

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
June 7, 2016
Time: 1:30 p.m.

Vern Riffe Center
Room 1932, 19th Floor
77 S. High St., Columbus, OH 43215

Luis "Tony" Ortiz, Chair
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Michael Florez, Vice Chair
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Jose Feliciano Jr., Secretary
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Mary Santiago
Lorain

V. Anthony Simms-Howell
Cincinnati

**Elizabeth Guzman-
Bowman**
Columbus

Emanuel Torres
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Gregory Guzmán, PhD
Maumee

Rev. Juan Rivera
Campbell

Dan Molina
Loveland

Rick Perales
State Representative
District 73 ~ Greene County

Dan Ramos
State Representative
District 56 ~ Lorain County

Gayle Manning
Senator
District 13 ~ Huron & Lorain
Counties

Charleta Tavares
Senator
District 15 ~ Franklin County

Attendance

Commissioners - Present

Tony Ortiz - Chairman
Michael Florez - Vice Chair
V. Anthony Simms-Howell
Beth Guzman-Bowman
Emanuel Torres
Dan Molina
José Feliciano, Jr. - Secretary
Rev. Juan Rivera
Mary Santiago

Legislative Members - Present

Senator Gayle Manning (Leg. Aide)
Senator Charleta Tavares (Leg. Aide)
Representative Rick Perales

Commissioners - Absent

Gregory Guzmán, PhD.—Excused

Staff - Present

Lilleana Cavanaugh - Executive Director
Lair Marin- Community Liaison
Andrea Lewis- Public Policy Officer

Call to Order

Chair Ortiz calls meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag is recited.

Call of the Roll

There are 9 Commissioners present, thus constituting quorum.

Chair's Report

Chair Ortiz informs the group he will provide a brief report under New Business.

Approval of Minutes

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Chair Ortiz presents previous meeting's Minutes to the board for review and approval.

Motion #1 - 6 - 2016 - To approve the April 26, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes as submitted. Moved by Commissioner Florez. Seconded by Commissioner Santiago. Motion carries.

Agency Report

Chair Ortiz then hands the floor to Executive Director Lilleana Cavanaugh, she highlights seven key items of business for the months of April and May.

First, Ms. Cavanaugh highlights the planning and execution of the 2016 New American Forum. The Commission had a large part in helping to conduct this event and bring together the New American communities of Columbus.

Second, she informs the Board on the completion of the Regional Health Conversations project by the Organizations Development Center. Ms. Cavanaugh briefly explains the purpose of this grant-funded project.

Third, Ms. Cavanaugh highlights the success of the Commission's two 2016 Minority Health Month events in the cities of Youngstown and Lorain.

Fourth, she mentions the Commission's participation in the 2016 CHIP Leadership Conference in the city of Lorain, where OCHLA had the opportunity to present a workshop on Women and Leadership as well as welcome Dr. Juan Andrade to kick-off the Ohio Latino Vote Campaign.

Fifth, Ms. Cavanaugh states that the Commission participated in the Office of Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine's training, "Two Days in May," which is an intensive training the Office provides for organizations working with victims of crime.

Sixth, she mentions the Commission's participation in the 2016 Fatherhood Summit, a conference hosted by the Ohio Fatherhood Commission. OCHLA had the opportunity to present a workshop on the Impact of Deportations on Latino Families with expert Luis Fernando Macias who discussed not only how deportations impact the individual leaving the family, but also those families that are left behind in the United States.

Seventh, Ms. Cavanaugh highlights the Latino Affairs Office's recent work with Commissioner Molina to meet with the University of Cincinnati and take the initial steps in planning for the 2017 Ohio Latino Education Summit.

Chair Ortiz opens the floor to questions in regards to the Executive Director's report.



There is one. Chair Ortiz inquires about the date for the 2017 Latino Education Summit. Commissioner Molina replies that the date will be Wednesday, March 1, 2017.

Ms. Cavanaugh then proceeds to provide an update for the Organizations Development Center and highlights two key items of business.

First, she outlines the successful execution of the 2016 Minority Health Month events conducted by the Commission in collaboration with OCCHA of Youngstown and El Centro of Lorain.

Second, she updates the board on grant reporting that has taken place, as well as exploring grant opportunities with the Attorney General's office and other state agencies.

For more detail on the Organizations Development Center update, please see the April and May Monthly Reports on OCHLA's website.

