturday, the 13th.
- b. Lachelle shares that The City of Tulsa Career Expo taking place on Wednesday, August 17th from 11am-7pm at Cox Business Center.
- c. Commissioner Reina reports that her organization, Tulsa Community College, will pilot a new, virtual Spanish program with a full scholarship available. Applications open on September 21st.
- d. Krystal reports that Tulsa Health Department has a back-to-school event tomorrow, Friday, August 12, from 4 -7 pm. English/Spanish staff will be present. Free sports physicals, vaccines, hearing screenings, information from school officials, healthy snacks, and dinners will be available.

VIII. Adjournment

- a. Commissioner Bejarano requests a motion to adjourn
 - i. Commissioner Rivera-Wester makes a motion
 - ii. Commissioner Ohensgore seconds the motion
 - iii. Meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm