

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

November 24, 2009

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Riffe Center, Room South A, 31st. Floor, 77 South High Street, Columbus

### Attendance

#### Commissioners - Present

Mary Santiago

Andres E. Gonzalez - Arrived at 2pm

Michael G. Florez

V. Anthony Simms-Howell

Blanche Aviles Casey

Sonia Troche

Richard Romero - Arrived at 3:45pm. No signature in sign in rooster sheet

#### Commissioners - Absent

Baldemar Velasquez

Lupe Williams

#### Staff - Present

Ezra C. Escudero

Florentina Staigers

Lilleana Cavanaugh

Lair Marin-Marcum

#### Legislators

Aide Nick Brusky in representation of Representative Terry Boose

Aide Sky Beckweth in representation of Representative Dan Stewart

### Call to Order

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

### Call of the Roll

There are only five commissioners present, so no vote can take place until Commissioner Gonzalez or Commissioner Romero arrive.



## Chair's Report and Commentary

- Chair Santiago welcomes new Commissioner Sonia Troche.
- She also congratulates Commissioner Florez & Simms-Howell for their re-appointments.
- Chair Santiago will be contacting each Commissioner to set up Committee chairs.
- Housekeeping items. Please raise your hand to be recognized.
- Hands floor to Director Escudero for Director's Report.
- Director Escudero recommends to mote to Old Business first since it does not require a vote.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Project Open

Director Escudero presents a historical summary and update of Project Open. Partners give Project Open Status update. Attendees and presenters:

Ariana Ulloa-Olavarrieta – Director/Latino SBDC  
Kimberly Kollig – Ohio Business Connection (OBC)  
Jim Ackley – Ohio Business Connection (OBC)  
Tom Lianez– Director/HCC  
Joe Altieri–President/HCC

Discussion and questions takes place.

Vice Chair Gonzalez arrives to the Board Meeting thus constituting quorum.

**Motion #1 - 11-2009** - To approve the October 28 Minutes. Presented by Commissioner Florez. Seconded by Commissioner Aviles Casey. Motion carried.

### Directors' Report

Director Escudero hands out and presents his report.

**Motion #2 - 11-2009** - To accept the Director's Report. Presented by Commissioner Florez. Seconded by Commissioner Aviles Casey. Motion carried.

## OLD BUSINESS

### BMV Vehicle Registration Issue

Presented by Policy Liaison Tina Staigers.

- Series of reports were compiled that were distributed to Community leaders.
- A Compiled report was sent to Commissioners by e-mail.
- She is in the process of making a report for the legislatures and meeting with them.



- A news brief was sent out to the Latino media focusing on their vulnerability to unscrupulous business owners who might want to take advantage of other illegal alternatives.
- We've kept updated on the community activity, however the community announced today that they have been raising money to file a injunction against the State to prevent the December 8th cancellation on registrations policies for those who used this third part transaction. We've had no involvement.
- The Commission has been staying up to date with what the community is doing and how we can help in other aspects in educating the community members who are affected as far as transportation alternatives, legal clinics, etc.
- This is closely tied to the fact that immigration reform has not happened.
- We have received correspondence and at least 30 formal inquiries via e-mail and phone and informal inquiries when we are out in the community.

Commissioner Simms Howell would like to include and be reflected in the minutes that the Commissioners has received letters.

Chair Santiago would like to have this letter answered. Policy Liaison Staigers took letters. Draft letter will be made for Commissioner to respond to these letters.

- We are trying to set up meetings with the legislators but are awaiting to hear back from them.

Discussion and questions takes place.

### Ohio Council of Latino Social Service Agencies Summit

Director Escudero gives historical summary, status of the OCLSSAS and more details on the summit that will take place December 4th and 5th.

- Agenda & contents

### Other items

Chair Santiago states to please send in Old Business issues to be discussed in the Board meeting in a timely manner so items can be taken care of before the end of the year.

**Motion #3 -11-2009** - Commissioner Florez motions that the Public be recognized. Commissioner Santiago seconds. Motion carried.

Public introduces themselves.

Policy Liaison Staigers would like to inform that Senator Bill Sykes is planning on introducing a Bill that would prohibit undocumented immigrants from receiving workers compensation benefits. This will be an issue to be on the look out for in the future. She does have a report on the issue and can send out if requested. Commissioners ask to please it send to them.



**Motion #4 -11-2009** - Commissioner Simms-Howell motions to go into Executive Session. Commissioner Florez seconds. Vote is passed and motion carried.

Executive session is called and public staff leaves the conference room.

**Motion #5 - 11-2009** - To go back to Public Session. Presented by Commissioner Florez. Seconded by Commissioner Tony Simms-Howell. Motion carried.

**Motion #6 - 11-2009** - To accept the resignation of Ezra Escudero, Executive Director effective December 19, 2009. Presented by Commissioner Florez. Seconded by Vice Chair Gonzalez. Motion carried.

**Motion #7 - 11-2009** - Effective December 20, 2009 that Community Liaison Lilleana Cavanaugh becomes the new Executive Director at the same compensation as the current Executive Director. Presented by Commissioner Florez. Seconded by Commissioner Aviles Casey. Motion carried.

**Motion #8 - 11-2009** - That we do not fill the position that is currently filled by Community Liaison Lilleana Cavanaugh until further notice. Presented by Commissioner Florez. Seconded by Commissioner Tony Simms-Howell. Motion carried.

Chair Santiago states the following:

- Next Board Meetings will be on December 4th at the Columbus Renaissance Hotel.
- Please let Office Manager Marin-Marcum know ASAP if you will be staying after the Board Meeting to attend the summit for hotel reservations.
- Committees will be created with the new Director, the new focuses and directions will be discussed with the staff and everyone will know the new committees by e-mail. The New committees will be matched up with the new commissioners.
- Chair Santiago asks how the paperwork with the resignation and new position will be handled. Director Escudero responds that all this will be put into motion through central services / DAS by John Cunningham to make sure the time frames are met and personnel action takes place in accordance with the Board's wishes.

### **Adjournment**

**Motion #9 -11-2009** To adjourns the meeting. Presented by Commissioner Florez. Vice Chair Gonzalez. Motion carried.

Chair Santiago adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

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Mary Santiago, Chair

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Michael G. Florez, Secretary



**ADDENDUM TO MINUTES**  
November 24, 2009

**Motions Carried**

Motion #1 - 11-2009	To approve the October 28th, 2009 minutes
Motion #2 - 11-2009	To accept the Directors' Report
Motion #3 - 11-2009	To accept public commentary
Motion #4 - 11-2009	To go into Executive Session
Motion #5 -11-2009	To go back to Public Session
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Motion #8- 11-2009	That we do not fill the position that is currently open by Community Liaison Lilleana Cavanaugh until further notice
Motion #9 - 11-2009	To adjourn the meeting.

