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# CITY OF HARTFORD

## LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL & TRANSGENDER ISSUES

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**LILLIAN I. RUIZ**  
Director

Commission Minutes: September 10, 2009  
Meeting called to order at: 6:00 p.m.

1) Attendance and Quorum:

Tasha Rose Lombardi, Brenda Taylor, Regina Dyton, Anita Caldwell, Jay Holcomb, Adrian Torres,

Excused:

Joanne DiPlacido

Unexcused:

Virginia Adams  
Diane Malenfant

2) Recognition of Guests:

Víctor Gonzalez  
Erika Romero  
Betsy Correa  
Erika Romero

City of Hartford Staff: Eloy Toppin

3) Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from previous meeting read were moved until the next meeting.

4) Treasurers Report

We still do not have budget yet from the City. Eloy will review what the budget is now.

- Fiduciary: possibility of True Colors, Hartford Gay and Lesbian Health Collective, etc.
- Question about the legality of having a fiduciary. Questions about the use of "liquid" funds. Concern about the auditing of the fiduciary.
- If we cannot have a fiduciary, what other options are there? Eloy will talk to someone in finance.

- The main issue of concern is that the financial status of commissioners becomes evident when some can afford to advance their personal funds when others cannot, making the commissioners vulnerable to the influence of classism and members feeling unequal.

5) Marketing Report

- The new Marketing Committee will consist of Jay Holcomb as Chair; Adrian Torres as Vice Chair; Victor Gonzalez, and Erika Romero.
- The upcoming events will be the "Studio 54" party on September 26, 2009, and the holiday party on December 19, 2009.

6) Old Business

- Incoming intern requires at least 3 letters of recommendation.
- LGBT Leadership Council meeting on August 14, 2009 will be attended by Jay Holcomb, Adrian Torres and BJ Taylor.
- Hartford Board of Education Workshop is well under way. (Jay Holcomb stated his concern about Kamora Herrington being involved.)
- MCC/LGBT Library ready for books; Erika will handle this issue.
- T Committee report is tabled until next month.

7) New Business

Committee to review and revise the Bylaws to be organized with Jay Holcomb as chair.

Motion made by Jay Holcomb to adjourn; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Anita Caldwell.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James C. Holcomb