

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE  
HISPANIC/LATINO QUALITY OF LIFE RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2020 AT 1PM  
VIA VIDEOCONFERENCING (RECORDED)**



**CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS:**

*Amanda Afifi, Chair  
Angelica Erazo, Vice-Chair  
Diana Salas  
Melissa Ayala  
Zaira R. Garcia  
Maria C. Solis*

*Jovita J. Flay  
Felicia Peña  
Ricardo Garay  
Lourdes Zuniga  
Sharon Vigil*

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER – Chair Afifi called to order at 1:05pm.**

**Board Members in Attendance:** Chair Amanda Afifi, Maria Solis, Ricardo Garay, Lourdes Zuniga, Ricardo Garay, Melissa Ayala

**1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SUSPENSION OF ROBERT’S RULES OF ORDER**

a. Commissioner Zuniga moved to suspend Robert’s Rules of Order. Commissioner Ayala seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

**2. APPROVAL OF AUGUST MINUTES**

a. Commissioner Solis moved to approve August minutes. Commissioner Ayala seconded. Commissioner Vigil abstained. The motion did not pass.

**3. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Discussion and possible action regarding elections for Chair and Vice-Chair (term to end April 2021)
  - i. Commissioner Solis moved to nominate Chair Afifi and Vice Chair Erazo to remain as Chair and Vice Chair. Commissioner Garay seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
- b. Discussion and possible action regarding communications strategy
  - i. Commissioner Vigil moved to approve a communication strategy developed by Commissioner Zuniga and Vice Chair Erazo, with the addition of amendment from Commissioner Garay regarding Spanish translation of materials. Commissioner Ayala seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

- c. Discussion and possible action regarding regarding Covid-19 relief
  - i. No updates

#### **4. OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Economic Development and Access to Affordable Housing work group (Vice Chair Erazo and Commissioners Garcia and Zuniga) – *Commissioner Zuniga met with Veronica Briseño, Director of Economic Development, about Covid-19 relief efforts.*
- b. Health work group (Commissioner Garay and Vigil) – *Commissioner Garay requested representation from APH at meetings to discuss COVID-19 relief efforts for Latinx community*
- c. Representatives to Joint Inclusion Committee (Commissioners Solis and Afifi) – *Chair Afifi gave updates on equity mini-grants*
- d. Representatives to Commission on Seniors (Commissioner Solis)
- e. Budget and Policy Priorities work group (Chair Afifi, Vice-Chair Erazo, Commissioners Peña, Zuniga, and Solis) – *Commission Vigil requested that the Commission begin to work on a strategic plan*
- f. Representatives to MACC board and business (Vice-Chair Erazo) – *The new Chair and Vice Chair of the MACC Board reached out to Chair Afifi and Vice Chair Erazo.*
- g. Education Work Group (Chair Afifi, Commissioners Zuniga and Garcia) – *Commissioner Zuniga met with new AISD Superintendent*
- h. Public Safety Work Group (Chair Afifi and Commissioner Peña) – *Chair Afifi and Commissioner Peña still working on draft recommendation*
- h. Arts and Culture Workgroup (Commissioner Ayala) – *new workgroup requested by Commissioner Ayala.*

#### **4. STAFF BRIEFING**

- a. Update from Office of Sustainability regarding Community Climate Plan - Celine Rendon, Community Engagement Specialist, and Zach Baumer, Climate Protection Manager

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- a. Presentation from Intergovernmental Relations regarding legislative session
- b. Review HLQOL attendance policies

#### **ADJOURNMENT – Chair Afifi adjourned the meeting at 2:33pm.**

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