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**Hispanic/Latino Commission of Michigan, Commission Meeting
Potter Park Zoo
1301 S. Pennsylvania Ave Lansing, MI 48912
March 10, 2023 6:00PM-8:00PM
Meeting Minutes No. 345**

Commissioners Present

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

Staff Present:

Isabel Montemayor-Vazquez (Executive Director)
Francisca Garcia (Administrative Assistant)

Guests:

Ingham County Health Department

1) Call to Order:

Chair Jesse Bernal called the meeting to order.

2) Roll Call:

Secretary Abril Valdes Sierwert completed the Roll Call.

3) Acknowledgement of Commissioner Absences:

Commissioners Monica Reyes, Anthony Rubio, Jesus Hernandez, and Celeste Sanchez Lloyd 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 January 13, 2023 :

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

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

6) Executive Report:

a) Chairperson Jesse Bernal

- a) Commission meeting updates
- b) The Learning and Development Committee training/workshops
- c) Acknowledgement of the MSU shooting
- d) Ad-hoc committee changes
- e) Commission priorities

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Sonya Hernandez

Monica Reyes
Anthony Rubio
Jesus M Hernandez
Celeste Sanchez-Lloyd
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7) Executive Director Report:

- a) Dr. Isabel Montemayor-Vazquez**
- a) ICHD Redi Grant
 - b) Capitol Area Health Equity Council
 - c) Legislative Priorities
 - d) Meetings and Outcomes
 - e) Presentations and Outreach
 - f) Upcoming Events and Activities

8) Committee Reports

- a) Finance Subcommittee:** Treasurer Florenio Hernandez reported on the sponsorships HLCOM has given to date. HLCOM has utilized 37% of its budget and is on target according to LEO. Any additional funds leftover in the budget will be utilized for scholarships. Additionally, Commissioner Hernandez requested a motion for the approval of 3 sponsorship requests that were reviewed by the Executive and Finance Committees: \$1,500 for Great Lakes Hispanic Bay Leadership Academy (Speakers and Instructors), \$1,500 for One Michigan (Christmas gifts for Undocumented Children), and \$450 Lewton Elementary Spanish Immersion Program (Bilingual parent Child Reading Event).

MOTION: A motion for the approval of the finance report and sponsorship awards was made, supported and passed.

- b) Events Planning:** Commissioner Reyes will be leading this committee and the planning of a 50th anniversary event. The committee has met and has made venue recommendations. The event will take place on September 22, 2023 in Kalamazoo.
- c) Outreach and Education:** Vice Chair Barber-Lopez is leading this committee. She reported on her attendance to a National White House Briefing on Latinos and Mental Health asked OGM and E.D. to look into whether or not MDHHS has received funds to address Mental Health in the Latinx Population in Michigan. E.D. reported that she is waiting to hear back from MDHHS after her inquiry.

- 9) Presentation:** Dr. Alexis Handal and Lisbeth Iglesias-Rios of U of M gave a presentation on Fair Housing Access, Affordability, and Quality for Michigan Farmworkers.

- 10) Report from Office of Global Michigan:** Poppy Hernandez provided an update.

- 10) Old Business:** Chairperson Bernal presented the HLCOM Legislative Priorities for fiscal year 2023.

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

- 11) New Business:**

- a) 2023 Statewide Graduation will be in Flint, MI at Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe San Juan Activity Center on April 14th at 7pm.
- b) Reorganization of subcommittees.

- 12) 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) Al Flores, LLEAD-Presented a report regarding their interactions and inquiries regarding OGM and formally requested a meeting with Commission.
- b) Cristin Larder, Chief Epidemiologist for Ingham County and Epidemiologist with the Race Equity Data Initiative Grant
- c) Dale Freeman, Migrant Affairs and Farmworker Services
- d) Hector Arroyo, LEO Foreign Labor Services
- e) Oscar Castañeda, Drive Michigan Forward Coalition-Requested that the Commission work with the Coalition to push forward Drive Safe Bills and advocate for legislation.
- f) Guillermo Lopez-Requested the Commission work on a Legislative Report that identifies legislation impacting Latinx population in Michigan.

13) Announcements: Already mentioned in the Chair report.

14) Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jesse Bernal, Chairperson Date

Abril Valdes Siewert, Secretary Date