



Chair, Noel Garcia, Jr., Ingham County

1st Term: 2013-2015 2nd Term: 2015-2018

Garcia currently serves as the Law Enforcement Instructor at the Capital Area Career Center with Ingham Intermediate Schools and an adjunct professor of criminal justice at Baker College of Owosso and Ferris State University. Garcia retired as Lieutenant after 25 years with the Lansing Police Department where he was instrumental in the recruitment of minorities. Garcia holds both a bachelor's and master's degree in criminal justice from Michigan State University. He chairs the Cristo Rey Community Center's Board of Directors.



Vice Chair

Jesse Venegas, Oakland County

1st Term: 2012-2014 2nd Term 2015-2017



Trustee, Sonya Hernandez, Muskegon County

1st Term: 2014-2015 2nd Term 2015-2018

Hernandez is an adjunct professor at Grand Rapids Community College. She previously served as dean of students at Central High School and a principal in Muskegon Heights. Hernandez holds a bachelor's degree in Spanish and sociology, a master's degree in educational leadership, and studies in the educational special program, all from Grand Valley State University.



Secretary

Jeremiah Hernandez, Ingham County

1st Term: 2014-2015 2nd Term 2016-2018



Martha Gonzalez-Cortes, Kent County

1st Term: 2015-2017

Gonzalez-Cortes is the community relations director for the Michigan Department of Civil Rights. She has experience in the development of complex multi-year multi-agency collaborative ventures. She serves on the boards of St. Mary's Hospital, the Michigan Advocacy Program LLC, and Farmworker Legal Services. Gonzalez-Cortes holds a bachelor's degree from Bryn Mawr College and a master's degree from Stanford University.



Gilberto Guevara, Saginaw County
1st Term: 2011-2013 2nd Term: 2014-2016



Juan Marinez, Ingham County
1st Term: 2015-2017

Marinez is a Michigan State Extension Assistant Director Emeritus. He is a past state advisory board member for the Sustainable and New Immigrants Small Farms Program. He was a keynote speaker at Cornell University's Migrant Programs 30th Anniversary Conference. Marinez has served on the domestic policy staff of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and served as an IPA to the Secretary of Agriculture at USDA.



Monica B. Reyes, Saginaw County
1st Term: 2015-2016

Reyes is the director of disability services at Saginaw Valley State University as well as director of the Great Lakes Bay Hispanic Leadership Institute. She serves on the board of Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan, is a member of the Society for Human Resources, a member of GLB Hispanic Business Association, and a member of Women in Leadership. Reyes holds both a BBA and MBA from Saginaw Valley State University.



Osvaldo "Ozzie" Rivera, Wayne County
1st Term: 2013-2014 2nd Term: 2015-2017

Rivera is the director of community engagement for Southwest Solutions. He previously served as mental health director for ACCESS, director of Latino Family Services, dean of students of Wayne County Community College, director of multicultural affairs and assistant professor at Madonna University, and in special projects for Wayne County's Children and Family Services. He is the co-director of the Afro Puerto Rican drum and dance troupe BombaRica.



Anthony Rubio, Wexford County
1st Term: 2015-2018

Rubio retired from the customer service industry as a general manager and restaurant owner. He is an active volunteer in Wexford County, including Hospice of Michigan, Cadillac Area Honor Guard, as a translator for the Stehower Free Clinic, and as Post Commander of the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 39. Rubio is a United States Air Force Veteran.



Carlos Sanchez, Kent County

1st Term: 2013-2015 2nd Term 2015-2018

Sanchez is the director of the Latino Business and Economic Development Center at Ferris State University, focused on developing Latino leaders and entrepreneurs. He serves as the board chair of the Hispanic Center of West Michigan, the vice chair of the Grand Rapids Community Foundation, a member of the board of the Downtown Improvement District, and a member of the Chemical Bank Community Board. Sanchez holds a degree in international business from Davenport University, an MBA-level certification in design and innovation management from Kendall College and is pursuing his MBA at Ferris State University.

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