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AGENDA
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 24, 2026

9:30 am – 10:00 am

Welcome:

Virtual Zoom Meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/2rF_8UXCQ1Cwn_BTIIWCBw

Relay Conference Captioning:

<https://www.captionedtext.com/client/event.aspx?EventID=5978270&CustomerID=477>

Communications Check

Acceptance of Minutes

10:00 am – 11:00 am

Presenter: Consulate of Mexico, New Brunswick, Laura Marisol Gonzalez Colon, Consul for Protection and Legal Affairs, Silvia Garcia, Preventative Protection and Employment Affairs, and Jessica Ortiz, Civil and Gender Affairs

Bio:



Ms. González Colón has been a dedicated member of the Protection Department since 2006, serving at the Consulate of Mexico in Raleigh, the Consular Section of the Embassy of Mexico in Washington, D.C., and the Consulate of Mexico in San Bernardino. Prior to her consular career, she served as Deputy Director of Public Policy at the Special Prosecutor's Office for Violence against Women and Trafficking in Persons within the Attorney General's Office.

Ms. González Colón entered the Mexican Foreign Service in 2019, where she has held the positions of Administrator at the Embassy of Mexico in Belize and Deputy Consul for Protection at the Consulate General of Mexico in Los Angeles.

She holds a Bachelor of Law degree from the Technological University of Mexico (UNITEC) and is certified as a Paralegal by George Mason University



Advocacy and support in labor related matters. Community outreach and collaboration with organizations, churches, schools, and key allies to assist vulnerable populations.

Search and location efforts for missing persons.
Repatriation assistance and coordination.



Advise vulnerable families when they suffer from domestic violence, sexual abuse, or assistance with child support. Assist families of detained people about needs. Provide dual citizenship. Address LGBTQIA+ community

issues. Assist homeless.

DDHH Update:

- Director: Elizabeth Hill

Agency Reports:

- Deaf Specialist: Melissa Lamboy
- Hard of Hearing Specialist: Lauren Weishaar
- Language Instruction Program: Carrie Pogue
- Communication Access Team: Monica Ayrrer

Committee Updates:

- Communications
- Legislative
- Education

Board Open Form:

- Community Input
- New Business
- Announcements

Meeting Adjournment

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