



Greater Tulsa Area Hispanic/Latinx Affairs Commission

Regular Meeting | October 10, 2024 | 6:00 – 7:00 pm

City Hall at One Technology Center | 10 North Meeting Room

Meeting Minutes

Commissioners Present: Carlos Bejarano, Amairani Perez Chamu, Fatima Linares, Angelica Reina, Jackiez Gonzalez, Amanda Peregrina, Mark Ohnesorge, Chriss Chavez, Amy Ariza, Jose Bamaca Hernandez

Commissioners Absent: Jessica Lozano-Alvarez, Daniel Gomez, Mimi Martinez Herrera,

Liaisons Present: Riley Howard

Liaisons Absent: Andy Little, Ivan Patino-Cortez

I. Call to Order

- a. Called to order at 6:06.
- b. Chairwoman Perez Chamu introduced the commission's new EMSA Liaison, Riley Howard. Commissioners gave quick introductions to welcome Riley to the group.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. Changes to Minutes: Add Amy's question about bullying during guest speaker portion.
- b. Chairwoman Perez Chamu entertained a motion to approve minutes with one change.
 - i. Commissioner Peregrina made a motion, Commissioner Ariza seconded.
 1. Aye: 7, Nay: 0, Abstain: 2
- c. Motion passed.

III. Chair's / Vice Chair's Report

- a. Chairwoman Perez Chamu invited everyone to join Tulsa City County Library's event next Saturday 10/19, the Hummingbird Awards.
- b. Vice Chair Gonzalez shared that the HRC awarded Chairwoman Perez Chamu as this year's Humanitarian of the Year. Information on when the ceremony has previously been sent out, and Lexi will follow up with a calendar invite to this commission to attend and support Chairwoman Perez Chamu.

IV. Discussion: Survey on Barriers to Accessing Identification

- a. Chairwoman Perez Chamu provided information on how the survey pilot went at the Tulsa Global District's Hispanic Heritage Festival.
 - i. Turned survey into a Google Form so folks can scan a QR code. Also had tablets for volunteers to administer survey to individuals and provide support. Received twelve responses during the pilot.

- ii. Need to take into account wifi/data connectivity for the future. Also need to consider how to utilize paper forms if an individual doesn't have a phone.
- iii. Highlighted a response to the question regarding calling 911. The response surfaced a need for more education on how safe folks are when calling 911. People worry about being pulled over without identification.
- iv. Folks in favor of having identification want to know how to work with the City to know how to accept other identification from the consulate.
- v. Chairwoman Perez Chamu noted that at the Executive Committee meeting, they discussed who to partner with to get the survey out.
 - 1. Commissioner Peregrina shared about family literacy nights at Union Public Schools starting next week. 14 – 15 Hispanic families attend every week.
 - 2. Tulsa Public Schools Hispanic Heritage Festival is a good opportunity.
 - 3. Vice Chair Gonzalez suggested the Día de los Muertos at Living Arts on 11/1. Commissioner Bejarano can contact Living Arts.
 - 4. Commissioner Bamaca Hernandez: UMA Business Gala on 11/9.
 - 5. Commissioner Peregrina: El Centro Health Fair on 11/2.
 - 6. Commissioner Bejarano: Does the commission want to broadcast the survey on social media?
 - a. Chairwoman Perez Chamu: That is something to consider. We want to gather good data, and because there's no location question, need to share the survey through word of mouth to ensure responses are from Tulsa residents and will be quality data.
 - 7. Commissioner Bejarano offered to create graphic to accompany the survey QR code.
 - 8. Commissioner Bejarano named that if you are suggesting an event, there need to be volunteers to be at that event to administer survey.
- vi. Commission discussion on the survey
 - 1. Commissioner Peregrina: What is the goal for number of survey responses and deadline?
 - a. Chairwoman Perez Chamu: Want input from commission. Open to going into 2025, but not past March.
 - b. Vice Chair Gonzalez: Is there a good moment in 2025 to present the report?
 - i. Krystal: The new Mayor will start December 2, so first quarter would make sense to finalize and present the report.
 - c. Vice Chair Gonzalez: Could be partners on three or four events for remainder of 2024, bring in speakers/partners in Jan/Feb 2025, have committees. Aim to have something by April
 - d. Commissioner Bejarano reminded the commission that the survey is the first step. Proposed having January as a survey deadline.

