

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING August 16, 2011

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Supreme Court Building,  
South Hearing Room  
65 S. Front Street  
43215 Columbus, Ohio

### Attendance

#### Commissioners - Present

Mary Santiago  
V. Anthony Simms-Howell  
Richard Romero  
Michael G. Florez  
Rev. Max Rodas  
Isabel Frammer  
Emerald Hernández  
Lourdes Barroso de Padilla  
Baldemar Velásquez

#### Commissioners - Excused

Andrés González

#### Legislative Members of the Board

Representative Dan Ramos  
Representative Christina Hagan

#### Staff - Present

Lilleana Cavanaugh - Executive Director  
Lair Marin-Marcum - Office Manager  
Nolan Stevens - Acting Policy Liaison Officer  
Jose Cos - Organizations Development Center Officer

#### Call to Order

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

#### Call of the Roll

There are nine Commissioners present, thus constituting quorum.

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Lorain

**Andrés González**, Vice Chair  
Cleveland

**Michael Florez**, Secretary  
Cincinnati

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**State Representative**  
District 50th ~ Stark County



**Motion #1 - 8 2011** - To approve the June and July 2011 Minutes. Moved by Commissioner Florez. Seconded by Commissioner Frammer. Motion carried.

### **Chair's Report and Commentary**

Chair Santiago reminds the Commissioners that the DHO awardees' nominations must be presented today.

Chair Santiago hands floor to Commissioner Romero to present a Hispanic Heritage Month update. Commissioner Romero gives an update and states that a better job has to be done in Ohio to communicate to the community the importance of recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month.

Chair Santiago reminds the Commissioners that we still need to obtain more sponsorships for the DHO.

Chair Santiago would like to congratulate Commissioner Simms-Howell in his induction to the Ohio Civil Rights Hall of Fame.

Chair Santiago hands floor to Executive Director Lilleana Cavanaugh for the Director's Report.

### **Directors' Report**

Executive Director Lilleana Cavanaugh highlights key program areas from the June and July reports. She opens the floor to answer any questions commissioners may have regarding the activities for these two months. Executive Director Lilleana Cavanaugh hands the floor to Policy Liaison Nolan Stevens for the Public Policy Report.

### **Public Policy Report**

Policy Liaison Nolan Stevens presents a report on redistricting providing details about geographical areas affected, how redistricting affects the community and outlining dates of importance. Mr. Stevens highlights the commission's effort to encourage community leaders and legislators meetings. Detailed information on this initiative is included in the monthly report.

Floor is open to questions and commentary.

Executive Director Lilleana Cavanaugh hands the floor to Jose Cos Organizations Development Center Officer for the Organizations Development Center Report.

### **Organizations Development Center (ODC) Report**

Organizations Development Center Officer (ODCO), Jose Cos goes through the Devel-



opment center report starting with the Catalogue of Latino Outreach Initiatives (CLOI) and updates on meetings with different agencies. (ODCO), Jose Cos informs about the newly created Facebook page and tweeter accounts for the commission. He also highlights the work being done on OCHLA's website updates, the grants information survey and grants search. Executive Director Lilleana Cavanaugh adds that every month we will be sending out grants information for the Hispanic community and in addition, if any of the Hispanic organization wants to apply to them, OCHLA will be available to help them with resources.

Floor is open to questions and commentary.

### Latino Community Network Report

Executive Director Lilleana Cavanaugh gives updates on The Community Network Program. The agency continues to increase the number of constituent request inquiries. She also reports on key events where the commission has been represented; these include the 2011 LULAC Convention in Cincinnati, a White House Hispanic Policy & Leadership Conference that brought together 260 Hispanic leaders from across the nation (this meeting was also attended by Commissioner Framer). A direct result of this meeting was the possibility of hosting in Ohio key representatives from the White House and federal agencies in next year's Agenda Latina. More details on the possible partnership to host these federal officials will be provided at a later date. Finally, Ohio Latino Affairs has been approached again to participate in the Human Trafficking and Missing Persons Committee with AG Mike DeWine. Director Cavanaugh and PPC Officer Stevens will be attending the committee meetings.

One last reminder is given to commissioners about the DHO awards gala. Commissioners are asked to promote the event locally and emphasize the special tribute to the contributions of Latino women which will be presented at this year's gala  
Floor is open to questions and commentary.

Executive Director Lilleana Cavanaugh reports that Project Open will end in September 2011. The Latino SBDC office will be relocated to the Columbus State Community college. This is a very positive next step which will result in future resources and funding to continue to enhance the growth of the Latino SBDC. To finalize, Executive Director Cavanaugh reports on the calendar list of activities and events for this biennium and the funding sources. This will be used at the next board meeting and retreat in November.

