

**AISD/City of Austin
Task Force on Education and the Quality of Life
in Austin for Hispanic Students**

**Meeting of May 6, 2006
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Carver Branch Library**

Minutes

Members in Attendance:

Rick Burciaga, Eyna Canales-Zarate, Janis Guerrero, Rosie Mendoza, Veronica Rivera, Angela Valenzuela, Linda Velasquez

Others in Attendance:

John Moore, Della May Moore, Joey Crumley, Justin Fried

Proceedings:

- Dr. Guerrero provided a brief overview of items on the meeting agenda, including review of community input, additional information, and final recommendations.
- The review of community input included: a number of individual interviews with community members; an online public survey; online public comments on the draft task force report; a community forum on the task force draft report; a joint meeting with the parallel task force on quality of education for African American students; and a meeting with representatives of HABLA.
- Additional information provided to task force members for reference included: a letter from several Austin High School parents; student discipline data; a summary of the Travis County immigrant assessment; and a 2002 Mayor's Report on K-12 Educational Excellence.
- A series of subsequent work sessions were scheduled for May 12, 16, and 18 for finalization of recommendations and identification of priorities.
- The remainder of the meeting was spent on beginning to refine the task force recommendations. Emphasis was placed on streamlining the recommendations where possible, providing more actionable strategies, and identifying more opportunities for collaborative interlocal efforts.