



GARLAND

NOTICE OF MEETING

CITY OF GARLAND, TEXAS

**Community Multicultural Commission
Work Session Room, City Hall
200 N. Fifth Street
Garland, Texas
September 18, 2025
6:00 PM**

A meeting of the Community Multicultural Commission of the City of Garland, Texas will be held at the aforementioned location, date, and time to discuss and consider the following agenda items.

AGENDA:

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Consider Approval of the Minutes of the August 21, 2025 meeting.**

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Persons who desire to address the Committee on any item on the agenda are allowed three minutes to speak.

3. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- a. Committee Event Report Updates: Past & Future**

Committees of the CMC may present reports on their meetings, and members who have participated in events may provide summaries of past activities as well as updates regarding forthcoming events.

- b. Outreach Materials and Promotional Inventory**

Commission members will discuss the finalization of promotional item orders.

- c. Formation of Subcommittee for CMC 25th Anniversary Planning**

Commission members will discuss establishing a subcommittee to lead planning efforts for the Commission's 25th Anniversary celebration, including determining subcommittee meeting dates and times, event logistics, planning timeline, and preliminary ideas.

- d. Establishment of Nominating Committee for Election of Chair and Vice-Chair**

The commission will establish a nominating committee for the election of the Board Chair and Vice Chair. The committee will present a slate of candidates, followed by a secret ballot election. The

officer election is scheduled to take place at the October 16, 2025 meeting.

e. Children's Fall Festival Planning

Commission members will discuss the planning and logistics for the Children's Fall Festival scheduled for October 18, 2025.

f. Future Meetings and Events

Commission members will discuss coordination and participation in upcoming community events.

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

5. ADJOURN

NOTE: A quorum of the City Council may be in attendance and may or may not participate in the discussions of the Committee or board.



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MINUTES

The Community Multicultural Commission of the City of Garland convened in regular session at 6:00 PM on August 21, 2025, in the Work Session Room at the William E. Dollar Municipal Building, 200 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas, with the following members present:

Present: CorSharra Prenell, Chair
Merrill Balanciere, Vice Chair
Steven Flores, Board Member
Rene Granado, Board Member
Moses Uvere, Board Member
Jimmy Tran, Board Member
Kymberlaine Banks, Board Member
Jennifer Nguyen, Board Member
Charles Leonard, Board Member
Glenna Saygidia, Board Member
Christopher Johnson, Board Member

Absent: Isaac Abu, Board Member
Arthur Gregg, Board Member

Staff Present: Phil Urrutia, Assistant City Manager
Jennifer Stubbs, City Secretary

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Consider Approval of the Minutes of the June 26, 2025 Meeting.

A motion was made by Merrill Balanciere to approve the minutes of the June 26, 2025 meeting, with corrections noted for attendance. Motion was seconded by Jimmy Tran. Motion Carried.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Persons who desire to address the Committee on any item on the agenda are allowed three minutes to speak.

There were no speakers for this item.

3. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

a. Committee Event Reports

Committees for the CMC may report meeting information. Individuals who participated in events may also provide information.

Commission members provided reports on the July 4th "Red, White & You" event, noting the success of the fireworks, vendor diversity, and strong community engagement. They also identified challenges with event setup, recommending an increase in the setup crew and earlier arrival times. Promotional items were distributed, with pens proving especially popular, while the giveaway wheel was considered less effective due to the limited prize variety. The Commission also discussed ways to ensure fair distribution of promotional materials across shifts.

b. SMART Goals Update

The CMC members will provide an update regarding the current status of short-term goals, which have been developed using the SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time-Bound) framework.

Jimmy Tran reported on District 5 and District 7 Town Halls, noting strong citizen engagement and upcoming projects such as a new soccer complex. Other members shared updates from City Council and GISD board meetings, as well as the Garland Police Department's Unidos Program, which focused on mental health resources.

c. Outreach Materials and Promotional Inventory

Commission members will discuss outreach materials and future promotional inventory.

Phil Urrutia reported that only a limited number of pens remain and other promotional items are out of stock. Members discussed potential new items, and consensus was reached to prioritize reordering materials before the October budget cycle.

d. CMC Financial Report

City Staff will review FY 2025 CMC budget information.

Phil Urrutia presented the financial report, noting \$2,960.80 remaining in the FY 2025 budget. Members agreed to allocate funds this month for promotional materials and September meals, leaving about \$2,000 for future purchases.

e. Future Meetings and Events

Commission members will discuss coordination and participation for future events.

Upcoming events were reviewed, and volunteers committed to attending:

August 23, 2025 – Senior Activity Center Groundbreaking

August 26, 2025 – GISD Board of Trustees meeting.

August 28, 2025 – District 6 Town Hall

September 1, 2025 – Labor Day Parade (CMC may participate; staff check with Exchange Club).

September 16, 2025 – City Council Regular Meeting

NAACP Freedom Fund Brunch Commission approved the purchase of three tickets for members Kymberlaine Banks, Jimmy Tran, and CorSharra Prenell.

Other fall events include the Garland Guzzler 0.5K, Unidos Program, GISD meetings, and Asian Children's Fall Festival (October 17–18). Participation will be finalized in September.

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Discussion and possible vote on participation in the Asian Children's Fall Festival and Charity Golf Tournament.
- Finalization of promotional item orders.

5. ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Submitted By:

/s/ CorSharra Prenell, Chair

/s/ Jennifer Stubbs, City Secretary