

The Greater Tulsa Area Hispanic/Latinx Affairs Commission

Meeting Minutes | September 8, 2022 | 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

City Hall at One Technology Center

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

I. Call to Order

- a. Commissioner Bejarano called the meeting to order at 6:13 pm
- b. Acknowledgment by Commissioner Perez Chamu

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. Quorum not present

III. Chair's Report

- i. Chairman Bejarano reports that:
 1. The last day to register to vote in Tulsa County is October 14
 2. Commissioners must consider officer positions for the 2023 year, including the Chair, Vice-Chair, Recorder, and Historian.
 3. Hispanic Heritage Month begins next week, and there will be kick-off celebrations in Guthrie Green
 4. The Hispanic Resource Center for Tulsa Library will host the inaugural Hummingbird Award on Saturday, October 29th, in honor of Latino author Benjamin Alire Sanz.

IV. Committee Reports

a. Executive Committee

- i. Commissioner Bejarano reports that:
 1. Guest speakers are secured for the October and November commission meetings
 2. The Committee discussed hosting a planning session to align the commission in December or early January
- ii. Commissioner Bejarano asks:
 1. Commissioners to reaffirm their 2023 committee assignments.
 2. If everyone has their access badge
 3. Commission communication preferences (i.e., email, text, or call)
 4. Would the commission be interested in a retreat?

5. Questions to consider for committee chairs
 - a. What are better engagement strategies with the mayor/city councilors/city leaders/Hispanic community?
 - b. What are better engagement strategies with recruitment for committees?
 - c. What is the commission's overall commitment to the community?
 - d. How can everyone be a commission advocate and learn to explain the commission's work?

b. Education

- i. Commissioner Linares reports that the committee met last week and discussed their focuses for the upcoming year.
 1. The Committee discussed creating a Tomas Rivera Scholarship
 - a. Chairman Bejarano recommends creating a partnership with an organization.
 2. A tentative date for the Tomas Rivera Awards Ceremony is set for May 10, 2023
 3. The Committee discussed proposing an immigration clinic for education options in Higher Education. i.e., FAFSA, scholarships, etc. Specifically targeted at parents.

c. Community Advocacy

- i. No report

d. Public safety

- i. Commissioner Little reports:
 1. The Committee continues working with Que Buena, the popular Spanish radio broadcast in Tulsa.
 2. Recruitment efforts for TPD & TFD
 3. A proposed community engagement initiative being put on by TFD was discussed- potentially a fishing clinic open to 50 young people from ages 8-12.

e. Immigration

- i. No report

f. Special Committees

- i. No report

V. Old Business

- a. None

VI. Announcements / Public Comments

- a. Krystal discusses welcoming week and upcoming events.
 - i. There'll be multiple activities and themes for the week which include: Higher education, Tech jobs, becoming a US Citizen, family field day, and inviting promotoras to city hall for tours, and understanding of civic engagement.



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- b. Commissioner Linares reports that TPS will offer two \$500 scholarships to two TPS students. To apply – students must write an essay and send a video answering what makes them proud to be Hispanic. The deadline is September 30.
- c. Commissioner Perez Chamu reports that the library will be at Philbrook for a discussion with the artist who did most of the graffiti art for Tulsa Global District.

VII. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7 pm.