



STATE OF WASHINGTON
COMMISSION ON HISPANIC AFFAIRS

COMISIÓN DE ASUNTOS HISPANOS

CHA Special Meeting Conference Call

Friday, July 10, 2020

10:00 am – 11:00 am

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 10:03 am

1. Roll Call

Name	Title	Organization	Present
Anita Ahumada	Commissioner	CHA	Yes
Brian Moreno	Commissioner	CHA	Yes
Candice Garza	Commissioner	CHA	Yes
Carlos Ruiz	Chair	CHA	Yes
Jessica Hernandez	Commissioner	CHA	Yes
Julieta Altamirano-Crosby	Commissioner	CHA	Yes
Lili Navarrete	Commissioner	CHA	Yes
Rodrigo Renteria	Commissioner	CHA	Yes
Tony Gallegos	Commissioner	CHA	No
Staff			
María Sigüenza	Executive Director	CHA	Yes
Nancy Rocha Aguilar	Communications and External Relations Manager	CHA	Yes
Myra Hernandez	Operations and Special Projects Manager	CHA	Yes
Guests (Do Not Need to Identify Themselves)			
Lina Alvarez Randy Nunez			

2. Commissioner Appointment Updates

Chair Ruiz announced the resignation of two (2) commissioners: Paula Martinez and Keelcy Woolley; and the departure of three (3) commissioners whose terms will be over at the end of the month: Anita Ahumada, Julieta Altamirano-Crosby, Tony Gallegos.

Governor Inslee appointed four (4) new commissioners who will begin their appointment in August: Bernal Baca, Lina Alvarez, Lola Flores, Randy Nunez.

Chair Ruiz called for a brief introduction of the newly appointed commissioners on the call as guests.

- Lina Alvarez
- Randy Nunez

3. Public Comment

No comments.

4. Bylaws Update



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Chair Ruiz explained that former Commissioner Arno Martinez was leading the Bylaws Taskforce but due to her resignation updates will be presented at the next meeting instead.

5. Vice Chair/EC Confirmation

Chair Ruiz announced the appointment of Commissioner Navarrete as Vice Chair and will now be part of the Executive Committee.

6. Committee Lead Selection

Chair Ruiz: Committees that are now part of the commission should be reviewed after the review of CHA's bylaws. Therefore, the committee lead selections will be taken offline as there was miscommunication on selection and updates for others. Presentation of selection to be done next week.

Commissioner Moreno asked what was preventing them from assigning leads and continue the work. Bylaws do not need to be changed in order to keep the work going.

Chair Ruiz responded that the committees need to be formalized in the bylaws. "As Chair, I can appoint people at my discretion. It is at least fair to give commissioners time to consider if they want to be leads or not. I would not want to put anyone on the spot."

Commissioner Ahumada listed the taskforces she currently serves on as a Commissioner saying "you need to think about who will be replacing me on the taskforces I am on."

Chair Ruiz responded there is a need to work on training needs not just focused for commissioners but also transitioning new commissioners into work groups and task forces.

Chair Ruiz stated in regard to the CHA committees that if they are interested in "chairing," one of the committees or being a part of one to email ED Siguenza and himself by Monday. Chair Ruiz to make those appointments by Wednesday.

7. Community Engagement Ideas

Commissioner Ahumada advised commissioners to stay connected with the community through partnerships with local organizations, churches, and cultural centers stating "We are to advise but we need to know what is going on in the community."

Commissioner Altamirano-Crosby spoke of the work WAGRO does along with food banks in various counties.

Commissioner Ahumada spoke of her history working closely with the Olympia Police Department.

Chair Ruiz is working with Christie Forester to develop a loan program to help people returning to work. "I spoke at the South Seattle Chamber of Commerce, not officially as a CHA representative, in regards to economic impact of COVID in businesses.

8. Public Comment

There was not public comment from guests.



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Commissioners Ahumada and Altamirano-Crosby expressed their work on the ground in their areas and a call to continue it. Chair Ruiz said it was a conversation to have with Executive Director Siguenza to ensure communities do not feel left out.

9. Commissioner Complaint

Executive Director Siguenza explained that this item was requested by Commissioner Navarrete.

Commissioner Navarrete stated “this item was really important and needed to be explored.”

Chair Ruiz asked for clarification on the requested item.

Commissioner Navarrete said it was an item from the May Special Meeting that had not been covered during that same meeting. “Approach it as regarding on the May Special Meeting.”

Chair Ruiz: “We cannot take a vote or add to the agenda regarding to the OPMA. We can discuss it but we cannot act on anything here. We would have to call another meeting.”

Commissioner Navarrete: “There were just some things in the bylaws that were not fulfilled nor addressed. Can we schedule a special meeting to discuss it?”

Chair Ruiz: “A special meeting would be best so we don’t put anyone on the spot.” Chair to communicate with Executive Director Siguenza and Commissioner Navarrete.

No further discussion.

10. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:51 am.