2. Commissioner Peregrina reminded the commission that many families are illiterate and may need audio/video instructions. The commission can create a recorded video reading survey to them to help.
3. Chairwoman Perez Chamu referenced the Miro board that commissioners have added their thoughts regarding barriers to access, impact of having an ID, effectiveness of support programs, and awareness of rights and processes. The Miro board will help organize qualitative and quantitative data from survey.
4. The ultimate goal of the survey and the report that will come after is progress on identification. Will be a big undertaking, could work with other commissions. AAPI also has a large immigrant population. Will initiate conversations with other commissions to get support.
5. Vice Chair Gonzalez: January would be good timing for listening session. The commission can use the meeting time to invite partners to listen to their experiences.

V. Committee Reports

a. Executive

- i. Chairwoman Perez Chamu shared that the Executive Committee met this month and talked about survey.

b. Education

- i. Commissioner Linares shared that the Education Committee started conversations for their awards. Cynthia Jasso will be a guest speaker, the ceremony location is up for discussion.

c. Community Advocacy

- i. Commissioner Bejarano noted that the committee talked about the survey and upcoming events.
 1. Kendall Whittier Growing Together Pumpkin Patch on 10/19.
 2. Kendall Whittier Arts Festival on 10/19.
 3. Tulsa Global District and Kitchen 66 Grow Global event on 10/22.
- ii. Community members asked if the commission has a budget to use for events, Commissioner Bejarano answered that the commission itself doesn't have a budget, MORE has budget and refer to Krystal.
- iii. Discussed commission vacancies and process for appointment.

d. Public Safety

- i. Commissioner Chavez shared that the committee didn't have a separate meeting but has community updates.
 1. First responders soccer tournament Sunday 10/13 hosted by the Council for Safe Neighborhoods.
 2. Council for Safe Neighborhoods is launching an anti-domestic violence program, event at Martin Regional Library on 10/23.

- ii. Fear of calling for help is something that comes up again and again in community. Common concerns are cost, immigration issues, and lack of trust. New mayor is an opportunity for a blank slate.
 - 1. Commissioner Ohnesorge noted that recent trust issues are resurfacing because of HB4156. Spanish-speaking officers have talking points to share info with community, the official department stance is they are not changing policing practices, will police all residents equally.
- iii. Will meet on the last Thursday of this month.
- iv. Will get Riley connected with the committee.

e. Immigration

- i. Chairwoman Perez Chamu is accepting new folks who want to be involved in this committee.
- ii. Two key updates for this committee.
 - 1. HB4156 is currently stalled and not in effect.
 - 2. Supporting survey work.

VI. Old Business – no old business

VII. New Business

- a. Commissioner Ariza has been helping people correct birth certificates, and she encountered an issue where the agency has decided they are not changing name misspellings for parents. This is a big issue because people need birth certificates correct for passports, and other documents.
 - i. Krystal requested that Commissioner Ariza send her an email with this information. Will get clarity.

VIII. Announcements / Public Comments

- a. Commissioner Linares: Come to Tulsa Public Schools Hispanic Heritage Month festival at Guthrie Green on 10/13.
- b. Chairwoman Perez Chamu: Reminder about Hummingbird Award Ceremony.
- c. Lexi reminded the commission about the Pride Festival and Parade and Native American Day Festival.
- d. Lexi invited the commission to attend the Tulsa Equality Indicators Summit on November 4 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Registration link was sent to all commissions via email.

IX. Adjournment

- a. Chairwoman entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.
 - i. Chriss made a motion, Carlos second
 - 1. Aye: 9, No: 0, Abstain: 0
- b. Motion unanimously passed.
- c. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.