Ms. Cavanaugh invites Public Policy Officer Andrea Lewis to provide the April and May reports for the Public Policy Center. Ms. Lewis has three key items of business.

First, Ms. Lewis provides a brief report on the New American Forum which took place at Franklin University on May 12th. For this initiative, she was asked by Representative Kevin Boyce to provide a Latino perspective for central Ohio in regards to the immigrant/refugee community. Ms. Lewis reported as well on the community organizations and state agencies/offices that participated in the forum, presenters, and attendees.

Second, she informs the Board on three bills that were drafted as a result of the New American Forum. Ms. Lewis provides each member with hard copies of each bill and briefly explains the potential legislation.

Third, Ms. Lewis shares with the Board the latest Latino Community Report, "Latino Elected Officials and the Evolving Latino Electorate in Ohio." She describes the content provided in the report and highlights some of its key points.

For more detail on the Public Policy Center update, please see the April and May Monthly Reports on OCHLA's website.

Chair Ortiz opens the floor to questions in regards to the Public Policy Center update. Seeing none, he invites Community Liaison Lair Marin to provide an update for the Latino Community Network. Ms. Marin has four main items of business:



First, she relays information in regards to the 2016 Ohio Latino Health Summit which will take place at MetroHealth hospital in Cleveland on August 26th. More information on the event will be provided by Commissioner Guzman-Bowman during the Health and Wellness Committee report.

Second, Ms. Marin reminds the Board that this coming Thursday, June 9th, the first Ohio Latino Leaders Collaborative event will take place in Cincinnati and will be hosted by the Cincinnati Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. She briefly details the makeup of the participants, the day's agenda, and the objectives of the event.

Third, Ms. Marin outlines the work of the commission to prepare to host the 2016 Ohio Medical Interpreting Conference, which will be taking place June 25th at the OSU Wexner Medical Center.

For more detail on the Latino Community Network update, please see April and May Monthly Reports on OCHLA's website.

Chair Ortiz opens the floor for questions about the Latino Community Network update. Seeing none, he then presents the April and May Agency Report to the Board for approval and acceptance.

Motion #2 - 6 - 2016 - To approve the April and May Monthly Reports as submitted. Moved by Commissioner Santiago. Seconded by Commissioner Torres. Motion carries.

Chair Ortiz then proceeds to the next item of business, the Committee Reports.

Committee Reports

There is no report for the Education Committee, therefore Chair Ortiz invites Commissioner Guzman-Bowman to provide an update for the Health and Wellness Committee. She highlights one item of business.

Ms. Guzman-Bowman briefly describes the framework for the event as well as the types of partners, presenters, and exhibitors collaborating with the Commission in this year's Summit. Admission to the event is free, there is no fee for exhibitors attending, and registration for the event will be open at the end of this week. There is still discussion in regards to the types of CEUs that will be provided to participants.

Chair Ortiz opens the floor to questions in regards to the Health and Wellness Committee update. There is one.

Chair Ortiz inquires if any Latino serving organizations or agencies will be collaborating in the Summit, as most of them are located in close proximity to MetroHealth. Ms.



Guzman-Bowman states that there is space for up to 40 exhibitors, and since the tables for exhibitors are free of charge then these organizations would certainly be able to promote themselves at the Summit.

Chair Ortiz asks if there are any more questions in regards to the Health and Wellness Committee update. Seeing none, he invites Commissioner Santiago to provide an update for the Diversity and Inclusion Committee. Santiago has two key points in regards to the 2016 Distinguished Hispanic Ohioan Awards Gala.

First, she and Ms. Marin inform the Board that the host and partner for this year's DHO Gala will be the Ohio State University's Office of Diversity and Inclusion, and the event will take place at The Blackwell Inn on October 7th. Ms. Marin outlines a few logistics of the gala, and Chair Ortiz informs the Board that profits generated from this event will be allocated to Latino scholarship funds at The Ohio State University. Additionally, OSU's Office of Diversity and Inclusion will present one recognition award as part of the program.

Second, Ms. Santiago presents the 2016 awards nomination forms to the Board and explains in detail the process for completing and submitting the forms, as well as some general nomination guidelines to assist newer Commissioners in making their decision. The deadline for nomination submission is August 1st, 2016, and the nominees will be voted on during the August 16th Board Meeting.

Chair Ortiz opens the floor to questions in regards to the Diversity and Inclusion Committee update. There are two.

