



**City of Bloomington
Commission on Hispanic and Latino Affairs**

**Wednesday, February 26th, 2025 @ 5:30-7:00 PM
Public Meeting Hooker Conference Room**

MINUTES

Attendance: Mariella Arredondo, Jimena Holguin, Claudia Lara, Javier Rosales, Raquel Anderson, Dinorah Sapp, Marlo Libel, Alysya Schroff.

Staff Liaison: Ximena Martinez

I. Call to order at 5:34 PM

II. Approval of January's meeting minutes: Approved

III. LIAISON REPORT

A. Open seats: One Non-Voting Member seat is available with three applications received.

B. March Meeting: Scheduled for March 26th.

C. 812 Podcast Invitation

- One to two commissioners will attend.
- Commissioners will collaborate on a document outlining achievements from 2024 and plans for 2025.
- **Ximena** will reach out to Kelly at 414-241-9930 for more information on topics and questions.

IV. CURRENT BUSINESS

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A. Education: Raquel, Dinorah, Alysya, Mariella

- **Address counselors at BHSS**
- **Organize informational sessions** for high school students and parents regarding college
- **Ximena** will check on the status of the letter to the superintendent for approval by the Head of the Department.
- Fafsa help event on February 8 at La Casa; only two students attended.
- **Raquel** will reconnect with Dr. Markay Winston's Communication Director.
- To verify information on attendance changes post-January 2025:
 - **Dinorah** will contact the ENL director.
 - **Mariella** will draft an email to be sent to each principal for disaggregated data.

B. Health Services: Marlo, Jimena, Claudia

- **Interpretation and translation services** within healthcare providers, particularly IU Health.

- **Access to medical interpretation** - Conduct a survey.
- The next agency meeting will focus on **mental health**, particularly considering current immigration issues.

G. Public Relations: Javier, Mariella, Jimena

- **Foro Latino de Agencias** – Organize quarterly meetings with community agencies.
- **Informational / welcome sessions** twice a year covering transportation, safety, housing, health, and education. Potential locations include MCPL, CCL, churches, and Adult Educational Centers.
- Issue of sustainability – develop materials – informational

D. Fundraising: Marlo, Raquel, Alysa

E. Updates from prior meetings:

- **Ximena:** will schedule a potential meeting in two weeks with the head of the CFRD to consult the commission's roles and limitations.
- Reach out to the Mexican Consulate for an informative session

VI. ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

- A. BPD Chief Mike Diekhoff will attend the March meeting.
- B. Invite Sherrif Marte for the March meeting.
- C. Invite the Public Safety Commission to the March meeting.
- D. Discuss immigration topics:
 - Raquel will provide information on current initiatives.
 - Discuss how to support the community regarding immigration issues.

VII. GUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT (Please allow 3-5 minutes per guest)

A. Sharon Wainshilbaum – Public Safety Commission

- Perhaps have a joint meeting between both commissions

VI. ADJOURNMENT at: 7:00 PM