

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING June 14, 2011

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 Framar
Emerald Hernández
Lourdes Barroso de Padilla
Baldemar Velásquez

Commissioners - Excused

Andrés González

Ex-Officio Members of The House of Representatives

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 1:35 p.m.

Mary Santiago, Chair
Lorain

Andrés González, Vice Chair
Cleveland

Michael Florez, Secretary
Cincinnati

Lourdes Barroso de Padilla
Columbus

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Richard Romero
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Cincinnati

Baldemar Velasquez
Toledo

Dan Ramos
State Representative
District 56th ~ Lorain County

Christina Hagan
State Representative
District 50th ~ Stark County



Call of the Roll

There are nine Commissioners present, thus constituting quorum.

Motion #1 - 6 2011 - To approve the June 2011 Minutes. Moved by Commissioner Romero. Seconded by Commissioners Simms Howell. Motion carried.

Commissioner Romero would like to reflect on the minutes that his Hispanic Heritage Month comments were not reflected in the May 2011 minutes. Commissioner Romero would like the Commission to engage in a full month informational campaign during Hispanic Heritage month and challenges our board and staff to make HHM as significant as just Black History month. Commissioner emphasizes that there are lots of contributions that need to be acknowledged.

Chair's Report and Commentary

Chair Santiago would like to introduce Orvell Johns the new DAS Central Service Agency Administrator who replaces John Cunningham. Chair Santiago also introduces the Commission's ex Officials Representative Dam Ramos and Representative Christina Hagan that will be serving the Commission for the 129th General Assembly. A warm welcome is given to all.

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

Directors' Report

Executive Director Lilleana Cavanaugh hands the floor to Acting Policy Liaison Nolan Stevens the Public Policy Report.

Public Policy Report

Acting Policy Director Nolan Stevens is very excited to welcome the new ex-officio representatives with whom we have previously met to start working with them. Acting Policy Director Nolan Stevens comments on the LCR's reports, testimonies for the Senate Finance Committee, the Budget Bill, Senator Tavares proposal for an amendment to the budget bill to restore the OCHLA budget and bill monitoring. More specific details about activities are included on the monthly report sent to all commissioners.

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, Jose Cos introduces himself and explains that the ODC was created and launched to develop the capacity of public and private community organizations and to provide better services to the Hispanic communities in Ohio. Organizations Development Center Officer, Jose Cos highlights the Catalogue of Latino Outreach Initiatives (CLOI), Grant writing Base study, updates to OCHLA website, a more efficient OCHLA workforce & Development page and e-campaigns. More detailed information is included on the monthly report emailed to commissioners.

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Latino Community Network Report

Executive Director Lilleana Cavanaugh gives updates on The Community Network Reports. This was a busy month, in particular due to the Biennium Budget process. The highlights are the 2011 College access and success policy breakfast, the LULAC convention preparation, the Ohio Business summit, emergency flooding campaigns and on the job training program meeting that Office Manager attended. In the administrative functions area, we are working in the yearly financial closing, and the completion of the office audit, that we should receive the final report in the summer. More detailed information is included on the monthly report emailed to commissioners.

Floor is open to questions and commentary.

Commissioner Richard Romero, as the workforce and development committee chair would like to participate in the Ohio Business summit.

Commissioner Isabel Framer would like to convey that the attendance for the LULAC convention is approximately 20,000 and there is specific college student training for federal government jobs and there will be many government officials from DC attending.

Presentation on the Organizations Development Center is given by Organizations Development Center Officer Jose Cos.

Commissioner Richard Romero would like a Best Practices sharing document to from this presentation.

Commissioner Isabel Framer asks if they have done a grants research so far? Organizations Development Center Officer Jose Cos states that yes at a federal level.



Motion #2 - 6-2011 - To approve the Director's May 2011 Report. Moved by Commissioner Florez . Seconded by Commissioner Simms-Howell. Motion carried.

Old Business

Policy Director Nolan Stevens provides census report as requested by Commissioner Richard Romero in the May Board meeting regarding the number of Latinos in schools and prisons.

Floor is open to questions and commentary.

Commissioner Richard Romero request that for Hispanic Heritage month this census data should be communicated; particularly in the areas of workforce development, agriculture and education.

Commissioner Isabel Framer states that a new report has come out that reflects that the Puerto Rican population has also grown substantially and would like for it to be included in the Hispanic Heritage month coverage.

Commissioner Framer requests if it is possible to obtain data regarding breakdown in the prison numbers between civil violations and criminal violations. Commissioner Baldemar Velazquez would like to reiterate that request. (Nolan Stevens to follow up)

New Business

As per the Budget cuts we will be going into an internal realignment, it will be discussed during our next board meeting.

Motion #3 - 6-2011 - To recognize the public. Presented by Commissioner Florez. Seconded by Commissioner Baldemar Velazquez. Motion carried.

Public Commentary

Representative Christina Hagan introduces herself and comments on her appointment to the Ohio Latino Affairs Commission.

Representative Dan Ramos introduces himself and comments on his appointment to the Ohio Latino Affairs Commission.

Presentation was given by Christina Farr-Villacinda from Empleos and Employment regarding the Ohio Latino Talent & Leadership Conference

Presentation was given by Brandi Klein Martin—Ohio Civil Rights Commission

Presentation was given by Karen Kish— Ohio Department of Veteran Affairs regarding the Veteran's Hall of Fame nominations.



Public present:

John Muzic - Did not specify
Julie Aldrich - Did not specify
Arzella Melryk - Did not specify
Wayne William - US Department of Labor
Brandi Klein Martin—Ohio Civil Rights Commission
Shenette Fabio—Ohio AG's Office—Executive Agencies
Ben Marcum—Ohio AG's Office—Executive Agencies
Carly Cenedella— Intern House of Representative
Jessica Stapleton— House of Representatives—Legislative Aide
Karen Kish—ODVS
Orvell Johns—DAS
Christine Barrett—Attorney General
Keith O'Korn - Attorney General
CAPA - Diana Pagan
Cristina Villacinda-Farr
Ben Famous—Constituent Services from Senator Sherrod Brown Offices

Announcements

The next Board Meeting will be September 13th, 2011.
Commissioner Simms-Howell Announces the LULAC Convention June 27—July 1.

Adjournment

Motion #4 - 6-2011- To adjourn the meeting. Presented by Commissioner Florez.
Seconded by Commissioner Velazquez. Motion carried.

Chair Santiago adjourned the meeting at 2:55 p.m.

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ADDENDUM TO MINUTES

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Motions Carried

Motion #1 - 6-2011	To approve the May 2011 minutes.
Motion #2 - 6-2011	To approve the May 2011 Director Report.
Motion #3 - 6-2011	To recognize the public.
Motion #4 - 6-2011	To adjourn the meeting.

