

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING April 10, 2012

Supreme Court of Ohio Building
65 S. Front Street,
Columbus, OH 43215

Attendance

Commissioners - Present

Andres Gonzalez
Michael Florez
V. Anthony Simms-Howell
Richard Romero
Luis "Tony" Ortiz
Emerald Hernández

Excused

Mary Santiago
Baldemar Velásquez
Isabel Frammer
Lourdes Barroso de Padilla
Max Rodas

Staff - Present

Lilleana Cavanaugh - Executive Director
Lair Marin-Marcum - Office Manager
Nolan Stevens - Acting Policy Liaison Officer

Appointed Legislators to Commission

Representative Dan Ramos
Representative Cristina Hagan
Senator Gayle Manning

Call to Order

Vice Chair Gonzalez called the meeting to order at 1:32p.m.

Call of the Roll

There are five Commissioners present, not constituting quorum.

Due to the lack of quorum Vice Chair Gonzalez reorders the agenda line items.

Mary Santiago, Chair
Lorain

Andrés González, Vice Chair
Cleveland

Michael Florez, Secretary
Cincinnati

Lourdes Barroso de Padilla
Columbus

Isabel Frammer
Copley

Emerald Hernandez
Columbus

Rev. Max Rodas
Cleveland

Richard Romero
Lorain

V. Tony Simms-Howell
Cincinnati

Baldemar Velasquez
Toledo

Luis "Tony" Ortiz
Beavercreek

Dan Ramos
State Representative
District 56th ~ Lorain County

Christina Hagan
State Representative
District 50th ~ Stark County

Gayle Manning
Senator
District 13th ~ Huron, Lorain,
Seneca (Part)

Charleta Tavares
Senator
District 15th ~ Franklin (Part)



Vice-Chair Gonzalez announces that our present AG Keith O'Khorn will be appointed to serve other commission. Replacing him will be Cheryl Hawkinson who will begin serving as OCHLA's AG immediately. Chair Gonzalez thanks AG Keith O'Khorn for his support and work with the commission.

The Legislative Members of the Board State Representatives Christina Hagan, Representative Dan Ramos and Senator Gayle Manning are welcomed.

New commissioner Luis "Tony" Ortiz is welcomed and sworn in by new AG Cheryl Hawkins.

Commissioner Hernández arrives; total commissioners present is now six thus constituting quorum.

Motion #1 - 4-2012 - To approve the February 2011 Board Minutes. Moved by Commissioner Richard Romero. Seconded by Commissioner V. Anthony Simms-Howell. Motion carried.

Chair's Report and Commentary

Vice-Chair Gonzalez extends Chair Santiago's regrets that she is unable to attend the board meeting. Vice Chair Gonzalez highlights two main areas of work.

White House Summit held in Lorain County, Chair Santiago and Commissioner Frammer spearheaded the effort. Vice Chair Gonzalez thanks Lilly Cavanaugh and office staff for their efforts in making this event possible and describes them as "Small but mighty team." Attended by over 325 state leaders, 18 federal delegates representing a wide range of sectors within the federal government. This event provided the community leaders with direct access to important federal representatives, while at the same time, providing an opportunity to discuss challenges and opportunities for Latinos in Ohio. The Hispanic Community Summits are being documented through a series of reports issued by the White House and are available online through the White House webpage.

National Puerto Rican Day Parade New York City on June 10, 2012. This is an annual celebration hosted in New York City to celebrate the contributions and impact of Puerto Ricans in the United States. With a viewing audience of close to 3 million and more than one hundred thousand parade participants, the National Parade is an established celebration that brings pride to the community. For 2012, the board of selected Ohio to be bestowed the honor of the parade. As such, Ohio will be leading the parade in honor of all Puerto Ricans who live in our state. Vice Chair Gonzalez has been selected to be the lead the Ohio delegation and is working with Lilly Cavanaugh to organize the representation from our state. About 50 persons have confirmed attendance. Vice Chair Gonzalez invites all "Puerto Ricans and non-Puerto Ricans" to join the delegation in representing the state in the 2-mile parade.



Information will be circulated by a planning committee headed by Lilly Cavanaugh. The planning committee will feature weekly conference calls. The hope is to feature young children and other youth. There is much work to be done from a planning and logistical standpoint in the remaining time before the event.

Directors' Report

Latino Community Network Report

Executive Director Lilleana Cavanaugh gives a update on the Ohio Latino Affairs Commission Strategic Plan to the Commissioners.

While every subcommittee of the commission has a chairperson, more help is still needed to make sure that all responsibilities are adequately staffed and covered. Lilleana Cavanaugh and Lair Marin-Marcum are the only full-time employees of the commission with Nolan Stevens and Jose Cos working only as part-time employees. There is a small team of interns and volunteers who support the work of the commission as well. However, it is important for the Commissioners to play a part by supporting initiatives and serving as an "additional set of eyes" in order to help the commission "see things, think through the work that we are doing, and ensure that we are meeting our mandates as well as making the most use of the resources that we have available."

The initiatives that have been implemented over the last several years are continually under review and while the framework and structure is solid, there is still much work to be done. The commission and its programs continue to focus on the three key strategies of workforce and economic development, education, and Ohio emerging diversity; this last strategy is broad and represents the vast myriad of issues that impact the lives of Latinos in Ohio. Director Cavanaugh provided a general overview of the status of each strategic initiative. Every commissioner received a copy of the updated report.

In summary, the commission is "on target" with its strategic plan. Enthusiasm is high and solid and strong relationships continue to be built, not only with community leadership and state government but also at the national level.

