



Idaho Commission on Hispanic Affairs

Official Board Meeting

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Meeting ID: 264 920 273 103 30
Passcode: Y8Li6qm2
Date: April 28, 2026
Time: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Public Members:

Ivan Castillo-Terán
Mauricio Cardona
Luis A. Carrillo Rodríguez
César Pérez García
Dan Puga

Staff Members:

~~Joan Vargas~~
Annette V. Tipton

Idaho Senate:

~~Sen. Jamie Ward-Engelking~~
~~Sen. Camille Blaylock~~

Idaho House of Representatives:

Rep. Rod Furniss
Rep. Lucas Cayler

Alma Navarrete
Lymaris Ortiz Perez

Agenda Item	
10:03 a.m. – Call to Order and Quorum Established	Chair Ivan Castillo-Terán called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. A quorum was established. Commissioners and attendees were welcomed.
Approval of Previous Minutes	The Board reviewed the October 2025 Official Board Meeting Minutes. Motion by Commissioner Mauricio Cardona, seconded by Representative Lucas Cayler. Motion passed unanimously.
Executive Director's Report	Executive Director Annette Tipton recognized staff for their dedication and teamwork during the agency transition. She provided updates on Boise State University's policy survey, commissioner transition activities, internship program, Idaho Youth Leadership Summit (IYLS), Legislative Reception, legislative activities, State of the Hispanic Community initiatives, social media launch, 2026 Legislative Session wrap-up, May Primary, and planning for the 2026 Healthcare Expo.
Strategic Priorities	Ms. Tipton reviewed key agency priorities, including website enhancements, government efficiency initiatives, expanded data analytics, and development of a statewide internship program.
Tobacco Prevention Partnership	Ms. Tipton discussed tobacco prevention data related to Idaho's Hispanic population and opportunities for the Commission to continue supporting prevention efforts through collaboration. Commissioner Luis Carrillo Rodríguez suggested strengthening partnerships to increase outreach within Idaho's Hispanic community.

FY2027 Budget Overview	Ms. Tipton presented an overview of the proposed FY2027 budget and discussed the Commission's funding priorities for the upcoming fiscal year.
Newsletter Update	Staff provided an update on the Commission newsletter. Lymaris Ortiz Perez will continue leading the design and publication of future editions.
Idaho Youth Leadership Summit (IYLS)	Commissioners discussed the long-term impact and future direction of the Idaho Youth Leadership Summit. Commissioner Luis Carrillo Rodríguez encouraged continued institutional support and suggested exploring opportunities for community engagement before the event. Commissioners also discussed evaluating future event dates to maximize participation.
Board Discussion	Chair Castillo-Terán invited commissioners to share updates and comments. Discussion focused on community outreach, legislative priorities, strengthening partnerships, and increasing the Commission's visibility across Idaho. Commissioner Mauricio Cardona inquired about opportunities for the Commission to participate in community viewing events as an additional outreach strategy. Commissioner Perez Garcia advised that he would not be seeking another term when his appointment ends in July 2027. Discussion ensued about how commissioners' appointments are carried out. Guidance on this matter is outlined in Idaho Code. Director Tipton shared that she would confirm with the agency's DAG on the matter. In conclusion, it was agreed that the application process is open to the public and available in the agency's website.
Next Meeting	The Board agreed to hold the next meeting in person during September 2026. Staff will distribute a scheduling poll to determine the meeting date.
12:30 p.m.	Motion to adjourn by Representative Lucas Cayler, seconded by Dan Puga. Motion passed unanimously.

Action Items:

#	Action Item	Responsible Party	Due Date / Status
1	Continue exploring partnerships to support tobacco prevention outreach within Idaho's Hispanic community.	Executive Director	Ongoing
2	Finalize and distribute the Commission newsletter.	Administrative Assistant	Upcoming Publication
3	Continue planning for the 2027 Idaho Youth Leadership Summit and evaluate potential scheduling adjustments.	Staff	Ongoing
4	Continue development of website enhancements and data analytics initiatives.	Executive Director & Staff	Ongoing
5	Distribute a scheduling poll for the September 2026 Board Meeting.	Administrative Assistant	Before September Meeting

6.	DAG confirmation and guidance on Commissioner recruitment, application, and appointment.	Executive Director	Before August meeting
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Closing Remarks

Chair Castillo-Terán thanked the Commissioners and staff for their continued commitment to advancing the Commission's mission through collaboration, strategic partnerships, and public service. Executive Director Tipton expressed appreciation for the Board's guidance and ongoing support.

Prepared by: Lymaris Ortiz Pérez, Secretary of the Hispanic Commission Board

Reviewed and approved: August 19, 2026, by Annette V. Tipton, Executive Director, and unanimously by the Commissioners.