

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING February 18th, 2011

Hyatt Regency Columbus Hotel
350 North High Street
Columbus OH 43215

Attendance

Commissioners - Present

Mary Santiago
Michael G. Florez
V. Anthony Simms-Howell
Richard Romero
Isabel Frammer
Lourdes Barroso de Padilla

Commissioners - Excused

Andrés González
Baldemar Velásquez
Rev. Max Rodas
Emerald Hernandez

Staff - Present

Lilleana Cavanaugh
Lair Marin-Marcum
Ursula Barrera-Richards

Call to Order

Chair Santiago called the meeting to order at 8:01am

Call of the Roll

There are five Commissioners present; therefore there is no quorum yet.

Chair's Report and Commentary

LVD 2011

The Legislative Day event went very well. Over 56 registered constituents and more than 40 Legislators attended the main events. Policy Director Barrera-Richards will supply exact count on monthly report. Chair Santiago would like to commend the Office team as they did a wonderful job. Commissioner Romero gave a report.



Agenda Latina

Chair Santiago shared her impressions of the event and reported that all objectives were successfully met. Commissioner Romero and Commissioner Simms-Howell provided feedback and positive impressions on the event as well.

With the presence of Commissioner Romero, we now have Quorum.

Motion #1 - 2-2011 - To approve the November 2010 Minutes. Moved by Commissioner Florez. Seconded by Commissioner Framer. Motion carried.

The DHO report was submitted and Commissioners received a copy.

The Biennium Budget 2012-2013 was submitted by e-mail and hard copies were provided to Finance Chair and Commission Chair.

Directors' Report

Executive Director Cavanaugh states and reports as follows: Legislative Visit Day and Agenda Latina has been the culmination of two months of hard work. She would like to thank Policy Director Barrera-Richards and Office Manager Marin-Marcum for their excellent performance and dedication to the success of these events.

Director Cavanaugh reports that Project Open completed a quarter on December 31st, and their report will be submitted in the February 2011 Director's report. She also notes that during December efforts were concentrated on data gathering and analysis for the production of the 2010 Annual Report, which is being presented at this board meeting for approval. All Commissioners have received electronic and hard copies of the report.

Director Cavanaugh makes mention OCHLA's s internship program for their impressive dedication and work. Interns played a key role in the planning and logistics of events just hosted, and also provide important support roles in our daily operations. Last year four individuals were hosted: two students from Capitol University and another two students from OSU. This solid program gives the opportunity for the youth to come to our office not only to provide us with their skills, but to be exposed to Hispanic and new Americans Communities and to learn. Each intern is asked to present a plan on why they want to come and volunteer, what are their specific goals for their internship to ensure we work with them to accomplish those goals.

Director Cavanaugh hands floor to Policy Director Barrera-Richards for the Public Policy section.



During the month of January, the PPC focused on the value of reinforcing our connection and exiting relations with the new leadership. During our Legislative Visit Day OCHLA was honored with the participation of representatives from Senator Portman's Office, the Attorney General's Office and representatives from the Governor's Office. In addition, a very valuable connection was made with the Lt. Governor's Office through our desire to recommend qualified Latino candidates to Boards & Commissions such as the Common Sense Initiative that the Governor announced on his first day in office. The Legislative tracking has begun to pick up and approximately twenty bills are being followed. The PPC Director submitted resumes for the Common Sense Board. As a result the Lt. Governor's Office reached out to us to facilitate a meeting with business leaders which was successfully accomplished. The meeting took place during Legislative Visit Day. We will continue to build on this relationship. During the month of January we have updated our website with tactical briefs to make sure they were current for the General assembly as well as update the business sections. In summary most of the month of January was dedicated to preparing for Legislative Visit Day.

Floor is open to questions.

Commissioner Romero would like to find a way to acknowledge the young people in our internship who helped prepare for Legislative Visit Day and Agenda Latina. Would like to create a certificate to recognize the completion of OCHLA's Diversity and Advocacy program.

Motion #2 - 2-2011 - To create an OCHLA Diversity and Advocacy program certificate of completion for our interns/volunteers. Moved by Commissioner Romero. Seconded by Commissioner Florez. Motion carried.

Commissioner Barroso de Padilla would like to share with Policy Director Barrera-Richards that Senator Stinziano sent an invitation for a small Business Advisory Council open forum and wants to hear from small business leaders. Commissioner Barroso de Padilla will send the information. It will take place in Franklinton on the 24th.

Commissioner Simms-Howell would like to see in our website the study done by the University of Cincinnati with the Chamber of Commerce in Cincinnati and the example of the study done of one thousand small hard workers individuals that do all the clean up work & factory work and the importance that has in our economy.

Motion #3- 2-2011 - To recognize the public. Presented by Commissioner Romero. Seconded by Commissioner Simms-Howell. Motion carried.



Public Commentary

Public present:

Richard Hohn - Did not specify

Arzella Melryk - Did not specify

Johnny Van Styn - Southwest Ohio Patriots

Julie Aldrich - Did not specify

John Muzic - Observer and represents himself

Rick Jones - Attorney General

Charlie Houser - Houser Consulting

Ariana Ulloa - SBDC

Announcements

The next Board meeting will take place on March 15th.

Commissioner Richard Romero informs that on April 16th, the Coalition for Hispanic/Latino Issues and Progress (C.H.I.P.) will be hosting the Hispanic Leadership Conference. It will be held at the Lorain County Community College. The coordinator is Mike Ferrer. You can obtain all the information at the CHIP website: <http://www.chiplorain.org>

Chair Santiago would like to congratulate Commissioner Framer for her appointment on December 2010 to serve on the State Justice Institute Board. It is a presidential appointment that requires Senate confirmation. It is a funding Board that consists of eleven members that are all appointed by the President.

Adjournment

Motion #4 - 2 -2011 To adjourn the meeting. Presented by Commissioner Florez. Seconded by Commissioner Framer. Motion carried.

Chair Santiago adjourned the meeting at 8:42am.

Mary Santiago, Chair

Michael G. Florez, Secretary



ADDENDUM TO MINUTES

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Motions Carried

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