



Minutes of the June 15, 2007 business meeting at Riffe Building, Room South B 31st. Floor, 77 South High Street, Columbus, Ohio.

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners

Chris Rodriguez
Mary Santiago
Daniel Porras
Simon Rodriguez
Humberto Gonzalez
Ramona Reyes
Blanche Aviles Casey

Staff

Ezra C. Escudero

Guest attendance list

Attached

Absent

Michael G. Florez - Excused
Phillip R. Barbosa - Excused
Richard Romero - Excused
V. Anthony Simms-Howell - Excused

CALL TO ORDER

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

CALL OF THE ROLL

There were seven commissioners present constituting a quorum.

MOTION #1 - 6-2007

To approve the April 20 meeting minutes. Presented by Commissioner Santiago. Seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

CHAIR'S COMMENTARY

Chair Gonzalez expressed that today is an emergency day for commissioners including him that needs to leave early. He will proceed with the presentation from the Ohio Department of Public Safety.

INVITED GUESTS

Chair Gonzalez presented Ms. Tina O'Grady from the Department of Public Safety. In the name of the Director of the Department of Public Safety, Henry Guzman, Ms. O'Grady thanked the Commission for this opportunity. She gave her presentation and answered questions from Board members. Attached.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Escudero presented his April Director's Report. Copies of the April and May reports were distributed to all board members and were available for the public. Copy of these reports are attached as **Exhibits A and B**.

MOTION #2 - 6-2007 - To approve the April Directors Report. Presented by Commissioner Rodriguez. Seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

Director Escudero presented his May Director's Report.

MOTION #3 - 6-2007 - To approve the May Directors Report. Presented by Commissioner Rodriguez. Seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

DHO

Commissioner Santiago thanked the Governor for attending this year's Distinguished Hispanic Ohioan Gala. This was the first time since 1990 that the Governor attended this event.

Chair Gonzalez excused himself and left. Commissioner Blanche Aviles Casey filled-in for the Chair and introduced herself.

Executive and Finance - Since Chair Gonzalez and Commissioner Simms-Howell are not present, Director Escudero presented his Financial Worksheet. Copy is of this report is attached as **Exhibit C**.

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Ohio's Emerging Diversity - No report

Education - Commissioner Chris Rodriguez that he and the Director will be in Dayton next June 22nd. to meet and tour The Life Enrichment Center. After the meeting he will present a report.

Workforce & Economic Development - Commissioner Porrás informed that the committee met for preliminary discussions and to sketch a time line.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS - Director Escudero made a presentation, a plan that is a work in progress, with recommendations to the different committees. Copy of this presentation is attached as **Exhibit D**.

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

MOTION #4 - 6-2007 - To accept public commentary. Presented by Commissioner Reyes. Seconded by Commissioner Santiago. Motion carried.

Public introduced themselves.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Reyes announced that the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce is having a Media Alertness Seminar on June 28 at 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. She announced also that the Latino Festival is already taking place this weekend.

Commissioner Porrás announced that the Hispanic Roundtable of Cleveland is having a Hispanic Conference in October.

Commissioner Aviles Casey, as acting Chair, announced that the Executive Session has been postponed.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION #5 -6-2007

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

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Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Humberto Gonzalez, Chair

Ramona Reyes, Acting as Secretary
for Michael G. Florez