

Board/Commission Profile Sheet 2017

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1. Name of Board/Commission: Virginia Latino Advisory Board

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2. Board Administrator/Primary Contact:

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3. Staff; cooperation from other state agencies: § [2.2-2461](#)

The Office of the Governor shall serve as staff to the Board. All agencies of the Commonwealth shall assist the Board upon request.

A. Ex-officio and designated members the board/agency/secretariat they represent

4. Powers and duties; acceptance of gifts and grants: § [2.2-2460](#).

The Board shall have the power and duty to:

- A. Advise the Governor regarding the development of economic, professional, cultural, educational, and governmental links between the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Latino community in Virginia, and Latin America;
- B. Undertake studies, symposiums, research, and factual reports to gather information to formulate and present recommendations to the Governor relative to issues of concern and importance to the Latino community in the Commonwealth; and
- C. Advise the Governor as needed regarding any statutory, regulatory, or other issues of importance to the Latino community in the Commonwealth.
- D. The Board may apply for, accept, and expend gifts, grants, or donations from public or private sources to enable it to carry out its objectives.

5. Mission/Vision/Core Values:

Our mission is to advise the Governor on issues of concern affecting the health, economic, professional, cultural, and educational prosperity of the Hispanic and Latino community in Virginia.

We envision a Virginia that celebrates the wealth and diversity of our Latino/Hispanic culture, that recognizes the contributions of our community, and in which our voice is represented and makes a difference in state and local government to improve the lives of ALL Virginians.

Our work will be guided by the following core values:

E quality	C ommunity	H umility
I nclusion	P articipation	A ccessibility
D iversity	O pportunity	T ransparency
R espect	D etermination	I ntegrity

6. Latino Advisory Board; membership; terms; compensation and expenses: § [2.2-2459](#)

- A. The Latino Advisory Board (the Board) is established as an advisory board, within the meaning of § [2.2-2100](#), in the executive branch of state government. The Board shall consist of 21 non-legislative citizen members, at least 15 of whom shall be of Latino descent, who shall be appointed by the Governor and serve at his pleasure. In addition, the Secretaries of

the Commonwealth, Commerce and Trade, Education, Health and Human Resources, Public Safety, and Transportation, or their designees shall serve as ex officio members without voting privileges. All members shall be residents of the Commonwealth. B. After the initial staggering of terms, non-legislative citizen members shall be appointed for a term of four years. Appointments to fill vacancies shall be for the unexpired terms. No member shall be eligible to serve more than two successive four-year terms; however, after the expiration of the remainder of a term to which a member was appointed to fill a vacancy, two additional terms may be served by such member if appointed thereto.

- B. The Board shall elect from its membership a chairman and vice-chairman. A majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.
- C. Meetings of the Board shall be limited to four per year and shall be held upon the call of the chairman or whenever the majority of the members so request.
- D. Members of the Board shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be reimbursed for all reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as provided in §§ [2.2-2813](#) and [2.2-2825](#).

7. Current Members: - updated as of September 2017

Name (Cultural Background if given)	Ethnicity	Email/Phone	Region	Expiration of Term	Expertise	Committee
J. Michael Martinez de Andino	Hispanic	mmartinezdeandino@gmail.com 804.869-8383	Richmond	12/2020		Healthcare, Chair
Cecilia Barbosa		ceykynbarbosa@gmail.com 804-399-6600	Richmond	6/30/2018		Healthcare;
Carolina Espinal		Carolina.espinal@gmail.com 703-725-4025	Arlington	6/30/2018	Strategic Communications and Stakeholder Engagement	Civic Engagement
Christopher Falcon, Vice-Chair		cfalcon@thefalconfirm.com 703-534-7765 703-967-9846	Annandale	10/14/2019		Business
Julio Cesar Idrobo		juliocesaridrobo@hotmail.com 703-625-5298 703-224-6000	Falls Church	6/30/2018	Housing, Real Estate	Civic Engagement
Aida Pacheco, Chair		apacheco@vccs.edu	Mechanicsville	6/30/2018	Workforce Dev &	Ed/Workforce

		804-467-8741 804-513-2808			program management	
Gloria Maria Peña Rockhold	Latino	g.rockhold@gmail.com 434-249-9530	Charlottesville	6/30/2018		Ed/Workforce
Estuardo Rodriguez		estuardo@rabengroup.com 202-463-4806 202-631-2892	Fairfax	12/2/2020		Business
Vivian Sanchez-Jones		chilepe@msn.com vsanchez-jones@rcps.info 540-588-0558 540-982-3531	Roanoke	12/2/2020		Ed/Workforce
Zuraya Tapia-Hadley		zurayat@gmail.com 202-489-6332	Arlington	6/30/2018		Civic Engagement
Cecilia Williams		rceciliaow@gmail.com 571-214-1518	Fairfax	10/14/2019		Healthcare
Diana C. Vall-llobera, Secretary		787-375-3910 dcvallllobera@gmail.com	Charlottesville	12/2/2020		Civic Engagement
Sergio Rimola	Hispanic	703-731-9164 srrdoc@aol.com	Herndon	10/14/2019	Women's Health	Healthcare
Louisa Meruvia		703-249-3854 lmeruvia@gmail.com	Vienna	10/14/2019		Civic Engagement
Juan Espinoza		540.357.0284 juespino@vt.edu	Blacksburg	12/2/2020		Ed/Workforce
Eugene Chigna	Latino	echigna@gmail.com 703-789-7135	Central/Richmond	12/2/2020	Education/Civic Engagement/ Finance	Ed/Workforce Chair
Jorge Yinat	Hispanic	jgyinat@me.com	Hampton Roads	12/2/2020	Business Development	Business, Chair
Mercedes Santos-Bell		msantosbell@gmail.com 917-406-6763	Hampton Roads	9/2020		Ed/Workforce