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Minutes of the April 20, 2007 business meeting at Riffe Building, Room West B and C 31st. Floor, 77 South High Street, Columbus, Ohio.

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners

V. Anthony Simms-Howell
Mary Santiago
Daniel Porras
Phillip R. Barbosa
Ramona Reyes
Humberto Gonzalez
Richard Romero
Simon Rodriguez

Staff

Ezra C. Escudero

Guest attendance list

Attached



Absent

Chris Rodriguez - Excused
Michael G. Florez - Excused
Blanche Aviles Casey - Excused

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

CALL OF THE ROLL

There were eight commissioners present constituting a quorum.

MOTION #1 - 4-2007

To approve the February 16 meeting minutes. Presented by Commissioner Simon Rodriguez. Seconded by Commissioner Barbosa. Motion carried.

CHAIR'S COMMENTARY

Chair Gonzalez expressed that he will omit his commentary. He will concede the time for the guest speakers.

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DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Escudero forgoes the presentation of the February and March reports. The board members will receive the reports by email to be approved in the June meeting. He distributed the Financial Worksheet.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive

Chair Gonzalez informed that he would give all the information he has in the new business section when he talks about the new committee's structure.

Finance

No report

Education

No report

DHO

Commissioner Santiago informed that tonight from 5:30 to 9:00 p.m. is the Distinguished Hispanic Ohioan Recognition Gala at The Renaissance Hotel.

Commissioner Romero asked for a round of applause for Commissioner Santiago, Chair of the DHO committee, for the excellent job in putting together the event. Round of applause.

Communications

No report

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Fiscal Year 2008 & 2009 Budget Plan

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Director Escudero presented the Budget Executive Proposal for years 2008 and 2009. This document was emailed to all board members and is available today for the public. Copy of the proposal is attached to these minutes as **Exhibit A**.

MOTION #2 - 4-2007

To approve the Budget Executive Proposal for years 2008-2009. Presented by Commissioner Reyes. Seconded by Commissioner Barbosa. Motion carried.

New Committee Structure

MOTION #3 - 4-2007

To accept the new proposed Committee Structure. Presented by Commissioner Porras. Seconded by Commissioner Santiago. Motion carried. A copy of this proposal is attached to these minutes as **Exhibit B**.

Proposed 2007 Meeting Calendar

MOTION #4 - 4-2007

To approve the Proposed 2007 Meeting Calendar with the exception presented by Commissioner Simms-Howell of changing the August 17 meeting from Cincinnati to Dayton. Presented by Commissioner Simms-Howell. Seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried. Copy of the proposal is attached to these minutes as **Exhibit C**.

INVITED GUESTS -

Chair Gonzalez introduced invited guests Mr. Bob Doyle and Mr. Richard S. Bitonte from Strategic Government Initiatives.

Mr. Doyle introduced Mr. Richard Hempel and Mr. Robert Gebbie of Natural Bridge Group, LLC, who presented: "Introduction to Edu-Net 24 and Latino Crossroads". Attached to these minutes as **Exhibit D**.

Special Presentation by Officer Lisa Ickes of the Columbus Division of Police regarding minority recruitment. She informed the Division of Police is having a booth at the Festival Latino in June 15-16 with information and details for interested persons. Posters were distributed.

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Special presentation by Dawn Miller of Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Literature was distributed.

Special presentation by Amy Mendoza, Executive Director of the Indiana Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs. Director Mendoza also distributed a brochure with information about the Commission in Indiana. Round of applause.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

MOTION #5 - 4-2007

To accept public commentary. Presented by Commissioner Santiago. Seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

Public introduced themselves.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Simms-Howell informed that he and Mr. Escudero visited the Cincinnati Immersion School.

Director Escudero invited everyone to view the Commission website to see the pictures about this visit.

Commissioner Reyes announced that Nationwide is bringing the President of the United States Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in June. Date and place to be announced.

She informed also about two events for Cinco de Mayo, one in downtown Columbus by El Centro Mexicano and the other in the West Side by the Michoacano population.

Commissioner Porras announced that the Cleveland Hispanic Business Association is having a statewide Women to Women conference.

Commissioner Romero announced events in Lorain: April 28, the Hispanic Leadership Conference, the Cinco de Mayo parade and the Puerto Rica Boricua Festival on August 10.

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Commissioner Barbosa announced that the Ohio Republican Hispanic Assembly will have an all-state forum on immigration in Columbus. Details to be announced. Also, that the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce will held its Gala on September 15 at the Columbus Renaissance.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #6 - 4-2007

To adjourn the meeting. Presented by Commissioner Barbosa. Seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Humberto Gonzalez, Chair

Michael G. Florez, Secretary
By: Ramona Reyes