**Motion #2 - 8-2011** - To approve the Director's June & July 2011 Reports. Moved by Commissioner Romero. Seconded by Commissioner Framer. Motion carried.

### Old Business



Chair Santiago informs the commissioners that the Diversity and Leadership conference that will take place in September 22 has given each commissioner five scholarships to be distributed to leaders in their communities. Please submit names today of your candidates to receive these scholarships.

Chair Santiago also takes the opportunity to review with commissioners the nomination and selection process for the DHO, Latino Military and Nuestra Familia Awards.

Floor is open to questions and commentary.

### New Business

**Motion #3–8 2011**— Commissioners present the following individuals as award nominees and requests the DHO Committee to approve the slate. Presented by Commissioner Simms-Howell. Seconded by Commissioner Romero. Motion carried.

#### **DHO Nominees**

Dr. Raul Soto  
Dr. Evelyn Rivera  
Dr. Maria Jose Pujana  
Jose Feliciano Jr.  
Lourdes Ribera  
Joel Diaz  
Luis Alcalde  
Angel Cabranes

#### **Nuestra Familia Nominees**

Judge Ronald Adrine  
Lauren Hines  
Policy Bridge  
David Leopold  
Procter & Gamble

#### **Latino Military Distinction Nominees**

Kenneth Ramos  
Tamara Gonzales  
Blanche Aviles Casey  
Luis Martinez

**Motion #4 - 8-2011** - To recognize the public. Presented by Commissioner Florez. Seconded by Commissioner Baldemar Velazquez. Motion carried.

### Public Commentary

Presentation was given by Sandra L. Lynskey —Chief of Consumer Protection Section — Ohio Attorney General.

Commissioner Framer brings up the issue of “Notario” cases [individuals who pretend to be lawyers] and would like the AG’s office to consider publishing a brochure in Spanish informing Hispanics how complaints can be made regarding Notario scams. Commissioner Velasquez follows up with more details and problems that arise from this problem.

New Executive Director of Hispanic Columbus Jordi Arimany Chamber presents himself and describes his current partnership with the commission.



Public present:

Dr. Raul Soto - Ohio Department of Education  
Christine Barrett – Attorney General  
Sandra L. Lynskey – Attorney General  
Keith O’Korn - Attorney General  
Jordi Arimany– Hispanic Columbus Chamber  
Bill Arth - Legislative Aide of Representative Dan Ramos  
Kenny Ramos–Hispanic Columbus Chamber President  
Julie Aldrich - Did not specify  
Arzella Melryk - Did not specify

Announcements

The next Board Meeting scheduled for November 8, 2011, will be rescheduled since this is election day.

Commissioner Barroso de Padilla will be organizing through City year the bicentennial events for next year and would like to make sure that our community is involved. She is working with Executive Director Lilleana Cavanaugh and will be keeping the Commission informed of all the events that will be taking place.

Adjournment

**Motion #5 - 8-2011-** To adjourn the meeting. Presented by Commissioner Florez. Seconded by Commissioner Velazquez. Motion carried.

Chair Santiago adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

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Mary Santiago, Chair

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Michael G. Florez, Secretary



**ADDENDUM TO MINUTES**

**August 16, 2011**

**Motions Carried**

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Motion #1 - 8-2011	To approve the June 2011 minutes.								
Motion #2 - 8-2011	To approve the June & July 2011 Director's Report.								
Motion #3 - 8-2011	<p>That the commissioners nominated the following individuals and that the DHO Committee gives their approval.</p> <p><b>Distinguished Hispanic Ohioan Nominees</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Dr. Raul Soto</td> <td>Luis Alcalde</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dr. Evelyn Rivera</td> <td>Angel Cabranes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Dr. Maria Pujana</td> <td>Victor Perez</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jose Feliciano Jr.</td> <td>Lourdes Ribera-Joel Diaz</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Nuestra Familia Nominees</b></p> <p>Judge Ronald Adrine Lauren Hines Policy Bridge David Leopold Procter &amp; Gamble</p> <p><b>Latino Military Distinction Nominees</b></p> <p>Kenneth Ramos Tamara Gonzales Blanche Aviles Casey Luis Martinez</p>	Dr. Raul Soto	Luis Alcalde	Dr. Evelyn Rivera	Angel Cabranes	Dr. Maria Pujana	Victor Perez	Jose Feliciano Jr.	Lourdes Ribera-Joel Diaz
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Motion #4 - 8-2011	To recognize the public.								
Motion #5 - 8-2011	To adjourn the meeting.								

