

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING April 4, 2017 Time: 1:30 p.m.

Vern Riffe Center, 19th Floor, Room 1960
77 S. High St., Columbus, OH 43215

Attendance

Commissioners - Present

Tony Ortiz—Chairman
Michael Florez
Gregory Guzmán, PhD.
Dan Molina
Rev. Juan Rivera
V. Anthony Simms-Howell
Emanuel Torres

Commissioners - Absent

Jose Feliciano, Jr.—Secretary, Excused
Mary Santiago, 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 1:30p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag is recited.

Call of the Roll

There are 7 Commissioners present, thus constituting quorum.

Chair's Report

Chair Ortiz informs the Board that the reappointment of Commission Elizabeth Guzman-Bowman is still pending. He also reminds Commissioners of the 2016 Financial Disclosure Filing deadline of Monday, May 15th, which is a mandatory task that can be completed online.

Approval of Minutes

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

Motion #1 - 4 - 2017 - To approve the February 7, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes as submitted. Moved by Commissioner Guzmán Seconded by Commissioner Rivera. Motion carries.

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Chair
Dayton

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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



Agency Report

Chair Ortiz then hands the floor to Executive Director Lilleana Cavanaugh to provide the Director and Organizations Development Center reports for February and March. She highlights seven key items of business.

First, Ms. Cavanaugh highlights the Latino Education Summit in Cincinnati, which had an attendance of over 300 participants; she informs the Board that a webpage for the event has been created which contains workshop presentations and the transcript of Dr. Paolo DeMaria's speech.

Second, she informs the Board that she's been working with Ms. Lewis on planning for the upcoming Ohio Hispanic Legislative Visit Day.

Third, Ms. Cavanaugh states that she and VISTA volunteer Latisha Jeffrey have been maintaining the Organizations Development Center services and disseminating information on grant opportunities and drafting a grant proposal to fund the Latino Health Summit.

Fourth, she and Ms. Jeffrey have continued to assist in the development of the Ohio Hispanic Chambers of Commerce; the group is currently working on building leadership for the Columbus Hispanic Chamber as well as determining how to improve their civic engagement with the Ohio General Assembly.

Fifth, Ms. Cavanaugh updates the Board on their work with the Latino Connection to submit a proposal to the Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services in order to launch a statewide project related to mental and behavioral health.

Sixth, she states that OCHLA is currently securing a new AmeriCorps VISTA service member to work in the office for the 2017-2018 period. The opportunity to secure Vistas is also available to members of the Latino Connection who can benefit from a year of one or two additional staffers to support their development work through the VISTA program.

Finally, Ms. Cavanaugh informs the Board that the Commission's fiscal audit is currently underway, and that OCHLA is preparing to present testimony for its upcoming biennial budget in the House and Senate.

For more detail on the Director's report and Organizations Development Center update, please see the February and March Monthly Reports on OCHLA's website.

Chair Ortiz opens the floor to questions in regards to the Executive Director's report and the Organizations Development Center report. There are none.

Ms. Cavanaugh invites Public Policy Officer Andrea Lewis to provide the February and March reports for the Public Policy Center. Ms. Lewis has four key items of business.

First, Ms. Lewis shares with the Board the event summary for the 2017 Ohio Latino Education Summit, and briefly discusses its outcome.

Second, she updates the Board in regards to the recent hearing on Senate Bill 11, sponsored by Senator Tavares to designate March 31 as "Cesar E. Chavez Day" in Ohio.



One committee member did inquire about the overshadowing of Vietnam Veteran's Day, however this day of remembrance is on March 30th, so there would be no interference with the two days of commemoration. Ms. Lewis is currently working on advocacy efforts to secure a proponent hearing.

Third, Ms. Lewis briefly discusses logistics for the upcoming Hispanic Legislative Visit Day, which will take place at the Ohio Statehouse on Wednesday, June 14th.

Fourth, she discusses the 2nd annual New American Forum, currently scheduled for May 10th at the Columbus Athenaeum. She provides a short description of the forum's purpose and the day's events. Ms. Lewis also informs the Board that she has been appointed by the Franklin County Commissioner to the New American Advisory Council, which will work to address issues impacting New Americans in Franklin County.

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

Chair Ortiz then opens the floor to questions in regards to the Public Policy Center update. There are two.

First, Commissioner Molina inquires if there are any other counties in Ohio which have an organization similar to the New American Advisory Council. Ms. Lewis states that the council is not aware of any other counties that have a comparable advisory councils, although there are counties that do have welcoming initiatives.

Second, Commissioner Florez asks if the Commission will be moving the June 6th Board Meeting to take place the same day as the Hispanic Legislative Visit Day on June 14th. Ms. Cavanaugh inquires if the Chairman would consider moving the date of the Board Meeting, to which Chair Ortiz consents.

Chair Ortiz asks if there are any more questions, and seeing none he invites Community Liaison Lair Marin to provide the February and March report for the Latino Community Network. Ms. Marin has four key points of interest.

