



**MINUTES OF THE BOARD
18 NOVEMBER 2008**

Riffe Center #1932, 77 South High Street, Columbus

Attendance

Commissioners - Present

Baldemar Velasquez
Mary Santiago
Richard Romero
V. Anthony Simms-Howell
Michael G. Florez
Lupe Williams
Simon Rodriguez

Commissioners - Absent

Chris Rodriguez
Humberto Gonzalez
Phillip R. Barbosa
Blanche Aviles Casey

Staff - Present

Ezra C. Escudero
Florentina Staigers
Lilleana Cavanaugh

Call to Order

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

Call of the Roll

There were seven commissioners present.

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Motion 1 - 11-2008

To approve the September 2008 minutes. Presented by Commissioner Simon Rodriguez. Seconded by Commissioner Williams. Motion carried.

Chair's Commentary - Chair Romero expressed that the past elections were historic and sent the message that all parties must work together. He also expressed that this is an opportunity as all, as Americans, to come together.

Director's Reports - Director Escudero presented the September and October, 2008 reports. Exhibits A and B.

THE FIRST TAPE ENDED AT THE BEGINNING OF DIRECTOR ESCUDERO'S OCTOBER REPORT. THIS IS THE SECOND PART OF THE FIRST TAPE.

Chair Romero expressed that he was not in accordance with the change of stationery for the Office of Latino Affairs and the Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs.

He expressed that this issue should be bring to the Board for approval by motion.

Motion 2 - 11-2008

That the standard logo of the Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs and its full name identity should be used for any official promotional literature. Presented by Commissioner Simon Rodriguez. Seconded by Commissioner Mary Santiago. Motion carried.

Chair Romero asked Director Escudero that to present the Financial Report together with the Budget Report due to the absent of Commissioner Aviles Casey.

Director Escudero presented a Special Budget Power Point presentation and the Financial Report. Exhibits C and D.

Commissioner Santiago asked about a hard copy of the budget presentation and the Director informed her that he could provide it.

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Commissioner Florez brought to the attention of the Board that the motion to approve the Director's Report for September and October is still pending. Chair Romero asked for a motion.

Motion 3 - 11-2008

To approve the September and October 2008 Director's reports, the Special Budget Presentation and the Finance Report. Presented by Commissioner Velasquez. Seconded by Commissioner Simon Rodriguez. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Finance

Director Escudero previously presented the Finance Report.

Ohio's Emerging Diversity

Commissioner Simon Rodriguez informed that the Committee met this morning to talk about the Distinguished Hispanic Ohioan Recognition Gala (DHO) and that it was already established that the event was moved from the spring to the fall. They discussed to establish a timetable that will be available by the December meeting.

Motion 4 - 11-2008

To move the Distinguished Hispanic Ohioan Recognition Gala Dinner for September 18, during the Hispanic Awareness Month celebration. Presented by Commissioner ????? Seconded by Commissioner Santiago. Motion carried.

Education

Director Escudero previously gave a report.

Workforce & Economic Development

Chair Romero encouraged Board members to be able to attend the Ohio Council of Hispanic Chambers and Business Associations Inaugural Statewide Summit on December 4-5.

Director Escudero reminded that the Board meeting is on December 9.

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Director Escudero informed that there are fixed costs and accommodations to make for this event and if board members are interested, is advisable that they call the office.

Chair Romero suggested to the board members that they find out how many Latinos serve on the Workforce Development Boards for their counties. He expressed that Commissioner Barbosa and him are concerned about all the money available for workforce development that is return to the government for lack of use and that the unemployment rate among Latinos is the highest and is a shame that the money cannot be used to train Latinos for real jobs.

He expressed that everybody can contact their counties and asks how many Board members they have in their Workforce Investment Board that are

Latinos. Each county has a workforce investment Board. He also expressed that the next step is, if there are none, to encourage county commissioners to appoint Latinos to their boards.

Director Escudero requested that due to conflict with an appointment with Senator Teresa Fedor at 3:30 p.m. today, the verbal update on the pending bills at the Legislature from Legislative Liaison Florentina Staigers be presented now.

Chair Romero congratulated Miss Staigers for passing the bar and she got a round of applause.

Chair Romero expressed that they will do the election of the new Executive Board first, second Commissioner Velasquez make his presentation and then Ms. Staigers will present her update.

Motion 5 - 11-2008

That the present Executive Board continues to serve for year 2009. Presented by Commissioner Simms-Howell. Seconded by Commissioner Florez. Motion opened for discussion.

Commissioner Velasquez asked for an explanation of this motion. Chair Romero responded.

Commission Velasquez expressed his opinion about how the Commission should be moving forward in various issues.

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After the discussions, the motion was carried.

Florentina Staigers gave her verbal update of Senate Bill 205 (Human Trafficking) and others.

NEW BUSINESS

Director Escudero suggested postponing for the December meeting the re-introduction of the Hispanic impact campaign. He informed that Marco Satala is working on that and that he is working with the consultant Ana Maria Quevedo, which whom he worked many years ago. She is writing the twelve profiles for the Hispanic impact campaign, the positive profiles of individuals and community leaders. He informed that she is going to be in town the week of December 8 and he plans to invite her to the December 9 Board meeting to give a more in-depth presentation to the Board.

Director Escudero presented to the Board, to be considered at the December 9 meeting, two different, Poll Worker Policies, after explaining to them that the Department of Administrative Services explained that in order to be paid for being a poll worker, such policy has to be implemented, approved by the Board. He explained that with the policy in place, the staff will have the opportunity to participate in the process.

Public Commentary

Motion 6 - 11-2008

To accept public commentary. Presented by Commissioner Florez. Seconded by Commissioner Simms-Howell. Motion carried.

Public introduced themselves.

Announcements

Commissioner Simms-Howell announced that tomorrow at the Cincinnati Public Schools, the Department of Public Safety would present a forum on safety. The Agent in Charge of the Cincinnati FBI office will be the keynote speaker.

Director Escudero announced that the Hispanics Chambers of Commerce recognized the Commission with an award for the OLANet. Round of applause. He thanked all for their support and vision.

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Commissioner Florez announced that the Prosecutors Office and the Mexican Consulate are having a meeting in December or January (he will inform date later) on how to get undocumented Mexican citizens in Hamilton County into the system.

Commissioner Simon Rodriguez announced that in Toledo the Spanish American Organization and the Latins United Club, of which Commissioner Barbosa and he are members, are collaborating to promote a fifty-fifty raffle fundraiser and potluck during the Ohio State-Michigan game. The event is at the Latins United Club on South St. Claire Street on Saturday.

Adjournment

Motion 7 - 11-2008

To adjourn the meeting. Presented by Commissioner Florez. Seconded by Commissioner Santiago. Motion carried.

Chair Romero adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Richard Romero, Chair

Mary Santiago, Vice Chair

ADDENDUM TO MINUTES

November 18, 2008

MOTIONS CARRIED

Motion #1 - 11-2008	To accept the September minutes.
Motion #2 - 11-2008	That the standard logo of the Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs and its full name identity should be used for any official promotional literature.
Motion #3 - 11-2008	To approved the September and October 2008 Director's reports.
Motion #4 - 11-2008	To move the date of the Distinguished Hispanic Ohioan Recognition Gala to September 18 during the Hispanic Awareness Month celebration.
Motion #5 - 11-2008	That the present Executive Board continues to serve for the year 2009.
Motion #6 - 11-2008	To accept public commentary.
Motion #7 - 11-2008	To adjourn the meeting.