



STATE OF WASHINGTON
COMMISSION ON HISPANIC AFFAIRS
COMISIÓN DE ASUNTOS HISPANOS

CHA Monthly Conference Call
Friday October 9, 2020
10:00AM – 11:00AM

Meeting called to order at 10:07 AM.

Roll Call:

Name	Title	Organization	Present
Bernal Baca	Chair	CHA	Yes
Brian Moreno	Vice Chair	CHA	Yes
Candice Garza	Commissioner	CHA	Yes
Jessica Hernandez	Commissioner	CHA	Yes
Lili Navarrete	Commissioner	CHA	Yes
Lina Alvarez	Vice Chair	CHA	Yes
Lola Flores	Commissioner	CHA	Yes
Randy Nuñez	Commissioner	CHA	No
Rodrigo Renteria	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			

Purpose of Meeting:

- Committee Report Outs
 - o Economic and Workforce Development Committee
 - o Higher and K-12 Education
 - o Law and Justice
 - o PEB Health
- Commissioner Appointments

Action Items Developed/Pending:

- None

Ice Breaker

- Chair Baca initiated an ice breaker for staff and commissioners.

Committee Report Outs

- Economic and Workforce Development:
 - o Vice Chair Alvarez reported out on the Mercy Corps organization helping people open up business, training offered for first-time businesses, and the committee researching how many Latino owned businesses there are in WA.
 - o Chair Baca asked if there was a connection with how many Hispanic Chambers there are in the state – Vice Chair Alvarez would look into it.
- Higher & K-12 Education:
 - o Vice Chair Moreno reported out the committee’s discussion on norms, expectations, and how to build the committee. Discussed partnerships with organizations, removing barriers, narrowing focus i.e. remote learning, tuition etc., and have subject matter expert.
 - o Chair Baca asked if there was connection with the Senate and House committees – Vice Chair Moreno said they are.
- Law and Justice:
 - o Commissioner Garza reported they discussed projects and priorities for the upcoming session i.e. worker protection, help for undocumented folks, social justice, census etc.
- Physical, Behavioral, and Environmental Health (PBE):
 - o Commissioner Flores reported out on the research team from UW approached CHA on how to engage the Latino community, DOH starting to plan for a COVID-19 vaccine. Discussed language access, trust by engaging community organizations and a find a way to pay them – staff time used is also being compensated. DOH wants to engage with CHA to figure out the best approach so that we can be better prepared and will create a focus group but cannot reach quorum.
 - o Chair Baca advised to invite Senator Emily Randall, Chair Hanson, and Speaker Jenkins. Commissioners to connect with Chair Baca for any other guests they’d like to invite

Appointments

- Chair Baca appointed Commissioners Dr. Nuñez, Garza, and Hernandez to sit on a committee to vet commissioner applications that come through. First task to look through the current applications and narrow down the applicants.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 10:56 AM.

- Vice Chair Alvarez moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:56 AM. Commissioner Flores seconded. The meeting adjourned at 10:56 AM.