



State of North Carolina

ROY COOPER
GOVERNOR

October 4, 2021

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 235

**EXTENDING THE GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON HISPANIC/LATINO
AFFAIRS**

WHEREAS, the Hispanic/Latino community plays a vital role in the economy and diverse society of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Hispanic/Latino population contributes to the economic development and progress of the state by working in different industries and by participating in civic affairs; and

WHEREAS, many unique challenges confront the Hispanic/Latino community as they attempt to access housing, education opportunities, health care, and employment services; and

WHEREAS, the state should promote collaboration and effective planning and delivery of services among state agencies that serve the Hispanic/Latino population; and

WHEREAS, partnership and communication with Hispanic/Latino individuals and organizations allows for greater contributions by the Hispanic/Latino community as part of the fabric of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 23, 32 N.C. Reg. 791-792 (November 1, 2017), which was issued on October 5, 2017, reestablished the Governor's Advisory Council on Hispanic/Latino Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned has determined the need to extend Executive Order No. 23.

NOW THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and laws of the State of North Carolina, **IT IS ORDERED:**

Section 1. Establishment

The Governor's Advisory Council on Hispanic/Latino Affairs (hereinafter the "Advisory Council") is hereby extended.

Section 2. Membership

The Advisory Council shall consist of a minimum of twelve (12) voting members. All members shall be appointed by the Governor for a term of two (2) years and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. A member may not be appointed for more than two consecutive terms of two (2) years. A vacancy occurring during a term of appointment shall be filled by the Governor for the balance of the unexpired term. The Governor shall appoint a Chair and Vice-Chair from among the membership of the Advisory Council.

In addition to a minimum of twelve (12) voting members, the following or their designees shall serve as ex-officio, non-voting members:

- a. The Secretary of the Department of Administration;
- b. The Secretary of the Department of Commerce;
- c. The Secretary of the Department of Cultural and Natural Resources;
- d. The Secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality;
- e. The Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services;
- f. The Secretary of the Department of Information and Technology;
- g. The Secretary of the Department of Military and Veteran Affairs;
- h. The Secretary of the Department of Public Safety;
- i. The Secretary of the Department of Revenue;
- j. The Secretary of the Department of Transportation;
- k. One representative from the Office of the Governor selected by the Governor;
- l. The Director of the Office of State Human Resources.

The following individuals or their designees are invited to serve as ex-officio, non-voting members of the Advisory Council:

- a. The Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services;
- b. The Attorney General;
- c. The Commissioner of Insurance;
- d. The Commissioner of Labor;
- e. The Superintendent of the Department of Public Instruction;
- f. The Secretary of State.

Section 3. Meetings

The Advisory Council shall meet quarterly or upon the call of the Governor or the chair. The chair shall set the agenda for the Advisory Council's meetings. The Advisory Council may establish such committees or other working groups as are necessary to assist in performing its duties.

Section 4. Duties

The Advisory Council shall advise the Governor on issues related to the Hispanic/Latino community in North Carolina and support State efforts to promote cooperation and understanding between the Hispanic/Latino community, the general public, the state, federal, and local governments.

The Advisory Council shall provide a forum for the discussion of issues concerning the Hispanic/Latino community in North Carolina and support efforts toward the improvement of race and ethnic relations.

The Advisory Council will submit a report annually that details its accomplishments, identifies barriers, and recommends short and long-term state-wide policy initiatives that are specific to the Hispanic/Latino community.

The Advisory Council shall perform other duties as directed by the Governor.

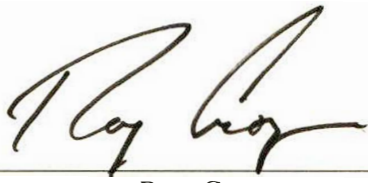
Section 5. Administration

The Office of the Governor shall provide all administrative and staff support services required by the Advisory Council. Members shall serve without compensation, but may receive reimbursement, contingent upon the availability of funds, for travel and subsistence in accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 138-6, and 120-3.1.

Section 6. Duration

This Executive Order is effective immediately. This Executive Order shall remain in effect until October 4, 2025, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 147-16.2(b), or until earlier rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in the City of Raleigh, this 4th day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-one.



Roy Cooper
Governor

ATTEST:



Elaine F. Marshall
Secretary of State

