

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING August 6, 2013

Supreme Court of Ohio Building  
65 S. Front Street, Columbus, OH 43215

### Attendance

#### Commissioners - Present

Michael Florez - Chair  
Isabel Frammer - Vice Chair  
Mary Santiago  
V. Anthony Simms-Howell  
Richard Romero  
Max Rodas  
Luis "Tony" Ortiz  
Baldemar Velasquez

#### Legislative Commissioners

Senator Charleta Tavares  
Senator Gayle Manning

#### Staff - Present

Lilleana Cavanaugh - Executive Director  
Nolan Stevens - Public Policy Officer  
Lair Marin-Marcum - Community Liaison  
Fausto Rivas - Administrative Clerk

### Call to Order

Chair Michael Florez calls meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag is recited.

### Call of the Roll

There are 8 Commissioners present, thus constituting quorum.

### Chair's Report and Public Commentary

**Motion #1 - 8 - 2013** - To approve the June 4, 2013 Board Minutes. Moved by Commissioner Frammer. Seconded by Commissioner Santiago. Motion carried.

Chair Michael Florez requests Executive Director Lilleana Cavanaugh to provide a summary of the June and July Director's report. Director Cavanaugh then hands the floor to Public Policy Officer Nolan Stevens for a brief update. PPO Stevens provides Biennial Budget and Legislative update with aid of brief PowerPoint (attached). PPO Stevens provides details on biennial budget increase, addresses the replacement of Representative Christina Ha-

Michael Florez, Chair  
Cincinnati

Isabel Frammer, Vice Chair  
Copley

Mary Santiago  
Lorain

Rev. Max Rodas  
Cleveland

Richard Romero  
Lorain

Baldemar Velasquez  
Toledo

Luis "Tony" Ortiz  
Dayton

V. Anthony Simms-Howell  
Cincinnati

Dan Ramos  
State Representative  
District 56th ~ Lorain County

Matt Lynch  
State Representative  
District 76th ~ Geauga (Part)  
& Portage (Part) Counties

Gayle Manning  
Senator  
District 13th ~ Huron, Lorain,  
Seneca (Part)

Charleta Tavares  
Senator  
District 15th ~ Franklin (Part)



gan by Representative Matt Lynch, and also informs that General Assembly is currently in summer break. Also, PPO Stevens informs that Public Policy Center website is now complete and reviews the features it offers.

PPO Stevens gives update on DACA college tuition encompassing the memorandum that the Board of Regents sent out to Ohio public schools stating that DACA recipients would be treated as in-state students.

Chair Florez opens floor to questions.

Commissioner Baldemar Velasquez congratulates PPO Stevens and everyone involved in the issue with DACA students. PPO Stevens highlights this was a community led effort.

Commissioner Luis “Tony” Ortiz states his school has asked for an interpretation in the State and school aid programs for DACA recipients even though they know they do not qualify for Federal aid programs. PPO Stevens informs he understands DACA recipients will not be eligible for OCOG, but each institution will be able to use their own private monies at their discretion. Commissioner Ortiz clarified his institution had requested the interpretation to see if they can assist DACA recipients. PPO Stevens stated that the road block could be the fact that DACA recipients are not eligible for FAFSA.

Commissioner Isabel Framer congratulated everyone for their efforts regarding the tuition for DACA recipients, and requested that PPO Stevens send out another update to the community regarding the memorandum; this will be completed as soon as possible.

Chair Florez closes floor to questions and hands the floor to Executive Director Lilly Cavanaugh for the continuation on the Director’s Report.

### **Directors’ Report**

Executive Director Lilly Cavanaugh explains that detailed projects for the Latino Community Network and Organizations Development Centers will be presented by commissioners who lead the different projects.

Director Cavanaugh presents the recently launched Workforce Investment Board webpage, a resource outlining resources, educational opportunities and location of WIB across the state. A preliminary report to summarize the outreach and to obtain information about the Workforce Investment Boards throughout the State Ohio reveals that the Latino community is very sparsely represented in these boards.

In order to reach out and learn more about Workforce Investment Boards, the committee and agency have adopted a three stage plan to reach out to the aforementioned boards. The plan includes having our board of commissioners reaching out to their region respective boards, attend their meetings to learn about services for Lati-



nos and possible barriers or challenges for a more active engagement and participation of Latinos, not only for the services offered, but also as potential board members. The plan involves reporting back from commissioners and engagement of our executive director and board to outline the boards that might be potential partners for future work together with the commission.

Chair Florez opens floor to questions.

Commissioner Richard Romero asks how many of the Workforce Investment Boards had Latino members of the Board. Director Cavanaugh informs that only one WIB has Latino members. Commissioner Romero then recommends sending a letter to the County Commissioner informing them of the Latino population to encourage Latino members in the WIBs and also recommends we should contact National Council La Raza to see what resources they have available to assist us with these efforts. Director Cavanaugh welcomes the recommendations and describes again the action plan which involves an initial contact with the board through the board of commissioners.

Senator Charleta Tavares states she agrees that its Commissioners duty to do as much as possible with the WIB. Also, she informs that not all WIB are appointed by County Commissioners. Chair Florez offers the idea of getting reports back from Commissioners from their WIB meetings at the next Board meeting.

**Motion #2 - 8 - 2013-** To approve June and July Director's report. Moved by Commissioner Santiago. Seconded by Commissioner Framer. Motion carried.

#### Administrative Update

Director Cavanaugh provides details on the biennial budget, including fund distribution and disbursement schedule. Director Cavanaugh informs the board that in FY14-15 3 full time positions are secured with two part time intermittent positions. Reclassifications of staff members include Lair Marin, new community liaison; Nolan Stevens, public policy officer changing from part time to full time employment, and new administrative clerk, Fausto Rivas. Also, Director Cavanaugh informs there will be a new intermittent part time staff member who will be hired for the Organization Development Center.

