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## BOARD UPDATES

- Earlier this month, President Mitsi Gallardo and Vice President Diane Casas, amongst board member Carlos Charneco, met with Deputy Governor Andy Manar. They brought up issues related to Hispanic employment in specific agencies, as well as concerns brought forth from our membership. This was the initial meeting with the Deputy Governor of more to come.
- The majority was in Springfield for the Latino Unity Day events. On the first day, board member Carlos Charneco facilitated the workshop **Latino Representation in State Government**. Panelists for this workshop included IAHSE President Mitsi Gallardo, Oswaldo Alvarez from Illinois Legislative Latino Caucus Foundation, and Jose Muñoz from the Hispanic Employment Plan Advisory Council. On the second day of Latino Unity, board members Margarita Olmos & Gianni Serrano participated in the panel on **Why Representation Matters**. Also on the panel were Iván Barajas, Omayra Giachello, José Burgos, Stephany Trejos, Daisy Corral-Jacquez, Jaime Vasquez, Luis E. Ramirez, and Luis A. Lopez. Lastly, on May 8th the board had a two hour Directors meeting with agency directors.

The board advocated for more hispanic employment at all agencies and across all levels of government. The board also brought up issues and concerns brought from our membership. Please enjoy the photos below of the entire event, to see more please follow our social media accounts.



## EVENTS

- The Illinois Legislative Latino Caucus Foundation will be hosting their annual Raíces Public Policy Conference on September 19th, 2024, at the Rosemont Convention Center.
- Our 46th Annual Conference will be October 11, 2024 at the Hilton Chicago/ Oak Brook Hills Resort & Conference Center. More information will be available at a later date.

## JOIN IAHSE!

Are you a member? If not, join now! It is IAHSE's mission to increase and secure the number of Latino employees at all levels of State government to ensure the full delivery of State services and resources to the Latino community. A strong representation of Latinos is vital to promote change. Your membership is very important to continue our mission and we invite you to join over 400 IAHSE State employees throughout Illinois! Please review our membership options on our [membership form](#).

## CONOCE A TU IAHSE COMPAÑER@

We will be featuring IAHSE members in our monthly newsletter highlighting our diverse and talented Latino/a/e/x membership. This month's edition, we will be featuring our board member Edwin.

**Name:** Edwin Sanchez Molina



**Current State Agency & Title:** Illinois State Board of Education, Principal Consultant for the Multilingual Department

**What city are you based in?** Chicago

**How long have you worked for the State of Illinois?** 5 years

**What interested you in working for the State of Illinois & the current agency you are working for?**

I've always had a passion for serving others, particularly through nonprofit work. I never envisioned myself working in the corporate sector or any industry where profit takes precedence over people. My interest has always been in education. I was pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education with a focus on Bilingual/Bicultural Education at Northeastern Illinois University when the state budget impasse of the previous administration affected my plans due to financial constraints. Shortly after, I worked in higher education at Wright College on the Northwest Side of the city. I loved it, but when I saw a job opening at the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) related to my original field of study, I applied. God blessed me with the opportunity to continue serving students and families who share my culture, language, and struggles. Working for the state has broadened my horizons, revealing the many dedicated public servants in every agency working towards the common goal of helping others.

**What are your hobbies?** I love working out and playing with my puppy Luna.

**Fun fact about you?** I come from a family of all boys. My mom is a boy mom.

**Any achievements that you wish to share? Professional and/or personal?**

During the pandemic I obtained a certificate in School Management and Leadership from the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

**Anything else you wish to share with your IAHSE colleagues?** It is graduation season! If you know of any college graduate please encourage them to consider state employment. We actively share opportunities on our LinkedIn including internships. Adults can make a great career working for the State, and it'll help drive our mission of increasing Hispanic employment. Especially with the newer generation of generation Z, we need their young energy to help keep the IAHSE mission going for more decades to come.

**If you wish to be highlighted or nominate another IAHSE member, please email us at [IAHSE.Assoc@illinois.gov](mailto:IAHSE.Assoc@illinois.gov).**



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