First, Commissioner Tony Simms-Howell inquires as to the logistics for overnight stay for Commissioners traveling to Columbus for the event. Ms. Santiago informs the Board that rooms are being reserved at the Holiday Inn Columbus Dwtm-Capitol Square.

Second, Representative Perales asks if there are any restrictions on what individuals can be nominated for the three awards of recognition. Ms. Santiago states that the Commissioners may choose any individual from their community that fits the description of a given award. Ms. Cavanaugh suggests that if Rep. Perales knows of an individual that he would like to recommend to the Commissioner in his region, he should do so.

Chair Ortiz asks if there are any more questions in regards to the Diversity and Inclusion Committee update. Seeing none, he invites Commissioner Feliciano to provide an



update for the Civic Engagement Committee. Commissioner Feliciano has one item of business.

Commissioner Feliciano informs the Board that the Committee's current focus is on the 2016 Ohio Latino Voter Registration Campaign. On Saturday, June 11th will be the first two opportunities for voter registration training. The sessions will be facilitated by Dr. Juan Andrade and will take place in Lorain and Toledo, with two more sessions available in August in Columbus and Cincinnati. The Committee has also working with leaders to encourage voter registration tables and volunteers at community events.

Chair Ortiz opens the floor to questions in regards to the Civic Engagement Committee update. There are three.

First, Commissioner Simms-Howell suggests that awards of recognition for athletic teams with Latino players be produced and presented in Cleveland at games, as many of these players play a leadership role within their communities. Commissioner Feliciano agrees.

Second, Chair Ortiz asks if the Commission keeps a record of events where voter registration is being implemented, and Ms. Cavanaugh states that any organization/agency that has reported upcoming events is currently being added on the 2016 Ohio Latino Vote webpage. She encourages Commissioners to report events in their area to promote it via the webpage and e-campaigns.

Third, Commissioner Torres inquires whether or not it is feasible to offer voter registration at sporting events in each Commissioner's region of the state, and if so, should these registrations be headed by the Commission or by an outside entity. Ms. Cavanaugh states that the Commission does not have the capacity to execute multiple voter registration events. However, commissioners are encouraged to work closely with local organizations, churches, companies, etc. to plan and execute these opportunities drives.

Chair Ortiz asks if there are any more questions in regards to the Civic Engagement Committee update. Seeing none, he invites Commissioner Torres to provide an update for the Workforce and Economic Development Committee.

Commissioner Torres briefs the Board on the meeting that took place Friday, June 3, 2016 in regards to the Hispanic Workforce and Economic Development Strategy for 2016-2020. An invitation to the meeting was extended to the Ohio Hispanic Chambers of Commerce, Latino leaders, representatives from Jobs Ohio, ODJFS, SBDC, the Ohio



General Assembly and other influential players that have insight into how to stimulate the economic growth and workforce development of Latinos. Staff members from Wright State University helped facilitate the meeting. The Commission is working to draft the initial version of a strategy for these attendees to review within the next few weeks, and the report will be shared with the Board at the August 16th Board Meeting.

Chair Ortiz opens the floor for questions in regards to the Workforce and Economic Development Committee update. There is one.

Chair Ortiz asks that Ms. Lewis provide a copy of the report on Hispanic Businesses in Ohio to each Board Member, so they are able to review information on the businesses located in each region of Ohio and have a better understanding of the Hispanic economic makeup of the state.

Commissioner Torres also comments that there is not currently an entity keeping record of the number of Hispanic employees within businesses in Ohio or the amount of Hispanic businesses that provide services to the Latino community. Chair Ortiz states that John Trott, Executive Director of Area 7 Workforce Development Board, has committed to begin documenting these statistics, and will be encouraging other areas to begin this process in order to start compiling the data.

Chair Ortiz asks if there are any more questions in regards to the Workforce and Economic Development Committee update. Seeing none, he then proceeds to the next item on the agenda, which is Old Business.

Old Business

There is one item of business.

First, Chair Ortiz clarifies the final conclusion the Board reached at the April 26th Board Meeting in regards to the branding for the Commission. He states that the name of Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs must be used when dealing with legal and contractual matters, but for branding and public image the name Ohio Latino Affairs Commission will continue to be utilized.

Chair Ortiz opens the floor to questions in regards to the branding of the Commission's name. Commissioner Molina requests a point of clarification in regards to using the legal name in place of Ohio Latino Affairs Commission if the situation calls for the inclusion of the term "Hispanic." Chair Ortiz confirms that would be encouraged as the preference is to use the name Ohio Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs whenever possible.