Chair Florez opens the floor to questions.

Commissioner Romero and Framer suggest a message be sent out to community organizations, partners and legislators with the updated staffing/changes. Said announcement will be made once all documentation for the transition is approved and finalized.

Senator Tavares states she believes it is important we inform the legislators and communities we serve about our growth. Additionally, she recommends the grant writer position be contracted out depending on specific grant needs.

Chair closes floor closes floor to questions and confirms there are no Old Business Items to review.



**Motion #3 - 8 - 2013-** To approve the biennial budget and personnel reclassifications. Moved by Commissioner Simms-Howell. Seconded by Commissioner Romero. Motion carried.

### **Committee Reports**

Chair Florez hands the floor over to Commissioner Mary Santiago for the Diversity Committee report.

#### **Diversity Committee**

##### **Distinguished Hispanic Ohioan Awards**

Commissioner Santiago informs that all candidates for DHO have been submitted and the slate for nominations will be presented to the board for selection at today's meeting.

Commissioner Velasquez states he wishes it to be known he wants to review the "Bio" for one of the DHO candidates.

The slate for the 2013 DHO, Nuestra Familia and Latino Military Awardees is presented for review and consideration by the board. All commissioners have previously received and reviewed each candidate's nomination. After review, a request is presented to the board to consider approving the 2013 DHO, Nuestra Familia and Latino Military Awardees.

**Motion #4 - 8 - 2013-** To approve the nominees for DHO. Moved by Commissioner Velasquez. Seconded by Commissioner Simms-Howell. Motion carried.

#### **Latino Health Summit**

Commissioner Rodas provides an update on the Latino Health Summit to take place on Friday, August 9th and provides details about registration statistics, presenters line up and the activities to take place during the event.

Commissioner Simms-Howell presents a suggestion to consider adding a component to the 2014 Latino Health Summit focusing on senior citizens. Community Liaison Lair Marin states there will in fact be a much greater focus next year on Senior community members and reports she is already working with AARP for this purpose.

Commissioner Santiago points out her concern of the questions being asked now with the Affordable Care Act regarding patients nationality. Senator Tavares informs that this is normal practice due to the new requirements set forth by the Affordable Care Act to help track information of the receipt of services amongst different communities. Commissioner Santiago hopes that this information be provided at the Latino Health Summit.

Chair Florez hands floor to Executive Director for the Workforce and Economic Devel-



opment Committee update.

Workforce and Economic Development Committee

Executive Director Lilly Cavanaugh refers to previous report on Workforce and Economic Development and reminds Commissioners of their meetings with the with the Workforce Investment Boards.

Education Committee

Commissioner Ortiz reports the 2014 Education Summit has been rescheduled to be held on March 5, 2013 in collaboration with The Ohio State University and reports that the committee is already working on preparing for the summit.

Commissioner Simms-Howell congratulates Commissioner Ortiz on all his efforts.

Chair Florez thanks Legislative Commissioners for all their assistance with the approval of the increased budget. Also, Chair Florez recommends there be a Board meeting held prior to the one already scheduled in November. Finally, he highlights our need for new Commissioner appointments.

**Motion #5 - 8 - 2013-** To open up the floor to public commentary. Moved by Commissioner Simms-Howell. Seconded by Commissioner Santiago. Motion carried.

**Public present:**

- Everest Cruz – OCHLA Intern Volunteer
- Henry Guzman – H.G. & Associates
- Ms. Framer – Guest
- Rocio Plaza – Guest
- Gustavo Amador Plaza – Guest
- Mr. Soto – Ohio Department of Education
- Jordi Arimany – SBA
- Jorge Gonzalez – Telemundo Columbus



Guest Henry Guzman introduces his new campaign with the American Red Cross to raise the level of Latino blood donations. He explains the initiative to have Latinos donate blood as we have a high propensity to be O positive blood type carriers which is the universal donor blood type.

All members of the public individually introduce themselves to the Board Members.

**Motion #6 - 8 - 2013-** To approve holding of Executive Meeting. Moved by Commissioner Santiago. Seconded by Commissioner Velasquez. Motion Carried.

Chair sends meeting into 15 minutes recess and requests Executive Meeting.

Recess ends and Commissioners reconvene for Executive Meeting.

Executive Meeting ends and Board Meeting resumes.

**Motion #7- 8 - 2013-** To approve personnel matters discussed during Executive Meeting. Moved by Commissioner Velasquez. Seconded by Commissioner Simms-Howell and Commissioner Romero. Motion Carried.

**Motion #8 - 8 - 2013-** To adjourn meeting. Moved by Commissioner Framer. Seconded by Commissioner Velasquez. Motion carried.

Board Meeting is adjourned by Chair Florez at 3:37pm.

Michael Florez, Chair

Isabel Framer, Vice Chair

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**ADDENDUM TO MINUTES  
August 6, 2013**

<b><u>Motion #1 - 8 - 2013</u></b>	To approve the June 4, 2013 Board Minutes.
<b><u>Motion #2 - 8 - 2013</u></b>	To approve the June and July Director’s Report.
<b><u>Motion #3 - 8 - 2013</u></b>	To approve the budget and recategorization update.
<b><u>Motion #4 - 8 - 2013</u></b>	To approve the nominees for DHO.
<b><u>Motion #5- 8- 2013</u></b>	To open up the floor to public commentary.
<b><u>Motion #6- 8- 2013</u></b>	To approve holding of Executive Meeting
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***ATTACHMENTS***

<b>DOCUMENT</b>	<b>AUTHOR</b>
June & July Monthly Report	Executive Director Cavanaugh
Public Policy Center Report	Public Policy Officer Nolan Stevens