First, she informs the Board that planning for the 2017 Distinguished Hispanic Ohioan Awards Gala is underway, and the event will take place October 14th at the Ohio Union at OSU. Ms. Marin states that OCHLA is awaiting the signed MOU from the Ohio State University for their collaboration in this event. She also updates the Board in regards to the OSU/OCHLA Latino Scholarship's current status.

Second, Ms. Marin updates the Board in regards to planning for the 2017 Ohio Latino Health Summit, which will take place at the University of Cincinnati's College of Medicine on Friday, July 28th, 2017. She is currently working with UC and the Cincinnati Latino Leaders Collaborative on building the day's agenda and procuring speakers/presenters for the event.

Third, she and Commissioner Molina briefly highlight the progress that has been made thus far in working with the Latino Leaders Collaborative in Cincinnati, and the outcome(s) of their most recent quarterly meeting.



Finally, Ms. Marin reviews the date, location, and content for the two Minority Health Month workshops that she and Ms. Jeffrey have been planning and will be executing during the month of April.

For more detail on the Latino Community Network update, please see February and March 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 February and March Agency Report to the Board for approval and acceptance.

Motion #2 - 4 - 2017 - To approve the February and March Monthly Reports as submitted. Moved by Commissioner Molina. Seconded by Commissioner Rivera. Motion carries.

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

Committee Reports

Chair Ortiz provides the update for the Education Committee. He informs the Board that the Committee is currently planning an event/meeting on teacher education, continuing education, and teacher recruitment as the subject of interest for next year's education summit. The Committee will have further updates once the date and location have been determined.

Chair Ortiz invites Ms. Marin to provide an update for the Health and Wellness Committee. She states that other than the information provided earlier during her Latino Community Network update, there is no further business to report.

Chair Ortiz he invites Ms. Marin to provide an update for the Diversity and Inclusion Committee. She states that she had shared all of the information for this update during the Agency Report, but will entertain any specific questions now.

Chair Ortiz opens the floor to Commissioner Torres to provide an update for the Workforce and Economic Development Committee. He states that the Committee decided it's next task would be to identify three core items to prioritize in regards to workforce development. Once the top priorities are identified and roles of members determined, the Committee will move to action on the top priority.

Chair Ortiz he invites Ms. Lewis to provide an update for the Civic Engagement Committee. She states that the Committee discussed via conference call the agenda for Hispanic Legislative Visit Day and hands out draft agendas to the Board.

Chair Ortiz proceeds to the next item on the agenda, which is Old Business.

Old Business

There are three items of Old Business. First, Chair Ortiz reminds all Commissioners of the deadline to complete their Financial Disclosure Filing and provides brief instructions on where and how this can be completed online.



Second, Chair Ortiz then hands the floor to Ms. Cavanaugh to discuss the final draft of OCHLA's Grant Policies and Procedures. She reminds the Board of their expressed interest in creating this policy during the 2017 Board Retreat, and provides a drafted copy to each Commissioner for review.

Chair Ortiz opens the floor to questions in regards to this policy. There is one.

Commissioner Torres mentions one mistype to be corrected in the policy. AG Representative Katherine Mosca edits the draft to correct the written error. There are no further questions.

Motion #3 - 4 - 2017 - To approve the Grant Policies and Procedures as submitted. Moved by Commissioner Torres. Seconded by Commissioner Molina. Motion carries.

Finally, Ms. Cavanaugh shares with the Board the updated OCHLA Administrative Rules and provides a copy to each Commissioner for their review. She briefly explains the changes made.

Chair Ortiz opens the floor to questions in regards to the Administrative Rules. There are none.

Motion #4 - 4 - 2017 - To approve the OCHLA Administrative Rules as submitted. Moved by Commissioner Molina. Seconded by Commissioner Rivera. Motion carries.

Chair Ortiz opens the floor to questions in regards to Old Business. Seeing none, he moves to the next item on the agenda, New Business.

New Business

There are two items of New Business.

First, Ms. Cavanaugh presents to the Board a new Human Resources policy administered by the Ohio Department of Administrative Services, the Response to an Active Aggressor Policy, to which OCHLA is required to mirror and implement. She reviews the policy and its requirements that have been met by OCHLA staff.

Motion #5 - 4 - 2017 - To approve the Response to an Active Aggressor Policy as submitted. Moved by Commissioner Guzmán. Seconded by Commissioner Simms-Howell. Motion carries.

Chair Ortiz opens the floor to questions in regards to the Response to an Active Aggressor Policy. There is one.

Commissioner Florez inquires what the policy is for the Vern Riffe Center in regards to concealed/open carry of weapons on the premises. Ms. Cavanaugh states that she is not well-versed on the current policy for weapons carry, but has been informed by the security division that metal detectors are soon to be instituted in the building. Ms. Lewis informs the Board that weapons are not permitted in the Vern Riffe Center or Ohio Statehouse, however they are authorized to be locked in the trunk of a vehicle in the parking garage.



Second, Commissioner Simms-Howell reflects on the date of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s death and the responsibility of the Commission to practice inclusivity.

Chair Ortiz opens the floor to questions in regards to New Business. Seeing none, he proceeds to the Public Commentary.

