



***Governor's Commission on Hispanic and Latin American Community Affairs
2nd Quarterly Commission Meeting
Virtual Zoom Meeting***

*Tuesday, June 9, 2026
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.*

Meeting Minutes

Commissioners in Attendance:

Gabriela Argoti-Fernandez, Vice Chair
Veronica Estrada, Member
Stephanie Landaverde, Member
Lena Hernandez, Member
Yuliana Macey, Member
Javier Toro

Commissioners not in Attendance:

Lorena De Pombo, Member
Maria Ramos Olazagasti, Member
Julian Perez
Jennifer Rios
Nitzalis Rivera, Member
Katie Simbala, Member

Guests:

Marlene Orantes

GOCI Staff:

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

I. Call to Order:

Chair Gabriela Argoti-Fernandez – Meeting called to order at **6:04 p.m.**

II. Opening Remarks:

Chair Gaby Argoti-Fernandez greeted everyone and thanked everyone for the Health Fair event.
AD Silvia Decja welcomed everyone, went over meeting procedures, and also thanked everyone for the Health Fair event.

III. Motion to approve the minutes from the commission meeting 03/31/26 and update the agenda with the correct minutes date.

Motion	1 st	2 nd	Vote
Approval of the minutes for 03/31/2026 & update the agenda with the correct minutes date.	Lena Hernandez	Veronica Estrada	4Y - 0N - 3A majority passes

IV. Reminders and Notes:

- a. **Chair Argoti-Fernandez** informed the commission that they are to inform herself, AD Decja, and EA Madigan if they are unable to attend a meeting.



- b. **AD Decja** informed the commission that the sponsorship letter has been updated to only include The Hispanic Heritage Month event. She asked the commission to forward the letter to their contacts. All sponsorship funds need to be received 30 days prior to the event.
- c. **Chair Argoti-Fernandez** reminded the commission to complete the [event form](#) when they are attending event. This needs to be completed if they are attending as a commissioner or as a private citizen. **AD Decja** reminded the commission to complete the [social media](#) form and upload any pictures.

V. Committees:

- a. **Business & Economic Dev. – Commissioner Veronica Estrada** stated that the committee has been on hold, due to the commission focusing on the Roundtable Discussions.
- b. **Community – Commissioner Lena Hernandez** stated they are focusing on the analysis of the Roundtable Discussions.
- c. **Education – Chair Gaby Argoti-Fernandez** stated that they haven't met, due to the focus on the Roundtable Discussions.
- d. **Health & Housing – Commissioner Yuliana Macey** stated that the Health Fair is done and the committee needs to plan a debriefing meeting and go over the surveys.
- e. **Legislation – Chair Gaby Argoti-Fernandez** had no updates.

VI. Working Groups:

- a. **Roundtables (Updates): Commissioner Lena Hernandez** stated that Commissioner Maria Ramos Olazagasti has been working on the AI program to help generate larger reports to generate the final report. They still need to have commissioners to review the data.
- b. **Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration:** The commission started to form the working group for this event. Chair **Argoti-Fernandez**, and commissioners **Hernandez, Estrada, and Macey** joined this working group. The event will be at Carroll Community College on October 1st. **AD Silvia Decja** stated that the Maryland 250 Commission agency has approved the grant for funding for this event in the amount of \$4,500.00.

VII. Adjournment:

Motion	1 st	2 nd	Vote
Motion to adjourn at 6:56 p.m.	Julian Perez	Yuliana Macey	5Y - 0N - 0A