



# GARLAND

## NOTICE OF MEETING CITY OF GARLAND, TEXAS

### COMMUNITY MULTICULTURAL COMMISSION

Work Session Room of City Hall  
200 N. Fifth Street  
Garland, Texas  
April 17, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

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 March 20, 2025 meeting.

##### 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Persons who desire to address the Committee on any item on the agenda are allowed three minutes to speak. Testimony may be held until the item is considered or given at the beginning of any committee meeting. Invited testimony may also occur at any time, subject to a request of the Member of the Committee and with the approval of the Committee Chairperson.

##### 3. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

###### a. Committee and Event Reports

*Committees for the CMC may report on meeting information, individuals who participated in events may also provide information.*

###### b. Progress Update and Discussion on Short-Term SMART Goals

*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.*

###### c. Discuss 25th Anniversary of CMC

*CMC members will discuss recognizing the 25th anniversary of the CMC.*

###### d. Discuss and Review Current Swag and Orders Needed for CMC

*The CMC will discuss current items ordered for events and discuss the need for new items.*

##### 4. 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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**Community Multicultural Commission**

**1. a.**

**Meeting Date:** 04/17/2025

**Item Title:** Approval of Minutes

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**Summary:**

Consider approval of the minutes of the March 20, 2025 meeting.

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**Attachments**

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## **MINUTES**

The Community Multicultural Commission of the City of Garland convened in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 20, 2025, in the Work Session of City Hall, 200 North Fifth Street, Garland, Texas, with the following members:

- Present:** CorSharra Prenell, Chair  
Merrill Balanciere, Vice Chair  
Kymberlaine Banks, Board Member  
Elvia Flores, Board Member  
Charles Leonard, Board Member  
Glenna Saygidia, Board Member  
Justina James, Board Member  
Jimmy Tran, Board Member
- Absent:** Jennifer Nguyen, Board Member  
Charles Pickitt, Board Member  
Isaac Abu, Board Member  
Jair Garrido, Board Member
- Staff Present:** Jennifer Stubbs, City Secretary  
Courtney Vanover, Recording Secretary

### **1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a.** Consider approval of the minutes for January 25, 2025 meeting.

Motion was made by Elvia Flores to approve the January 25, 2025 meeting minutes and was seconded by Kymberlaine Banks. Motion carried unanimously.

### **2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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There were no speakers on this item.

**a. CMC Financial Report**

*City Staff will review FY 2025 CMC budget information.*

Jennifer Stubbs, City Secretary presented the FY 2025 CMC Budget Report. Staff proposed combining budget line items for simplification.

Motion was made by Kymberlaine Banks to accept the financial report as presented and was seconded by Elvia Flores. Motion carried unanimously.

**b. Committee and Event Reports**

*Committees for the CMC may report out meeting information; individuals who participated in events may also provide information.*

Commission members reported on participation in the Lunar New Year Luncheon, NAACP Winter Ball and a UFL-sponsored event. Photos from the events were requested to be submitted to city staff for documentation. Commission members expressed interest in expanding community involvement and presence at future events.

**c. Review of Monthly Calendar**

*Staff and the CMC will review the monthly calendar including events for possible participation.*

Commission members reviewed the March-May calendar and committed to attending upcoming City, GISD and community events, including: Garland Youth Council Meetings, District Town Halls, City Council meetings, Concerts on the Square, Trunk-N-Hunt at Audubon Park and GISD School Board meetings. The Commission requested that staff add park cleanups and community service events to the calendar moving forward.

**d. CMC Retreat Follow-up & Next Steps**

*Staff and the Commission will discuss and establish clear markers in the next 60 to 90 days, and recognize key insights from the Community Multicultural Retreat workshop.*

Staff recapped the January 25 strategic planning retreat facilitated by Kevin Bullard. The commission discussed adopting "quick wins" as a strategy to build momentum. Examples of short-term goals include: engaging with City Council representatives, attending Youth Council and GISD meetings and hosting or participating in community events. Commission members agreed to each select at least one "quick win" to complete in the next 30–90 days.

Motion was made by Justina James to adopt the quick wins strategy with documentation and reporting, seconded by Kymberlaine Banks. Motion carried unanimously.

**e. Discuss and Review Current Swag and Orders Needed for CMC**

*The Commission will discuss current items ordered for events and discuss the need for new items.*

Commission members discussed the need for new apparel items, including polos, jackets and vests for visibility at events. Business cards were also discussed, with interest in QR code integration and digital options. City staff will follow up on ordering options and provide a picture of the CMC tent. A finalized decision will be added as an agenda item for the April meeting.

**4. ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn was made by Jimmy Tran and seconded by Charles Leonard. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

CITY OF GARLAND, TEXAS

/s/ CorSharra Prenell, Chair

/s/ Courtney Vanover, Recording Secretary



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**3. a.**

**Meeting Date:** 04/17/2025

**Item Title:** Committee and Event Reports

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**3. b.**

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