



GARLAND
NOTICE OF MEETING
CITY OF GARLAND, TEXAS

Community Multicultural Commission
Work Session Room, City Hall
200 N. Fifth Street
Garland, Texas
October 16, 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.

Community Multicultural Commission

AGENDA:

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Consider Approval of the Minutes of the September 18, 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. Election Nominating Committee Report

Nominating Committee members Merrill Balanciere and Steven Flores will provide a report for upcoming election.

b. Election of Board Chair and Vice-Chair

The commission elects officers annually, with a Nominating Committee presenting a slate of candidates during the October meeting, followed by a secret ballot election. The Chairperson, who presides over meetings and represents the CMC, and the Vice Chairperson, who acts in the Chairperson's absence, serve one-year terms, with a limit of three consecutive terms.

c. 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.

d. Future Meetings and Event Logistics

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 September 18, 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, Commission Member
Rene Granado, Commission Member
Moses Uvere, Commission Member
Arthur Gregg, Commission Member
Glenna Saygidia, Commission Member
Christopher Johnson, Commission Member

Absent: Jimmy Tran, Commission Member
Kymberlaine Banks, Commission Member
Jennifer Nguyen, Commission Member
Charles Leonard, Commission Member
Isaac Abu, Commission Member

Staff Present: Phil Urrutia, Assistant City Manager
Courtney Vanover, Public Information Coordinator

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

A motion was made by Christopher Johnson to amend the minutes to include the discussion on purchasing tickets for fundraising items, seconded by Glenna Saygidia. Motion Carried. Steven Flores then moved to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2025 meeting as amended, seconded by Christopher Johnson. 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 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.

Commission members shared updates on recent outreach activities and participation in community events. Members also reported attending the following meetings and events: the Youth Council Meeting, City Council meetings, and the District 6 Town Hall.

b. Outreach Materials and Promotional Inventory

Commission members will discuss the finalization of promotional item orders.

Courtney Vanover reported on the recent purchase of promotional items and the expenditures associated with them. Items purchased included fanny packs, flashlights, umbrellas, and towels. The Commission had approved a budget allocation of \$2,500 for promotional materials, and total expenditures amounted to \$2,411.48, remaining within the approved budget. In addition, a new spinning wheel was acquired and presented to the Commission; staff clarified that this expense will not be charged to the CMC budget.

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.

A subcommittee was established to lead planning for the Commission's 25th Anniversary celebration. Discussion included potential dates, event logistics, and preliminary ideas. The subcommittee is scheduled to meet at 5:00 p.m. on November 20, 2025, prior to the regular CMC meeting. Commission members volunteering to serve on the subcommittee are Merrill Balanciere, Christopher Johnson, and Arthur Gregg. Staff noted that a formal agenda will be posted, and the meeting will be open to the public.

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.

The Commission established a nominating committee to prepare a slate of candidates for the upcoming election of Chair and Vice-Chair on October 16, 2025. Commission members volunteering to serve on the nominating committee are Merrill Balanciere and Steven Flores. Staff noted that the election will be conducted by secret ballot.

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.

The Commission reviewed details for the Children's Fall Festival scheduled for October 18, 2025. Discussion included setup times, volunteer shifts, and event logistics, with confirmation that the CMC will host a table at the event. A request was made to confirm the exact arrival time for CMC volunteers. Staff will reach out to Jennifer Nguyen to obtain details of the event schedule and arrival times for Commission members who are volunteering.

f. Future Meetings and Events

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

Members discussed coordination and participation in several upcoming events, including:

- Community Cookout at Bussey Middle School – September 26, 2025
- Safety Fest – October 4, 2025
- Tri-City Litter Cleanup – October 11, 2025
- Texas Tamale Festival Exhibit – October 11, 2025 through January 3, 2026
- GISD Town Hall Meetings – various dates in September and October 2025
- DFW Asian American Charity Golf Tournament – October 28, 2025; staff will reach out to Jimmy Tran

regarding volunteer opportunities for CMC members

- Additional opportunities for outreach and collaboration with other boards, including the Garland Youth Council (GYC)

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Presentation by an MD Pathways Representative
- Discussion on use of the spinning wheel at events

5. ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Submitted By:

/s/ CorSharra Prenell, Chair

/s/ Courtney Vanover, Public Information Coordinator