Chair Ortiz asks if there are any more questions in regards to the branding of the Commission's name, and seeing none he proceeds to the New Business.

New Business

There are two items of business.

First, Chair Ortiz invites Ms. Lewis to present an award of recognition to Ms. Myrna Gomez who is representing the Leadership Scholars organization. The Commission would like to honor Leadership Scholars as the recipient of recognition from the White House Bright Spots Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics, awarded for their Parent Academy program. The program works to empower Hispanic parents with strategies to support their children, cultivates in parents the importance of their active role, a mindset of persistence and optimism, and establishes knowledge to help them best position their children to earn college admission and scholarships.

Second, Chair Ortiz invites Executive Director Cavanaugh to present a request for Board approval for a VOCA grant application. The VOCA grant is established through the Ohio Attorney General's Office and funded through fines, penalties, bonds, etc. that the government has collected from individuals convicted of federal crimes rather than being funded by taxpayers dollars. The majority of Latino victims do not report crimes committed against them, and the VOCA grant will give the Commission the opportunity to assist these individuals, and to begin collecting data in regards to victims within the Latino community. The Commission looks to make an initial request of about \$250,000.00 per year through this grant in order to create a program that will help victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, etc.

Chair Ortiz opens the floor for questions in regards to the VOCA grant application request. There are none.

Motion #3 - 6 - 2016 - To approve the Office of Latino Affairs' request to apply for the VOCA grant. Moved by Commissioner Santiago. Second by Commissioner Torres. The motion passes by unanimous consent.

Chair Ortiz moves to the next item on the agenda.

Public present:

- Diana Pagan – CAPA, Festival Latino
- Myrna Gomez – Leadership Scholars



Motion #4 - 6 - 2016 - To open the floor to public commentary. Moved by Commissioner Florez. Seconded by Commissioner Simms-Howell. Motion carries.

Chair Ortiz hands the floor to Diana Pagan of CAPA who provides details in regards to the 20th annual Festival Latino which will take place in Columbus Saturday, August 13th and Sunday August 14th. She informs the Board on the organizations, businesses, state departments, and individuals that will be present as well as the new services that will be available to the community at this year's festival.

Chair Ortiz opens the floor for discussion in regards to Ms. Pagan's comments. There is one points of discussion.

Commissioner Torres inquires whether a lineup of the day's main events is available, and Ms. Pagan provides flyers that detail the Festival's entertainment and general information. She states that more information will be available to the public in July.

Chair Ortiz asks if there are any more questions in regards to Ms. Pagan's comments. There are none.

Chair Ortiz invites Board Members to inform the Board on any other updates in regards to their communities.

Commissioner Molina informs the Board on the 9th Annual Executive Perspective Event on Thursday, July 14th in Cincinnati. He provides details in regards to the time and location of the event, as well as its purpose and objectives. He extends an invitation to all Board Members interested.

Commissioner Simms-Howell states he was recently informed by the LULAC national president Roger Rocha that the widow of the late civil rights activist Cesar Chavez, Helen Chavez, has passed away.

Commissioner Santiago reminds Board Members that voter registration training will be taking place in the city of Lorain on Saturday, June 11th.

Chair Ortiz asks if there are any more questions in regards to Public Commentary or Commissioners' comments. There are none.

Motion #5 - 6 - 2016 - To adjourn meeting. Moved by Commissioner Florez. Seconded by Commissioner Santiago. Motion carries.



Board meeting adjourned by Vice Chair Ortiz at 2:52 p.m.

Luis “Tony” Ortiz, Chair

Jose Feliciano Jr. , Secretary



ADDENDUM TO MINUTES
April 26, 2016

<u>Motion #1 - 6 - 2016</u>	To approve the April 26, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes as submitted.
<u>Motion #2 - 6 - 2016</u>	To approve the April and May Monthly Reports as submitted.
<u>Motion #3 - 6 - 2016</u>	To approve the request to apply for VOCA grant.
<u>Motion #4 - 6 - 2016</u>	To open the floor to public commentary.
<u>Motion #5 - 6 - 2016</u>	To adjourn meeting.



ADDENDUM TO MINUTES

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ATTACHMENTS

DOCUMENT	AUTHOR
April and May 2016 Monthly Reports	Executive Director Cavanaugh

