



Latino Advisory Council Monthly Meeting  
Online WebEx Meeting  
**March 16, 2022**  
**9:00am –12:00pm**

## Amended Minutes

**Chair-Person:**

Julia Monzon

**Past Chair-Person:**

Nancy Rodriguez

**Chair-Elect:**

Yeni Rojas

**Co-Scribes:**

Rosa Molina Lassalle

**DCFS Members:**

Coty Corcoles

Jose Garcia

Juan Maldonado

Evelyn Martinez

Melissa Martinez

Beatriz Ramirez

Liliana Romero

Moises Jimenez

Azalea Mejia

**POS Members:**

Jennifer Contreras

Dennis Delgado

**Director's Liason:**

Jose J. Lopez

Latino Services

**Committees:**

Child Safety, Risk  
Reduction and  
Permanency

Data Analysis,  
Disproportionality  
and Staffing

Strategic  
Communications

POS Collaboration

Latino Family  
Institute

Professional  
Development Day

**Present:** Julia Monzon, Rosa Maria Molina Lassalle, Azalea Mejia, Evelyn Martinez, Jose Garcia, Lilliana Romero, Melissa Martinez, Nancy Rodriguez, Coty Corcoles, Jennifer Contreras, Beatriz Ramirez, Moises Jimenez.

**Excused:** Jose Lopez

**Unexcused:** Dennis Delgado

**Guests:** Kara Hamilton,

**A. Welcome**

Participants were welcomed and introductions were complete.

**B. Positive Vibes**

Members were able to share positive experiences.

**C. Review and Approval of February Minutes**

February minutes were amended and approved by majority of votes

**D. Committee Written Reports (Review of retreat and committee annual goals**

**Child Safety, Risk Reduction and Permanency –**

Moises Jimenez-Provided written report

**Data Analysis, Disproportionality and Staffing –**

Nancy Rodriguez- The committee needs to receive reports from different DCFS Divisions.

**Strategic Communications – Julia Monzon**

April 18 is Noticias due date.

**POS Collaboration– Jennifer Contreras & Jose J. Lopez-**

PDD planning meeting is pending, the next POS Collaboration meeting is to be scheduled. There may be a bilingual pay increase for POS agencies. There is a recruitment push for Youth in Care to attend meetings.

**E. Office of Diversity, Equality and Inclusion Report by Jose Lopez.**

Tabled

**F. Officer and Retention Vote**

Nominations and Retention –



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Sidney Juarez and Vanessa Castro submitted their resignations by email.

The retention list was presented; a breakout room was unable to be opened as originally planned. Melissa Martinez and Evelyn Martinez received votes by cellular and some emails. The process was delayed due to confusion as some members voted using Melissa or Evelyn's personal cell phone numbers instead of the DCFS numbers provided in the Chat.

Twelve voting members were accounted for and the votes were tallied. Results: Coty Corcoles, Jose Garcia, Azalea Mejia, Lilliana Romero, Yeni Rojas and Jennifer Contreras were retained as members. Nancy Rodriguez was not retained as a member.

By a majority of votes:

Melissa Martinez was chosen as co-scribe and will fulfill these duties as her new job assignment allows.

Rosa Maria LaSalle was retained as a Co-Scribe.

Jennifer Contreras was voted in as the Chair Person Elect.

Julia Monzon automatically becomes the Former Chairperson as per LAC Bylaws.

#### **G. Old Business**

Discussion:

- Foster Parent vacancy list-information was updated
- Youth Advisory meeting-how to communicate with youth
- Jose Lopez working with different programs and activities, recruitment of SS workers, and translations of documents.
- Beatriz Ramirez continues working with recruitment foster parents
- Melissa Martinez continues to gather more resources
- Yeni Rojas-updating the officers/membership list-completed and Advised to all LAC members to complete their mandatory trainings (OMC, Ethics, ect.) Open Meeting Act Training at <https://foiapac.ilag.gov/createaccount.aspx>  
Other training on DCFS One Net <https://onenet.illinois.gov/>
- Joint Council Chair Meeting was announced
- By Law Review Group Meeting did not occur. The proposed amendment regarding the POS/Professional Dev. Day Chair was discussed.
- The 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of the amendment was completed naming the POS Collaboration Chair as the Chair of the Professional Development Day.

#### **H. New Business**

A Special Presentation for DHS Immigration and Refugee Services was planned for the April meeting.

Stakeholder Collaborative Rules 428 Review was discussed.



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**I. Open Forum:**

- Awards Committee Criteria to be reviewed (pending)
- POS and DCFS LAC new members recruitment is ongoing

**The Meeting Adjourned at 11:30 pm, the next meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2022 at 9am.**