



OHIO COMMISSION ON HISPANIC/LATINO AFFAIRS

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Minutes of the October 17, 2006 business meeting at Riffe Building, Room East B, 31st. Floor, 77 South High Street, Columbus, Ohio.

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners

Silvia Jiménez-Hyre
Ramona Reyes
Simon Rodriguez
Phillip R. Barbosa
Michael G. Florez
Humberto Gonzalez
Richard Romero
Mary Santiago
V. Anthony Simms-Howell

Staff

Ezra C. Escudero

Guest attendance list

Attached

Absent

None

CALL TO ORDER

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

CALL OF THE ROLL

There were eight commissioners present constituting a quorum.

MOTION #1 - 10-2006 - To approve the meeting minutes. Presented by Commissioner Gonzalez. Seconded by Commissioner Santiago. Motion carried.

MOTION #2 - 10-2006 - To move the December 8 Board meeting from Dayton to Columbus. Presented by Commissioner Romero. Seconded by Commissioner Santiago. Motion carried.

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CHAIR' S COMMENTARY

Chair Jimenez-Hyre expressed that today is the election of the new Executive Board and this may be her last meeting as chair. She thanked the board members and the Director for their cooperation and the public for their attendance. She thanked the board for giving her the opportunity to serve the constituency of the State of Ohio.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Escudero presented his report for September. The Director informed the public that there are copies available for them. The report is attached to these minutes as **Exhibit A**.

MOTION #3 - 10-2006 - To accept the Director's report for September. Presented by Commissioner Romero. Seconded by Commissioner Barbosa. Motion carried.

Director Escudero presented as an Addendum to his report, the Director's Goals for 2007. Copy of this addendum is attached to these minutes as **Exhibit B**.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive

Chair Jimenez-Hyre informed that the committee met today at 9:00 a.m. They reviewed minor changes into the Director's newly developed evaluation. There are two additions to the evaluation: DHO is part of the Ohio Revised Code charged to the Commission and including the annual report. She also informed there was a discussion about developing different kind of evaluations that will be pursued in the future.

Finance

Commissioner Simms-Howell informed that the committee met this morning at 8:00 a.m. and discussed the appropriate way to present the Finance Report. Asked the new Chair to prepare a draft, together with the Director to be presented to the full board as the next meeting. Chair Gonzalez agreed.

Ad-Hoc Committee on a Response to House Bill 654, Illegal Act, sponsored by Rep. Bill Seitz, District 30, Cincinnati

Commissioner Barbosa presented and Commissioner Reyes read the Resolution in opposition of House Bill No. 654 and Senate Bill No. 368, Illegal Alien Enforcement Act.

MOTION #4 - 10-2006 - To accept Resolution in Opposition of the House Bill No. 654 Illegal Alien Enforcement Act and Senate Bill No. 368 by the Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs. Resolution #1 of October 17, 2006. Presented by Commissioner Gonzalez. Seconded by Commissioner Simms-Howell. As per roll call by show of hands, the motion was carried. Copy of the Resolution is attached to these minutes as **Exhibit C**.

Director Escudero informed that the Resolution will be send to the media and to the commission mailing list recipients.

OLD BUSINESS

Election of OCHLA Officers for 2006-2007

Chair Jimenez-Hyre asked the Chair of the Nominating Committee, Commissioner Simms-Howell, to proceed with the election of the new Executive Board.

Chair Jimenez-Hyre called for a five minutes recess for the process of the elections.

Chair Jimenez-Hyre called back the meeting after the recess.

The new 2006-2007 Executive Board members are:

Humberto Gonzalez - Chair
Richard Romero - Vice Chair
Michael G. Florez - Secretary

Naming of Standing Committee Chairs

Chair Jimenez-Hyre suggested that this item be tabled until the next meeting in order for the new Chair to name the committee chairs.

Distinguished Hispanic Ohioan Gala 2007

Commissioner Rodriguez informed that this year's gala was a success at the Renaissance Hotel in Columbus, being the first time the event was a gala instead of the yearly luncheon. That the committee has a draft for the timetable of the events

that can be use by the next committee chair, when appointed by the new Chair of the Board.

INVITED GUESTS - None

PUBLIC COMMENTARY

MOTION #5 - 10-2006 - To accept public commentary. Presented by Commissioner Santiago. Seconded by Commissioner Reyes. Motion carried.

Public introduced themselves.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Jimenez-Hyre announced that the meeting for November was cancelled.

Commissioner Simms-Howell informed that the Civil Rights Commission has hired bilingual investigators to assist the community. He also informed that he attended the Hispanic Awareness month event that was held on July 16 at the offices of the commission.

Director Escudero expressed that the Ohio Civil Rights Commission has been an allied, friend and supporter of the Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs. Director Payton has been a mentor to him, and work together to increase outreach and relationship with the Latino community.

Commissioner Reyes reported that the Third annual Columbus Hispanic Scholarship Walk-A-Thon last Saturday at COSI was a success. Also that the Ohio State University has new production studios at COSI and offered to do a portion of the Columbus Section of Soluciones.

MOTION #6 - 10-2006 - To go into Executive session. Presented by Commissioner Rodriguez. Seconded by Commissioner Simms-Howell. Motion carried.

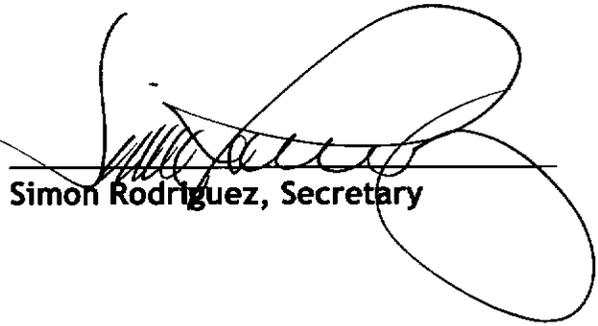
Chair Jimenez-Hyre asked for the call of the roll to go into Executive Session. After the roll call, the Chair announced a five minutes break.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no motion to adjourn the meeting.

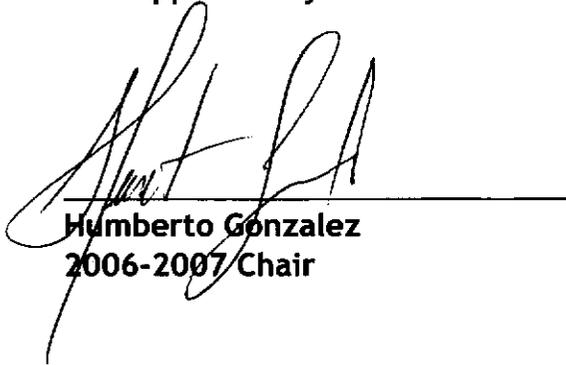


Silvia Jimenez-Hyre, Chair

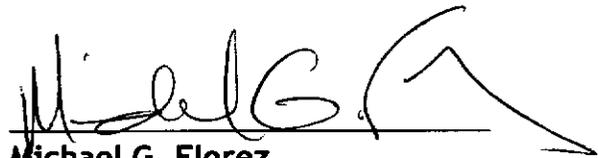


Simon Rodriguez, Secretary

Also approved by:



Humberto Gonzalez
2006-2007 Chair



Michael G. Florez
2006-2007 Secretary