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**Hispanic/Latino Commission of Michigan, Commission Meeting
Latinx Technology & Community Center
2102 Lewis t, Flint, MI 48506
April 14, 2023 3:00PM-5:00PM
Meeting Minutes No. 346**

Commissioners Present

Consuela Barber-Lopez, Vice Chair	Angelita Valdez	
Floren시오 Hernandez, Treasurer	Aurora Saucedo	
Abril Valdes Siewert, Secretary	Monteze Morales (virtual)	
Sonya Hernandez		

Staff Present:

Isabel Montemayor-Vazquez (Executive Director)
Marisa Constantini (Administrative Assistant)

Guests:

1) Call to Order:

Vice Chair Consuela Barber-Lopez called the meeting to order.

2) Roll Call:

Secretary Abril Valdes Sierwert completed the Roll Call. Consuela Barber-Lopez, Floren시오 Hernandez, Abril Valdes Siewert, Sonya Hernandez, Angelita Valdez, Aurora Saucedo, Monteze Morales (virtual)

3) Acknowledgement of Commissioner Absences:

Commissioners Jesse Bernal, Monica Reyes, Anthony Rubio, Jesus Hernandez, and Celeste Sanchez Lloyd, Jose Sanchez III were not present.

4) Approval of Agenda:

Reading of the agenda.

MOTION: Motion for the approval of the agenda was made, supported and passed.

5) Approval of Minutes from March 13th, 2023 :

Minutes from the March 13th meeting were approved with prior review from Commissioners.

MOTION: Motion for the approval of the minutes was made, supported and passed.

Jesse Bernal, Chair
Consuela Barber-Lopez, Vice Chair
Floren시오 Hernandez, Treasurer
Abril Valdes Siewert, Secretary
Sonya Hernandez

Monica Reyes
Anthony Rubio
Jesus M Hernandez
Celeste Sanchez-Lloyd
Jose Sanchez, III

Monteze Morales
Angelita Valdez
Aurora Saucedo

6) Executive Director Report:

a) Dr. Isabel Montemayor-Vazquez

- a. REDI Grant Health Disparities Partnership with Ingham County
- b. Capital Area Health Equity Council
- c. Legislative Priorities
- d. Hiring of New Administrative Assistant
- e. MSHDA meeting/Stakeholder Engagement
- f. IMSC
- g. Attended a meeting for Mid-State Health Hispanic and Opioids Panel
- h. Presentations & Outreach
- i. Upcoming Events & Activities

7) Committee Reports

- a) Finance Subcommittee:** Treasurer Florenio Hernandez reported \$170,576 remaining funds. Commissioner Hernandez requested a motion for the finance report and the approval of 2 mini grants requests that were reviewed by the Executive Board and Finance Committees: \$500 for Sigma Lambda Beta Fraternity, \$500 for Lansing Latino Health Alliance.

MOTION: A motion for the approval of the finance report and 2 mini grants requests was made, supported and passed.

- b) Events Planning:** The Hispanic Heritage Event will take place on September 22, 2023 in Kalamazoo. HLCOM has 3 potential locations.
- c) Outreach and Education:** Vice Chair Barber-Lopez is leading this committee. She and commissioner Aurora Saucedo reported that they are looking for to have a Latin Music Festival in Flint from October 7th for October 14th.

- 8) Report from Office of Global Michigan:** E.D. Isabel Montemayor-Vazquez provided an update.

9) New Business:

Drive Safe Bills have been introduced in the house by Representatives Hood and Ayash: a hearing should take place in the next few weeks.

10) Public Comment:

Limited to 2-3 minutes. Public comments will be received but will not be acted upon by the Commission. They will respond if requested via email in 2-3 business days.

- a) Angelo Kapp, LLEAD-Scholarship recipient 2018. He expressed concerns regarding limited resources for the Latinx population. He emphasized the need for increased commission presence in funding initiatives. He emphasized that the current budget allocation for the commission is insufficient to address the needs of the Hispanic population, and advocate for increased funding. Additionally, he highlighted the importance of an accurate census report and a statewide directory to facilitate access to resources and services.
- b) Martha Kapp, Parent. She highlighted the importance of commissioners being more actively involved with young people in schools and acting as mentors. She emphasized the need to inform students about grants and scholarships. She suggested that Statewide graduations should be held in a central location, such as Lansing.
- c) Boris F. Porras Rios, The Motivational Edge. He provided information about his organization's program called "Access for All", that aims to educate students about the functioning of

unions. He mentioned that there are 14 unions participating in the program in Fling. He emphasized the unions' desire to connect with the Hispanic community.

11) Announcements: Commissioner Barber-Lopez announced that the next commission meeting is scheduled to take place on August 11 in Grand Rapids.

12) Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 5:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jesse Bernal, Chairperson

Date

Abril Valdes Siewert, Secretary

Date