

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING**  
**January 30, 2014**  
**Time: 1:30 pm**

Holiday Inn Columbus Downtown Capitol Square  
 Salon C  
 175 E. Town Street, Columbus, OH 43215

**Michael Florez**, Chair  
 Cincinnati

**Mary Santiago**, Vice Chair  
 Lorain

**Luis "Tony" Ortiz**, Secretary  
 Dayton

**V. Anthony Simms-Howell**  
 Cincinnati

**Iris Martinez Juergens**  
 Dayton

**Emanuel Torres**  
 Columbus

**Mike Robinson**  
 Loveland

**Jose Feliciano Jr.**  
 Aurora

**Dan Ramos**  
**State Representative**  
 District 56 ~ Lorain County

**Matt Lynch**  
**State Representative**  
 District 76 ~ Geauga & Portage  
 Counties

**Gayle Manning**  
**Senator**  
 District 13 ~ Huron & Lorain  
 Counties

**Charleta Tavares**  
**Senator**  
 District 15 ~ Franklin County

**Attendance**

**Commissioners - Present**

Michael Florez - Chair  
 Mary Santiago  
 Luis "Tony" Ortiz  
 V. Anthony Simms-Howell  
 Iris Martinez Juergens  
 Mike Robinson  
 Emanuel Torres  
 Jose Feliciano Jr.

**Legislative Members - Present**

Senator Gayle Manning  
 Representative Matt Lynch

**Staff - Present**

Lilleana Cavanaugh - Executive Director  
 Nolan Stevens - Public Policy Officer  
 Lair Marin - Community Liaison

**Call to Order**

Chair Michael Florez calls meeting to order at 1:34 p.m. and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag is recited.

**Call of the Roll**

There are 8 Commissioners present, thus constituting quorum.

**Chair's Report and Public Commentary**

Chair Michael Florez begins with old business by requesting motion to approve December Board Meeting minutes.

**Motion #1 - 1 - 2014** - To approve December 10, 2013 Board Meeting Minutes. Moved by Commissioner Mary Santiago. Seconded Jose Feliciano Jr. Motion carries.



Chair Florez then informs all Commissioners of 2013 Financial Disclosure deadline due date of April 15, 2014 and highlights all information has been mailed and emailed. Chair Florez also highlights the importance of the annual Ethics training and Human Trafficking awareness requirements.

Chair hands floor over to Executive Director to give the December/Annual report.

Executive Director Lilleana Cavanaugh beings report by clarifying that Commissioner are not required to complete the Human trafficking awareness training; however they are strongly encouraged to complete this training. Executive Director Cavanaugh hands floor to Public Policy Officer Nolan Stevens for Pulic Policy Center report.

PPO Stevens begins by giving a brief overview of Senate Bill 176 and House Bill 307. PPO Stevens hands floor to Goran Babic from Senator Gayle Manning's office. Goran Babic provides details of Senate Concurrent Bill 31 which is sponsored by Senator Charleta Tavares and Senator Gayle Manning to recommend the Borinqueneers for the Congressional Gold Medal recognition.

Chair Florez inquires what the procedures are for this SCR 31 to eventually aid in obtaining the Congressional Gold Medal recognition for the Borinqueneers. PPO Stevens clarifies the Resolution is a recommendation with the goal of getting the attention of the whole state of Ohio's Legislature. PPO Stevens then highlights efforts in obtaining sponsorship and support for this Resolution from the Legislators.

PPO Stevens then offers details about Public Policy Center's efforts in regards ESL related programs and legislature. Commissioner Simms-Howell raises the concern that early childhood education should be looked into in urban school environments due to behavioral related issues. Commissioner Ortiz highlights that Teacher's Union and the Unions in the universities should be taken into consideration greatly because they control class sizes and they dictate curriculums of the universities respectively.

PPO Stevens very briefly covers the early stages on a Latino Community Report on interpreting which will cover medical and legal interpreter and the issues that arise due to regulations or lack thereof. PPO Stevens the covers advancements and plans thus far for Hispanic Legislative day. Most importantly PPO highlights there may be a scheduling conflict as for now the Legislative day is scheduled for May 6th which the same date as the primary elections. PPO Stevens announces that Civil Rights Town Hall will be held on April 15th and covers who will be partnering with OCHLA to host this event. PPO Stevens then briefly covers the status of planning for the Latino Education Summit.

Chair Florez then opens the floor for questions for PPO Stevens.



Exec Director Cavanaugh hands floor to Community Liaison Lair Marin for the Latino Community Network report.

