

DIVISION OF LATINO AFFAIRS

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COMMISSION OF LATINO AFFAIRS

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<i>Name</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Term Ending Date/ Type of Appointment</i>
Jason Follett, Chair	Ankeny	June 30, 2007
Oscar Argueta	Mount Pleasant	June 30, 2007
Nathanael Blake	Des Moines	June 30, 2007
Maria Carla Chiarella	Altoona	June 30, 2007
Paula A. Martinez	Carlisle	June 30, 2007
Sara Monroy-Huddleston	Storm Lake	June 30, 2007
Pablo Quintanilla	Sioux City	June 30, 2007
Patricia Taylor	Des Moines	June 30, 2007
Ana Warner	Burlington	June 30, 2007

Ex officio member:

Walter Reed Jr., Director, Department of Human Rights Statutory

In 1976, the Spanish Speaking Peoples Commission was created by the General Assembly to act as an advocacy and advisory agency for Spanish-speaking Iowans in certain areas of concern, including education, employment, health, housing, administration of justice, welfare, and recreation.

The present Commission of Latino Affairs, appointed by the Governor, sets policy and direction for the staff. As of 1986, the staff support for the commission is provided by the Division of Latino Affairs, within the Department of Human Rights. The division administrator is appointed by the Governor with Senate confirmation. The division's mandate, set forth in Iowa Code chapter 216A, has been amended, assigning additional responsibilities for recommending interpreters for use by Iowa courts.

DIVISION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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COMMISSION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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<i>Name</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Term Ending Date/ Type of Appointment</i>
Mary Ament	Waukon	June 30, 2007
Janet Arnold	Sheldon	June 30, 2006
Willard Barker	Toledo	June 30, 2006
Joel Barnett	Rolfe	June 30, 2006
Thomas Crabb	Des Moines	June 30, 2006
Barbara Faber	West Des Moines	June 30, 2007
Larry Hart	Oskaloosa	June 30, 2007
Joseph Hays	Truro	June 30, 2007
Hattie Holmes	Waterloo	June 30, 2006
Lori Imming	Bluc Grass	June 30, 2007
Mary Moravek	Mechanicsville	June 30, 2006

Steven Oberbroeckling.....	Des Moines.....	June 30, 2007
James Rixner.....	Sioux City.....	June 30, 2007
Elizabeth Smith.....	Woodward.....	June 30, 2006
Amanda Stevenson.....	Storm Lake.....	June 30, 2007
Harry Van Grevenhof.....	Fort Dodge.....	June 30, 2006
Daniel Wadhams.....	Malcom.....	June 30, 2006
William Wallace.....	Odebolt.....	June 30, 2007
Fredrick Wegner.....	Des Moines.....	June 30, 2007
Dean Williams.....	Sergeant Bluff.....	June 30, 2007

Ex officio members:

Mollie Anderson, Director, Department of Administrative Services.....	Statutory
Kevin Concannon, Director, Department of Human Services.....	Statutory
Chris Godfrey, Workers' Compensation Commissioner.....	Statutory
Becky Harker, Governor's Developmental Disabilities Council.....	Statutory
Allen C. Harris, Director, Department for the Blind.....	Statutory
Judy A. Jeffrey, Director, Department of Education.....	Statutory
Mary Mincer Hansen, Director of Public Health.....	Statutory
Dave Neil, Labor Commissioner.....	Statutory
Walter Reed Jr., Director, Department of Human Rights.....	Statutory
Richard Running, Director, Department of Workforce Development.....	Statutory
Stephen Wooderson, Administrator, Vocational Rehabilitation Services Division, Department of Education.....	Statutory

The Commission of Persons With Disabilities, formerly known as the Governor's Committee for the Handicapped, was created by statute in 1965. The 24-member commission is appointed by the Governor and 11 nonvoting representatives from various state agencies serve *ex officio*. Its principal function is to promote employment opportunities for people with disabilities throughout the state. The commission sets policy and direction for the staff who comprise the Division of Persons With Disabilities within the Department of Human Rights. In 1991 the Governor designated the Division of Persons With Disabilities to operate the Iowa Client Assistance Program. The division administrator is appointed by the Governor with Senate confirmation. The commission is mandated to:

1. Cooperate with all public and private agencies interested in the employment of persons with disabilities.
2. Cooperate with all agencies responsible for or interested in the rehabilitation and placement of persons with disabilities.
3. Encourage the organization of committees at the community level and work closely with such committees in promoting the employment of persons with disabilities.
4. Assist in developing employer acceptance of qualified workers who are persons with disabilities.
5. Inform persons with disabilities of specific facilities available in seeking employment.
6. Conduct such educational programs as members deem necessary.
7. Report annually to the Governor and General Assembly on commission activities and submit any recommendations believed necessary in promoting the employment of persons with disabilities.
8. Pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 216A, be responsible for budgetary and personnel decisions for the commission and division.