

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

August 10th, 2010

Supreme Court Building,
South Hearing Room
65 S. Front Street
43215 Columbus, Ohio

Mary Santiago, Chair
Lorain

Andrés González, Vice Chair
Cleveland

Michael Florez, Secretary
Cincinnati

Lourdes Barroso de Padilla
Columbus

Isabel Framar
Copley

Richard Romero
Lorain

V. Tony Simms-Howell
Cincinnati

Baldemar Velasquez
Toledo

Dan Stewart
State Representative (D)
District 25 ~ Columbus

Terry Boose
State Representative (R)
District 58 ~ Norwalk

Attendance**Commissioners - Present**

Mary Santiago
Andres E. González
V. Anthony Simms-Howell
Richard Romero
Isabel Framar
Michael G. Florez
Baldemar Velásquez

Commissioners - Excused

Lourdes Barroso de Padilla

Staff - Present

Lilleana Cavanaugh
Ursula Barrera-Richards
Lair Marin-Marcum

Call of the Roll

There are four Commissioners present and three on their way.

Chair Santiago gives floor to Commissioner Simms-Howell for Financial report.

Financial Report

Commissioner Simms-Howell give Financial report for the present fiscal year.
Floor is open for questions and answers.

Commissioner Florez states that there are seven Commissioners present, thus constituting quorum.



Motion #1 - 8-2010 - To approve the July 6th, 2010 Board Minutes. Moved Commissioner Florez. Seconded by Commissioner Framer. Motion carried.

Chair's Report and Commentary

Chair Santiago would like to move on to Committee reports

Committees

The Workforce & Economic Development

Chair Santiago asks Commissioner Framer to give a short summary of the meeting in Cleveland. Commissioner Framer passes the request over to Commissioner Gonzalez. There are three areas where they would like to move the needle 1) Continue to use the model of Project Open and continue forward. 2) Support and be the key stakeholders in the Latino diversity and Leadership Conference. 3) Host a statewide Council of Hispanic Chambers of Commerce, business associations and key business leaders in partnership with the Department of Development. Discuss those partnership opportunities and see where we can add value and support. This will take place during the agenda Latina during the fall of 2010.

Education

Vice Chair Gonzalez, give the Education committee report. They will continue to align our efforts with the CORE report and the Ohio Department of education. He is proud to announce that OCHLA has completed the compilation of the ESL Catalogue available on line which will be distributed throughout Ohio. By fall, they will also be creating an Ohio Latino scholarship network, a database with information in Latino scholarship programs in collaboration with universities. The scholarship database is a component of the CORE report . We are interested in making sure that the students are able to go on to higher education but also in finding ways to retain them and make sure that are successful. We will call for a meeting of Latino stakeholders to discuss the following stages of the CORE plan in the two areas of access initiative and outreach initiative later this fall.

Floor is open for questions and answers.

Commissioner Simms-Howell stresses the importance of early childhood education.

Directors' Report

Executive Director Cavanaugh hand the floor to Policy Director Barrera. Policy Director Barrera thanks the interagency council for attending the Board meeting and asks them to introduce themselves. Policy Director Barrera continues with the weekly Policy briefs, legislature briefings via the e-mail campaign feature and continues to work with the legislature. Furthermore, pursuant to our statutory mandate to advise in regards to Human Trafficking she has attended the Ohio poverty Law conference



and shared OCHLA's work along with other partners involved in anti-trafficking legislation efforts in Ohio. Director Barrera-Richards is also working with ACTPAC USA an organization dedicated to eradicate child prostitution and is helping them establish an anti-trafficking legislative strategy in Ohio.

Pursuant to our statutory mandate to build relationships, we have begun our outreach to obtain agency members of OCHLA'S interagency councils more involved with the Commission. To support our efforts in building bridges of communication, OCHLA has created a Catalogue of Latino Outreach Initiatives—CLOI— this is a compilation of agencies and their bilingual services in the State of Ohio. Director Barrera-Richards has participated with the DHO Military award by reaching out to all of the veterans associations to give them information about this new award. We were also approached by the Ohio Historical Society to do outreach on a history project on Latinos on military service and we are promoting the project through all of our networks. She has been working on developing content for the workforce development in our website and connecting with agencies. Policy Director has also been monitoring the Immigration resolutions issues both pro and con and did a movie Briefing on Liberty 9500 for the legislator's staff.

Floor is open for questions and answers.

Director Cavanaugh presents the Directors Report giving information and updates on the strategic initiatives the office has, the 2010 DHO, Project Open, The Latino Community network and the Administrative area OCHLA events and Agenda Latina.

Mr. Victor Leandry has been invited to attend the next Board Meeting and give a presentation about the National Council of La Raza.

Floor is open for questions and answers.

Motion #2 - 8-2010 - To approve the July Directors Report. Moved by Commissioner Simms-Howell. Seconded by Commissioner Framer. Motion carried.

New Business

Commissioners would like to see if its possible to add in regards to Public Safety some bilingual material that could be disseminated with some type regarding Safety and preparedness issues in communities.

Commissioner Romero would like to check howe we can increase interest/ participation of the two legislators members of our commission: Representative Stewart and Representative Boose.

Motion # - 3-2010 - To recognize the public. Presented by Commissioner Florez. Seconded by Commissioner Velazquez. Motion carried.



Public Commentary

Public present:

John Muzic - Observer and represents himself
Dick Hohn - Did not specify
Arzella Melryk - Observer and represents herself
Julie Aldrich - Observer and represents herself
Linda Rominiski - Ohio Consumers Counsel
Mike Eckhardt - ODA
Aron Simms - Student Northwest High School
Brandi Scales - Ohio Rehabilitation Services
Nadine Wise - DAS
Raul Soto - Ohio Department of Education
Jose Rodriguez - OHCC
Jeffrey Kasler - Public Safety

Adjournment

Chair Santiago announces that the date for the next meeting will have to be rescheduled. Information will be sent out by e-mail to obtain to availability.

Motion # 4- 5-2010 To adjourn the meeting. Presented by Commissioner Florez. Seconded by Commissioner Velazquez. Motion carried.

Chair Santiago adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

Mary Santiago, Chair

Michael G. Florez, Secretary



ADDENDUM TO MINUTES

August 10, 2010

Motions Carried

Motion #1 - 8-2010	To approve the July minutes
Motion #2 - 8-2010	To approve the July Director Report
Motion #3 - 8-2010	To recognize the public
Motion #4 - 8-2010	To adjourn the meeting

