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NOTICE OF MEETING
CITY OF GARLAND, TEXAS

Community Multicultural Commission
Work Session Room, City Hall
200 N. Fifth Street
Garland, Texas
September 17, 2026
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 Meeting

AGENDA:

1. **CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME**

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

   a. **Consider Approval of Minutes from the August 20, 2026 Meeting.**

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

4. **COMMISSION REPORT UPDATES, STAFF UPDATES, PAST AND FUTURE**

5. **ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION**

   a. **Charlene Edwards Together We Dine Presentation and 25th Anniversary Discussion**

   Charlene Edwards with Project Unity will give another presentation to the Commission on Together We Dine for the 25th Anniversary Celebration and answer logistical questions the Commission has regarding hosting this type of event.

   b. **Chair and Co-Chair Elections**

   Commission members will nominate and vote for Chair and Co-Chair representatives for the new term.

   c. **Discussion of Community Multicultural Commission Meeting Frequency**

   Members will discuss reducing the meeting frequency for the Commission.

   d. **Discussion of Community Multicultural Commission Subcommittee Meeting Frequency**

   Members will discuss the necessary frequency for Subcommittee meetings.

e. Budget Update

Staff will present the most updated Commission budget for the members to review and discuss.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

7. ADJOURN

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

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MINUTES

The Community Multicultural Commission of the City of Garland convened in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on August 20, 2026, 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 Christopher Johnson, Vice Chair Jennifer Nguyen, Commission Member Arthur Gregg, Commission Member Charles Leonard, Commission Member Glenna Saygidia, Commission Member Merrill Balanciere, Commission Member Alex Alexander, Commission Member
Absent:	Moses Uvere, Commission Member Kymberlaine Banks, Commission Member
Staff Present:	Oswaldo Rodriguez, Sanitation Director

1. **CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME**

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
    a. **Consider Approval of Minutes from the July 16, 2026 Meeting**

Chair Prenell made a motion to approve the July 16, 2026 meeting minutes. Vice Chair Johnson seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

There were no speakers on this item.

4. **COMMISSION REPORT UPDATES, PAST AND FUTURE**

Commission Members provided updates on recent City Council activities, including unanimous approval of newly appointed board and commission members and the Garland Housing Foundation candidate interviews. Members noted that Christopher Lenier was appointed to the Garland Housing Foundation Board following a successful interview.

Additional updates included discussion of the proposed Neighborhood Stewardship Partnership Program, which will begin as a pilot initiative with volunteer participation and city-supported materials. Members were briefed on volunteer coordination through VolunteerGarland.org and upcoming partnerships with volunteer groups to support revitalization efforts throughout select neighborhoods.

Commission Members also reported attendance at recent Town Hall meetings concerning the proposed property tax rate adjustment. Updates included clarification that the upcoming tax ballot item will legally appear as an increase although it represents a net decrease of one cent overall. Members encouraged residents to review ballot language carefully and participate in voting.

Additional updates included attendance at the Miss Asia America International Pageant and observations regarding cultural youth development and community engagement. Members also discussed recent attendance at a Garland ISD ribbon-cutting ceremony for new multi-activity centers supporting athletics, band, cheer, drill team, and baseball programs.

Updates continued with discussion of the Back-to-School drive at HBJ Stadium in partnership with GISD and NAACP. Members noted strong volunteer participation and potential future opportunities for CMC visibility at similar events.

Further updates included a report regarding upcoming public art selection processes at the Lou Huff Park Culture Ring. Members described reviewing artist submissions and narrowing candidates for future interviews and community engagement sessions. Additional updates included participation in Garland Police Department advisory and interview panels for upcoming police academy candidates.

Members reviewed several upcoming community events, including the Children's Fall Festival and Night Market on October 16–17. Commission Members discussed potential CMC table participation and volunteer needs. Attendance commitments and timeline for final decisions will be revisited at the September meeting.

Updates also included discussion of the NAACP 35th Freedom Fund Brunch and Silent Auction. Members confirmed ticket commitments for attending Commission Members and reviewed scholarship program details, event expectations, and silent auction procedures.

Members discussed upcoming City of Garland Safety Fest on October 3 and requested that final attendance confirmations be revisited in September. Members also noted participation opportunities for the Garland Guzzler foot race and shared additional calendar items for August, September, and October.

Additional administrative updates included discussion of new Commission Members expected to join in September and upcoming officer elections. Members reviewed by-law updates and nomination procedures. Staff also described upcoming efforts to prepare business cards, name placards, and ID tags for incoming Commission Members.

5. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

a. Discussion and Preparation for Project Unity's 25th Anniversary Presentation

Commission Members reviewed planning efforts and discussed the proposed theme, "Shaping Our Future: Resident Voices and Civic Belonging." Members discussed proposed questions for the September presentation, noting the importance of thoughtful wording and community sensitivity. After discussion, Members agreed upon the theme and the themes of the presented questions, with final question wording to be refined following additional consideration and collaboration with Project Unity representatives.

Gregg made a motion to accept the theme as presented and the themes of the associated questions, with the intention of finalizing the wording of the questions at a later date. Alexander seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

b. Discussion of Community Multicultural Commission Subcommittee Meeting Frequency

Members agreed to table this item until after the September meeting, at which time new Commission Members and new officers will be in place and additional information from Project Unity will be available.

c. Budget Update

Staff presented the current budget status, noting that all purchases have been encumbered and the remaining balance is $433, not including the next meeting's dinner. Ticket purchases for the NAACP event and previously allocated amounts for promotional inventory were included in the current budget. Members discussed future meal costs and noted a desire to maintain reasonable expenses while preserving the Commission's ability to hold monthly or quarterly meetings and utilize funds appropriately.

6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no items discussed.

7. ADJOURN

Chair Prenell adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Submitted By:

/s/ CorSharra Prenell, Chair
/s/ Angela Broussard, Sanitation Commercial Sales Manager