



STATE OF WASHINGTON
COMMISSION ON HISPANIC AFFAIRS
COMISIÓN DE ASUNTOS HISPANOS

CHA Monthly Conference Call
Friday November 13, 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	Yes
Rodrigo Renteria	Commissioner	CHA	Yes
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			
Representative Drew Hansen			

Purpose of Meeting:

- Representative Drew Hansen
- Legislative elections tentative results
- Committee Report Outs

Representative Hansen

- Rep. Hansen spoke to CHA about the successful passage of the 2019 bill for free college and higher education funding proposal for families earning less than \$50,000 and language to include DACA students.
- He also spoke about the state budget's impact on higher education and the challenges moving forward. There are a number of projects funded by donors that will continue to back these projects via their donations despite the status of the state budget or economic

recession, however there is a high level of anxiety centered on the high probability of losing funding for community colleges and low income residents.

- Asked commissioner who were interested in attending Friends of the Future Meeting to reach out to him for details.
- Ask or CHA: Letter of support that says the state made a transformative equity investment that is critically important for people that we represent who are financial aid recipients and the positive impact on people.

Legislative Elections – Tentative Results

- Director Siguenza reported out on the current state of WA legislative elections: The House members stayed about the same with a few seats flipped and the Senate saw change with new memberships. There Legislature saw an increase in its Black Caucus membership.
- Suggestion: Sending a letter out to newly elected officials as a way to introduce CHA

Committee Report Outs

- Higher & K-12 Education:
 - o Themes centered on early learning, career pathways, Office of Equity etc. coming from a meeting with Dr. Paul from WA STEM. Legislative priorities will be decided during the December meeting.
 - o Chair Baca to invite Representative Tomiko Santos who chairs the Education Committee in the House
- Law and Justice:
 - o Seattle U Law created a 2.0 taskforce to work on police reform
 - Scheduling listening sessions and garnering representation from various groups. The group includes lawyers and students.
 - o Governor's Office trying to package recommendations from the police accountability taskforce. The group was connected to the I-940 groups and the recommendations are community driven.
- Physical, Behavioral, and Environmental Health (PBE):
 - o Jessica and Maria met with Paj about involving community for the DOH COVID-19 vaccine rollout in the Latino Community. Requested a trusted list of organizers and community leaders to get the word out.

Application Review Team

- The team interviewed 6 candidates and advanced 4 for recommendation. We received two late applications and will move them into interviews.
- Recommended to push 6 names forward – 3 per position available. The Governor makes the final decision but hoping for a quick process of appointments.

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 11:09 AM.

- Commissioner Garza moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:09 AM. Commissioner Dr. Nuñez seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:09 AM.