



***Governor's Commission on Hispanic and Latin American Community Affairs
Special Call Meeting
Virtual Zoom Meeting***

*Monday, August 11, 2025
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.*

Meeting Minutes

Commissioners in Attendance:

Alicia Altamirano, Member
Gabriela Argoti-Fernandez, Vice Chair
Ernesto Chanona, Chair
Lorena De Pombo, Member
Stephanie Landaverde, Member
Victoria Gomez Lorenzo, Member
Yuliana Macey, Member
Gabriel Moreno, Esq., Member
Jennifer Rios
Nitzalis Rivera, Member
Katie Simbala, Member
Javier Toro

Commissioners not in Attendance:

Veronica Estrada, Member
Lena Hernandez, Member
Dr. Maria Ramos Olazagasti, Member

GOCI Staff:

Silvia Decja, Administrative Director (GOCI)
Cheryl Madigan, Executive Assistant (GOCI)

Guests:

N/A

I. Call to Order:

Ernesto Chanona, Chair – Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m.

II. Opening Remarks:

❖ Chair Ernesto Chanona welcomed everyone and went over meeting procedures.

III. Motion to form a Working Group for the Hispanic & Latin Heritage Month Celebration.

Motion	1 st	2 nd	Vote
Approval of the minutes	Ernesto Chanona	Gabriel Moreno	11Y-0N-1A

- 1) Carroll Community College – The recommendation was presented by Commissioner Javier Toro. The college can provide a large conference room, tables, chairs, and AV equipment. It also has a large screen for a presentation. It is only available during the week but are flexible on the date. He provided a time from 5:30 – 9:30 to the college for the event. There is plenty of parking. He will need to check the catering



information. Cheryl Madigan did inform them that the college does allow caterers and for him to touch base with Dr. Raza Khan (Commissioner on the South Asian Commission).

- 2) The Atrium at The Walters Art Museum on October 9th – The recommendation was presented by Chair Ernesto Chanona. The space is currently on hold and the event would be from 5:30 – 7:30 and we would need to be out by 8:00. Arrive at 5:00 for setup and 7:30 for breakdown. Program would start at 5:30 and run through 6:30. Performances and Networking would run from 6:30 – 7:30. Parking on would street or garages. Catering restaurants that the museum approves are Alma Cocina Latina, Clavel, and Puerto 511. They can provide AV equipment, some tables and chairs. The museum is waving a \$7,000.00 fee. They plan to host up to 200 guests.

IV. Motion on the Venue for the Hispanic & Latin Heritage Month Celebration:

Motion	1 st	2 nd	Vote
Vote on the venues for the HLHMC Event Carroll Community College Walters Art Museum	Ernesto Chanona	Alica Altamirano	5Y-0N-0A 7Y-0N-0A

The Walters Art Museum will be the venue for the Hispanic & Latin Heritage Month Celebration and they will have 2026 HLHMC event at Carroll Community College.

V. Motion to have Planning meetings for Hispanic & Latin Heritage Month Celebration:

Motion	1 st	2 nd	Vote
Approval at 6:00 p.m. to hold planning meetings for HLHC event.	Ernesto Chanona	Nitza Rivera	12Y-0N-0A

VII. Other Inquiries:

- ❖ The Commission wants guidelines on who is responsible for scheduling meetings and when GOCI needs to attend these meetings. This would be for commission, subcommittee, and working groups.
- ❖ Status on Faith & Blue (HAPCOA) – AD Silvia Decja will check with Communications concerning the revised flyer. Vice Chair Gaby Argoti-Fernandez for the draft flyer.

VIII. Adjournment:

Motion	1 st	2 nd	Vote
To adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m.	Ernesto Chanona	Jennifer Rios	12Y-0N-A