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Irma Faudoa, Executive Director

Laura Kelly, Governor

**Wednesday, Oct. 8th, 2025  
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**

**1. Call to Order** Chairman DeLaRosa called the meeting to order at 10:03am

**2. Roll Call of Commissioners, Staff, and Guests**

**a. Commissioners**

Chairman Commissioner DeLaRosa -Present  
Commissioner Ramos – not present,  
Commissioner Gone – Present  
Commissioner Padilla –not present join at 10:36am  
Commissioner Renteria – present  
Commissioner Jaramillo –present  
Commissioner Del Aguila- present

**b. Technical Advisors**

Mariana Ramirez, Advisor JUNTOS

**c. Guests**

Mary Ware- Senator

**3. Establish Quorum**

Quorum established

**4. Review and Approval of Agenda**

Reviewed agenda  
Commissioner Jaramillo moves to make motion  
Commissioner Renteria seconds  
All in favor, none opposed

**5. Approval of Previous Month Meeting**

Approve last Aug and July meeting minutes.  
Commissioner Jaramillo makes motion to approve  
Commissioner Renteria second motion  
All approve none opposed

## **6. Guest Presentation**

No presentation

## **7. Old Business**

### **a. Subcommittee Updates**

*Advocacy, Chairman DeLaRosa* - Would like to get feedback on the 2026 legislative agenda. Received no feedback about the 2026 advocacy agenda yet, hoping to approve by November

Latino legislative day we will be scheduling for next year.

More information on that later

Voter engagement in 2026, advocacy committee will take the lead on that. Will look into partnerships and collaborations, KAAC newly chair reached out for potential collaboration. Will work with them on voter engagement. Putting up a campaign for Latino voter engagement.

*Event Planning, Commissioner Jaramillo* – There is a significant event scheduled for Friday; please provide any updates as available. Registration numbers are strong. The addition of Alvaro to the team this year has made a substantial difference. Rocio has also contributed greatly, ensuring that everything required at WSU has been coordinated smoothly. Sponsorships currently total \$27,000—we are grateful to all our sponsors for their support of this event. The final registration count stands at 112 as of now, with an excellent response to the newsletter and very positive feedback received. Additional details regarding set-up and take-down for the conference will follow.

7am will start set up and have everything by 8:15am will have all the goodies ready for that day.

Teardown starts at 2:30 p.m.; everything must be picked up by 3:00 p.m. The building opens at 7:00 a.m. for those able to help in the conference room.

A photographer will provide free head shots for participants, adding value to the summit experience.

*Communication, Commissioner Gone* – Preparing the annual report. The newsletter is now published monthly, and legislative day talking points are in progress. The Legislative Oversight Committee will draft talking points based on our policy items to keep all KHLAAC commissioners aligned moving forward.

## **8. New Business**

### **a. Executive Director Report**

Due to Hispanic heritage month, Irma was able to join the Consulate of Mexico to highlight the work of Latinos

I traveled to western Kansas to talk to students about education and career paths. They were at the Liberal community college and put together a great panel.

Sign up for the Newsletter, monthly follow up on website.

October 10<sup>th</sup>, leadership summit, general admission \$25.00. need to register. KHLAAC Annual Leadership Summit October 10th, 2025

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Commissioner De La Rosa – In accordance with KHLAAC bylaws, elections will be held during our monthly meeting in October. Please note that the terms for Jaramillo, De La Rosa, and Padilla will expire in 2026. I am willing to extend my term through the end of the next fiscal year, until December 2026, for the advocacy committee. As you consider potential commissioners, please ensure balanced representation of geographical areas and party affiliations within KHLAAC.

The official presentation of KHLAAC officer elections will take place on Friday during the summit lunch session, at which time the new slate of officers will be formally introduced. The newly elected officers will assume their leadership roles following the announcement.

Proceeded to conduct the elections, handling each officer's position individually, starting with the chair. Charman DeLaRosa invited nominations for the next KHLAAC Chair. Ernestor does not wish to continue in this role.

Commissioner Silvia Renteria would like to put her name in there, Commissioner Jaramillo requested Commissioner de LaRosa to share the time commitment. Commissioner Gone has also shown interest in becoming Chair. After a few minutes of silence Commissioner Silvia Renteria stated she would like to remove her nomination and proceeded to support Commissioner Gone for chair

Commissioner Jaramillo made the motion to approve

Commissioner Gone as Chair

Commissioner Silva Renteria as Vice-Chair

Commissioner Del Aguila as Secretary

Commissioner DeLaRosa seconded the motion

Nomination all approved, none opposed

All women in KHLAAC leadership, thanks to all the new officers. No other actions in the agenda,

## **9. Announcements from Commissioners and Technical Advisors/ Public Comment**

The International Rescue Committee (IRC) will open an office in Kansas City on November 7th, coinciding with an open house event. The location is currently under consideration, and IRC will collaborate with the Department for Children and Families (DCF) to deliver resettlement services, particularly for individuals holding special immigrant visas. The organization will also address service gaps resulting from Catholic Charities transitioning out of these roles; at present, IRC is the only resettlement agency serving Kansas and the surrounding region.

For the fiscal year 2026, the projected resettlement figure is 7,500, which is considered low given that there are currently more than one million individuals at risk of becoming refugees. Additionally, IRC will offer GED programs in Hutchinson to support clients. All participants receive a mobile phone to facilitate access to necessary tools and improve employability skills.

There were no announcements from Mary Ware during the meeting. We remain encouraged by the proactive steps being taken to provide the highest quality support to all Kansans.

## **10. Reminder:**

There are currently three committee chairs overseeing advocacy, communications, and planning/conferences. Although no formal elections are required at this time, there will be a transition process for these positions next year. Establishing and strengthening relationships with key foundations—including the Kansas Health Foundation, REACH Foundation, and Sunflower Foundation in Topeka—is vital for advancing health-focused initiatives and securing grant funding. These partnerships are essential to sustaining organizational support.

## **11. Adjournment done at 10:47**

Commissioner DeLaRosa adjourned the meeting.