Community Liaison Marin then provides summary of all updates on the resource lists and databases on the OCHLA website such as the OLANet, CLOI, and list of Translators/Interpreters. Community Liaison Marin introduces ongoing efforts to improve our social media presence by revamping the infrastructure of how information is uploaded and shares the results of OCHLA's intern volunteer program by informing how the interns benefited from the opportunity. Also, she highlights the results of Constituent inquiries.

Community Liaison Marin reveals to the Board the progress with Steering Committee for the 2014 Latino Health Summit and commends Commissioner Robinson for his commitment to the event and highlights the progress made on the DHO planning.

Chair Florez opens floor to questions for Community Liaison Marin.

Commissioner V. Anthony Simms-Howell expresses his concern for OCHLA to highlight the work done by interns and volunteers. Community Liaison explains details of volunteer and intern tracking logs, also highlights page in annual report that speaks to such achievements.

Commissioner Mike Robinson states it might benefit OCHLA to offer CAP Stone project and also recommends sharing these efforts with the media to showcase OCHLA. Additionally, Commissioner Robinson offers his data visualization expertise to create a map to show location of Latino serving organizations.

Executive Director Cavanaugh gives Board a brief description of the Annual report's structure highlighting its focus on capacity building and integration.

Chair opens floor to questions and answers.

Commissioner Santiago congratulates staff for such a great Annual Report. Goran Babic reports that the Ohio Senate recently passed Senate Bill 209 which approves a memorial sign to be placed on Route 58 for Sergeant Torres.

**Motion #2- 1 - 2014** -To approve the Annual report. Moved by Commissioner Santiago. Seconded by Commissioner Juergens. Motion carries.

Exec Director Lilly speaks on the importance of dissemination of the Human Trafficking Awareness information. Commissioner Torres and Community Liaison Lair both concur and support the need to raise awareness of this problem in Ohioan communities.



Chair hands floor to Commissioner Robinson and Lair for update on Healthcare Committee update.

Community Liaison Marin informs that it seems that the main theme will surround senior citizens in the Latino Community. Also, Community Liaison Marin informs that AARP and LULAC are prospect partners for this event and that a tentative event date is August 8th, 2014. Commissioner Robinson adds that one of the ideas discussed was leveraging technology to allow people that cannot physically attend to benefit from the event via internet. Commissioner Robinson also highlights Universities' interest in engaging the Latino community.

Chair Florez hands floor to Commissioner Ortiz for the Education Committee update.

Commissioner Tony Ortiz informs that the Latino Education Summit is scheduled for March 5th, 2014 at OSU. Commissioner Ortiz also details the roster for speakers at the Educations Summit. PPO Stevens highlights the need for people to register as soon as possible for the event as the slots are filling up quickly.

Chair Florez and Executive Director Cavanaugh agree that DHO and Workforce Development Summit will be reviewed during Board Retreat.

**Motion#3- 1 - 2013** - To open the floor for public commentary. Moved by Commissioner Santiago. Seconded by Commissioner Simms-Howell. Motion carries.

**Public present:**

- Antwan Booker- Office of Senator Charleta Taveres
- Goran Babic- Office of Senator Gayle Manning
- Raul Soto- Ohio Department of Education
- Renuka Mayadev- Children's Defense Fund
- Charles Hauser- Chausser Consulting
- Nick Gatz- Governor Kasich's Office

Chair Florez hands to Executive Director Mayadev of the Children's Defense Fund. Executive Director Mayadev exposes and details Children's Defense Fund mission and core values. Executive Director Mayadev also informs Board of all the outreach efforts of the Children's Defense Fund.

Chair opens floor to questions and answers.

Raul Soto from the Ohio Department of Education introduces himself and thanks the Commission for their work to expose the needs of the Latino Community.



Chair opens floor to questions and answers.

Charlie Hauser introduces himself as the facilitator for the OCHLA Board Retreat.

OCHLA Intern Isabel Gaitan introduces herself to board.

**Motion#4 - 12 - 2013** - To adjourn meeting. Moved by Commissioner Santiago. Seconded by Commissioner Torres. Motion carries.

Board meeting adjourned by Chair Florez at 3:48 pm.

Michael Florez, Chair

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Mary Santiago, Vice Chair

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**ADDENDUM TO MINUTES  
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<b><u>Motion #1 - 12 - 2013</u></b>	To approve December 10, 2013 Board Meeting Minutes.
<b><u>Motion #2 - 12 -2013</u></b>	To approve the Annual report.
<b><u>Motion #3 - 12 - 2013</u></b>	To open the floor for public commentary.
<b><u>Motion #4 - 12 - 2013</u></b>	To adjourn meeting.



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***ATTACHMENTS***

<b>DOCUMENT</b>	<b>AUTHOR</b>
Annual Report	Executive Director Cavanaugh
Public Policy Center Report	Public Policy Officer Nolan Stevens

