

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING December 4, 2009

Columbus Renaissance Hotel, 50 North 3rd Street, Columbus, OH 43215 - Room 33

Attendance

Commissioners - Present

Mary Santiago
Andres E. Gonzalez
Michael G. Florez
V. Anthony Simms-Howell
Sonia Troche

Commissioners - Absent

Blanche Aviles-Casey
Baldemar Velasquez
Lupe Williams
Richard Romero

Staff - Present

Ezra C. Escudero
Florentina Staigers
Lilleana Cavanaugh
Lair Marin-Marcum

Call to Order

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

Call of the Roll

For future meetings, Secretary Florez will mark Commissioner's rooster with an excused or absent.

There are five commissioners present, unable to vote at this time.

Chair's Report and Commentary

Chair Santiago announces the Committee members:

Ohio Merging Diversity Committee

Chair Mary Santiago - Chair
Commissioner Michael Florez
Commissioner Anthony Simms-Howell

Mary Santiago, Chair
Lorain

Andrés González, Vice Chair
Cleveland

Michael Florez, Secretary
Cincinnati

Isabel Frammer
Copley

Richard Romero
Lorain

V. Tony Simms-Howell
Cincinnati

Sonia Troche
Toledo

Baldemar Velasquez
Toledo

Lupe Williams
Wooster

Dan Stewart
State Representative (D)
District 25 ~ Columbus

Terry Boose
State Representative (R)
District 58 ~ Norwalk



Education Committee

Vice Chair Andres Gonzalez - Chair
Commissioner Lupe Williams

Workforce Investment Committee

TBC - Chair
Commissioner Sonia Troche
Commissioner Richard Romero

DIRECTORS' REPORT

Director Escudero gives update on November 2009 report.

Gives floor to Community Liaison Cavanaugh for Latino Community Networking Report

- Census 2010
Working, translating documents and attending hard to count meetings. Participated at the full count committee meeting where we made a presentation to the Census Director at a National level. They were very pleased with the Commission's effort to reach out to the Latino Community. They are using our work as the model that they to show around the country as far as a successful partnership between The Census, the Department of Development and the Commission.
- Community Liaison Cavanaugh was named to become part is now a member of the Ohio Literacy board.
- Minority Health and Minority Health Coalition. Latino Focus Groups around the state.
- H1N1 Campaigns
- Presented an update on the upcoming Ohio Social Services Council Summit.

Policy Liaison Staigers takes floor to give Policy Report

- Meetings attended update.
- Human Trafficking awareness update.
- Announces that the Community Liaison Cavanaugh was asked to be a member of the Human Trafficking Committee.
- Registration Issue updates.
- The Farm Bureau - Employment verification issue.
- The Education Report - Meetings with Legislators.
- Tuition equity Study - Dream Act Project
- Constituent Issue on students deportations - ESL Global Academy



Director Escudero presents updates on the following:

- Approval of transition plan of Executive Director. Director Escudero's last day will be December 18th, 2009 and on December 20th Lilleana Cavanaugh will become Executive Director.
- Sunset Review Hearing to take place on Dec 8th, 2009. Documents have been prepared and drafts are shared and shown to board.
- Director gives presentation of the successes during his last six years and will be included in the Sunset Review hearing documentations.

OLD BUSINESS

BMV Vehicle Registration Issue

Update provide by Policy Liaison Staigers under Director's Report.

OLD BUSINESS

Federal Immigration Reform Update

Presented by Policy Liaison Tina Staigers and hand floor to Nick Torres, new member of RIFA for an update and report on immigration reform.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Chair Santiago asks the public to introduce themselves.

- Jessica Gonzalez - Ezperanza
- Rick Jones - Attorney General
- Nick Torres - RIFA

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Santiago adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

Mary Santiago, Chair

Michael G. Florez, Secretary