Executive Director Lilleana Cavanaugh hands the floor to Policy Officer Nolan Stevens for presentation of Latino Community Reports.



Public Policy Report

Public Policy Officer (PPO) Nolan Stevens gives highlights on the upcoming state budget. SB 283 is also highlighted as it deals with the topic of immigration. PPO Stevens states that since there is no LSC analysis of the bill he is not yet familiar with its contents.

PPO Stevens continues with the voter registration efforts in the community and gives an update. PPO Stevens also highlights the upcoming Hispanic Legislative Visit Day. Constituents will come to Columbus from all over the State and participate in discussion and interactions with their state legislators. Constituents will have the opportunity to participate in roundtable discussions in the morning. The day will also feature workshops and presentations throughout the day from different organizations highlighting themes in workforce development, education, and other pertinent issues to the community.

PPO Stevens draws attention to the Latino Community Reports prepared for every legislative district in the State of Ohio. He introduces the LCR for the first quarter 2012 on Ohio Migrant Workers. The report highlights the importance of the agricultural industry, vitality of migrant farm workers, and demographic data about these individuals. The reports also showcase hardships and challenges that face the Latino Community in the state.

Development Officer Jose Cos is absent due to illness. Director Cavanaugh will present the development report on his behalf.

Organizations Development Center (ODC) Report

Director Cavanaugh reports that ODC continues the by-monthly publication of grant opportunities. In addition, Officer Cos provides technical support to organizations who are applying for these grants.

The Latino Health Summit will take place the first or second week of August. This event is still in the planning stages. Officer Cos is working with different community leaders; Latino Community Health Network, Department of Health, to create a statewide coalition of organizations and leaders to speak on health topics relevant to the Latino Community. The area of behavioral and mental health will be addressed by qualified professionals and examine the ways the community also deals with these issues. Vice Chair Gonzalez states that he has already been collaborating with the Cleveland Clinic, Summa Health, University Hospitals, OSU Medical Center to develop "best practices" for the community. Vice Chair Gonzalez states that he can serve as a liaison as this project continues to develop. Executive Director Cavanaugh continues explaining that the summit will feature regional follow-up sessions in order to ensure that the issues critical to health are being properly addressed in the community.



OCHLA is Partnering with ODJFS and organizing a “Community Informational Tour.” Hoping to arrange by the end of June. The Informational summit will cover a myriad of services provided in local communities, “one-stop locations.” Similar concept as the White House summit—will show what the government of Ohio is able to do for citizens in terms of services.

Director Cavanaugh concludes with the final items on the Latino Community Network with the following summary of these items:

- White House Summit event replaced the Agenda Latina this year.
- Legislative Visit Day will take place on May 9th.
- PPO Stevens and Director Cavanaugh will be presenting on the Hispanic Leadership Conference in Lorain, Oh.
- OCHLA continues to build relationships with USHLI. We are presently working on trying to build collaboration to conduct a College and Career Fair in Southwest Ohio— which we hope will involve University of Northern Kentucky, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati Community College and Miami University. The University of Toledo will also be partnering with USHLI for a similar fair in May, 2012 and a March fair will be taking place in Cleveland at the Lincoln West High School.

Vice Chair Gonzalez comments on the concept of the “one-stop shop” for Latino community members seeking services. Vice Chair Gonzalez proposes reaching out to county commissioners and discuss the possibility of placing Latinos on the Workforce Investment Boards.

In closing Executive director Cavanaugh would like to highlight the participation of Secretary Hilda Solis as the keynote speaker at the Hispanic Legislative Visit Day.

Floor is open for questions and answers.

Motion #2 - 4-2012- To accept the director’s report. Presented by Commissioner Simms-Howell. Seconded by Commissioner Romero. Motion carried.

Commissioner Simms-Howell is recognized to speak regarding finances. The office is “on target” for the fourth quarter and is running programs efficiently. Commissioner Simms-Howell reminds all Commissioners to file their financial reports on time. Any late report will incur in fees that will have to be paid by the commissioners.

Commissioner Florez is recognized and asks AG Keith O’Khorn for a final update on Project Open. AG O’Kohn provides a status report.



Motion #3— 4-2012 To go into public commentary. Presented by Commissioner Florez. Seconded by Presented by Commissioner Simms-Howell. Motion carried.

Public present:

Jorge Gonzalez—Telemundo Ohio
Karen Castro — Legislative Hispanic Caucus
Kate Phillips - Senator Manning’s Administrative Aide
Matt Overturf— Representative Hagan’s new Legislative Aide
Madison Nicholasbell—OCHLA Intern/Volunteer

Upcoming Events

Ohio Hispanic Business Summit—Ohio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, free to attend with registration. Thursday, August 23 from 8am—6pm at the Ohio Union of The Ohio State University.

Ohio Hispanic Legislative Day. Partnership event between OCHLA and Ohio Chambers of Commerce. May 9, 2012.

Motion #3—4-2012 To adjourn meeting. Presented by Commissioner Florez. Seconded by Presented by Commissioner Simms-Howell. Motion carried.
Board Meeting is adjourned by Vice Chair Gonzalez at 2:53pm.

Mary Santiago, Chair

Michael G. Florez, Secretary



ADDENDUM TO MINUTES

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Motions Carried

Motion #1 - 4-2012	To approve the February 2012 Minutes.
Motion #2- 4-2012	To approve the February & March 2012 Director Reports
Motion #3- 4-2012	To go into Public Commentary
Motion #4- 4-2012	To adjourn the meeting



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ATTACHMENTS

DOCUMENT	AUTHOR
Director's Report: February & March 2012	Executive Director Lilleana Cavanaugh