Public present:

- Dr. Raúl Soto, ODE
- Leonard Hubert, LHubert & Associates
- Maureen Corcoran, VHCA
- Jenny Camper, Lesic & Camper Communications
- Cynthia Valencia, School Choice Ohio
- Ezra Escudero, LIBRE and Americans for Prosperity

Motion #6 - 4 - 2017 - To open the floor to public commentary. Moved by Commissioner Simms-Howell. Seconded by Commissioner Molina. Motion carries.

Chair Ortiz hands the floor to Leonard Hubert of LHubert & Associates, who introduces two of his colleagues, Ms. Maureen Corcoran and Ms. Jenny Camper. These ladies provide a brief presentation on the Ohio Rx Purchase Issue which will appear on the Ohio ballot this Fall.

Chair Ortiz opens the floor to questions in regards to Mr. Hubert's commentary. There is one.

Commissioner Simms-Howell asks for clarification in regards to the differentiation of cost for Medicaid consumers with the passing of this issue. Ms. Corcoran states that because the costs of prescriptions through Medicaid are quite close to costs of those through the VA, this issue would not be a tremendous benefit to Medicaid consumers.

Chair Ortiz asks if there are any more questions in regards to the Ohio Rx Purchase Issue. Seeing none, he then hands the floor to Ezra Escudero. Mr. Escudero defines the LIBRE initiative and their merge with Americans for Prosperity, and he introduces Ms. Cynthia Valencia from School Choice Ohio. They provide a brief presentation on School Choice Ohio and on Senate Bill 85.

Chair Ortiz opens the floor to questions in regards to Mr. Escudero's commentary. There are four.

Commissioner Guzmán urges fellow Commissioners to consider how these educational options would or would not function alongside preexisting educational systems in their communities.

Commissioner Torres inquires if there is an online resource for parents to determine if/which schools in their area work through these programs. Ms. Valencia states that the information on providers and private schools in different areas are readily available and as well as additional resources for parents.

Commissioner Simms-Howell states that at this time it may not be feasible for the Commission to take a position on the bill, but rather consider how the programs will influence the educational structures in their respective regions. Chair Ortiz agrees



that as individuals, Commissioners are welcome to take a stance on the legislation, but the Commission as a whole needs to simply consider this information and table any further discussion until the next Board Meeting.

Commissioner Rivera asks for clarification on presenting testimony as an individual not on behalf of the Commission; Chair Ortiz explains the policy.

Chair Ortiz ask if there are any further questions in regards to Mr. Escudero’s presentation. Seeing none, he states that the discussion will be tabled until the June Board Meeting.

Chair Ortiz hands the floor to Dr. Raúl Soto of the Ohio Department of Education. Dr. Soto informs the Board that State Superintendent DeMaria was very pleased with the warm welcome he received at the Ohio Latino Education Summit last month. He and Dr. DeMaria recently had the opportunity to visit the Columbus Spanish Immersion Academy, who are in need of Latino volunteers to read with the students.

Chair Ortiz opens the floor to questions in regards to Dr. Soto’s comments. There is one.

Commissioner Torres states that he is familiar with the Columbus Spanish Immersion Academy and a big challenge of the program is that the waiting list to enter the academy is extensive. He inquires if there are any resources that could be provided to the program in order to make it more accessible for applicants. Dr. Soto states that while the Ohio Department of Education supports the program, the city is ultimately in charge of managing the academy.

Chair Ortiz asks if there are any further questions for Dr. Soto, seeing none he offers one final point of discussion in which he request that the Office coordinate rescheduling the next Board Meeting to take place June 14th, 2017.

Motion #7 - 4 - 2017 - To adjourn meeting. Moved by Commissioner Molina. Seconded by Commissioner Torres. Motion carries.

Board meeting adjourned by Chair Ortiz at 3:20 p.m.

Luis “Tony” Ortiz, Chair

Jose Feliciano Jr. , Secretary



**ADDENDUM TO MINUTES
April 4, 2017
Motions Carried**

<u>Motion #1 -4- 2017</u>	To approve the February 7, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes as submitted.
<u>Motion #2 -4- 2017</u>	To approve the February and March Monthly Reports as submitted.
<u>Motion #3 -4- 2017</u>	To approve the Grant Policies and Procedures as submitted.
<u>Motion #4 -4- 2017</u>	To approve the Administrative Rules as submitted.
<u>Motion #5 -4- 2017</u>	To approve the Response to an Active Aggressor Policy as submitted.
<u>Motion #6 -4- 2017</u>	To open the floor to public commentary.
<u>Motion #7 -4- 2017</u>	To adjourn meeting.



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ATTACHMENTS

DOCUMENT	AUTHOR
February and March 2017 Monthly Reports	Executive Director Cavanaugh
Grants Policies and Procedures	Executive Director Cavanaugh and AG Representative Katherine Mosca
Administrative Rules of the Commission	Executive Director Cavanaugh and AG Representative Katherine Mosca
Active Aggressor Policy	Executive Director Cavanaugh

