



Greater Tulsa Area Hispanic/Latinx Affairs Commission

June 11, 2026 | 5:30 – 6:30 pm

City Hall at One Technology Center | Room 10 North

Meeting Notes

Commissioners Present: Amy Ariza, Chriss Chavez, Jackiez Gonzalez, Jessica Lozano-Alvarez, Angelica Reina Paez

Commissioners Absent: Carlos Bejarano, Jose Bamaca Hernandez, Mimi Martinez Herrera, Fatima Linares, Mark Ohnesorge, Jacob Parra, Diana Pennington, Amanda Peregrina

Liaisons Present: Andy Little

Liaisons Absent: Richard Gonzales, Riley Howard

I. Call to Order

- a. Chairwoman Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 5:34 pm. A quorum was not present.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. As a quorum was not present, previous meeting minutes were not approved.

III. Chair / Vice Chair Report

- a. Chairwoman Gonzalez shared that the quarterly Title V Commissions Chair and Vice Chair meeting included a presentation on fund management for commissions and how the process will be streamlined.
 - i. It will be to GTAHLAC's advantage to work with a community partner to establish a fund for something like a scholarship. Chairwoman Gonzalez would like to pilot that this next year. Waiting on the City to provide more information.
 - ii. Vice Chair Chavez noted that Education Committee member Gloria has knowledge and experience of overseeing a scholarship at TCC and will be helpful in this conversation. Adding a scholarship to the Tomás Rivera Awards will bring great value to the students.
 - iii. Chairwoman Gonzalez noted that other commissions are interested in starting funds so there is opportunity for collaboration and support. The Education Committee has expressed interest in piloting a scholarship.
- b. Commissioner Lozano-Alvarez arrived at 5:48 pm.

IV. Committee Reports

- a. Executive Committee
 - i. Chairwoman Gonzalez noted there are three speakers lined up for August's meeting.



- ii. Vice Chair Chavez: Exec Committee discussed commissioners being more involved in tabling.
- b. Education Committee
 - i. Tomás Rivera Awards Ceremony recap
- c. Community Advocacy Committee – no report
- d. Public Safety Committee
 - i. Vice Chair Chavez tabled at EMSA's event in May.
 - ii. Tulsa Health Department is partnering with schools to educate students and with senior living centers for safe disposal of medications after residents pass away.
 - 1. Also launching efforts to decreasing drunk driving in youth and adults.
 - 2. Hepatitis event with UMA Tulsa this fall.
 - iii. Working with Commissioner Bamaca Hernandez to raise awareness of the new state law that reduces fire safety requirements in food trucks. Might develop a playbook that provides clear guidance to food truck owners about certificate needs. This is another opportunity to collaborate with other commissions.
- e. Immigration Committee
 - i. Commissioner Ariza met with an immigration attorney to discuss a policy shift that will affect those seeking permanent residency. The attorney recommends that everyone seek legal advice when undergoing this process.
 - ii. Spoke with the District Attorney about the Hispanic/Latinx community fear about reporting crimes they have experienced. The DA affirmed that he doesn't care about individuals' legal status of those reporting crimes, they want to help victims and will even sign visas.
 - iii. Commissioners discussed if the Mexican Consulate could help folks obtain a driver's license from their home country. GTAHLAC should table when they come to Tulsa.
- f. Business Engagement Committee – no report
- V. Action: Vote to Recommend Human Rights Commission Liaison for Appointment**
 - a. As a quorum was not present, no action was taken.
- VI. Old Business** – no old business
- VII. New Business** – no new business
- VIII. Announcements / Public Comments**
 - a. Public Comments
 - i. Oscar noted that consulates from other countries come to Tulsa periodically.
 - b. YWCA Los Pecitos free children's swim classes.
- IX. Adjournment**
 - a. Chairwoman Gonzalez adjourned at 6:34 pm.