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**LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON LATINO AFFAIRS ELECTS NEW  
LEADERS UNDER NEW MANDATE ~ WILL FOCUS ON CIVIC  
ENGAGEMENT, EDUCATION & IMMIGRATION REFORM**

Hartford, CT – The Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs Commission (LPRAC) held their first elections under new legislative mandate. Commissioner Pablo Rivera will now Chair the LPRAC for the next two years. *“I am humbled by the vote of my peers and excited about the challenges in front of us,”* said Commissioner Rivera, who was appointed to the LPRAC by the past Speaker of the House of Representatives James A. Amann, adding that *“The LPRAC will increase its visibility at the Capitol and conduct educational outreach activities in our community to raise awareness of critical issues in areas such as education, immigration and civic engagement.”*

Commissioner Sonia Ayala was elected Vice-Chair, Commissioner Maritza Tirú, Secretary and Commissioner Ed Rodriguez, Treasurer. The LPRAC will now have to comply with changes to its mandate adopted by the Connecticut General Assembly (CGA) via Public Act No. 09-07, which increased the number of Commissioners from 13 to 21 and requires the Commission to meet regularly to review matters pertaining Results Based Accountability. The LPRAC must submit two separate reports by January 1<sup>st</sup> (i.e., one annual report to the governor and CGA, and another to the Appropriations Committee with information concerning the target population’s status, conditions and contributions.) Finally, the new bill transferred the commission’s staffing and personnel authority to the Joint Committee on Legislative Management.

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