



**MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
October 7, 2011**

**Hyatt Regency Columbus
350 North High St.
3rd Floor Conference Room
43215 Columbus, Ohio**

Mary Santiago, Chair
Lorain

Andrés González, Vice Chair
Cleveland

Michael Florez, Secretary
Cincinnati

Lourdes Barroso de Padilla
Columbus

Isabel Framer
Copley

Emerald Hernandez
Columbus

Rev. Max Rodas
Cleveland

Richard Romero
Lorain

V. Tony Simms-Howell
Cincinnati

Baldemar Velasquez
Toledo

Dan Ramos
State Representative
District 56th ~ Lorain County

Christina Hagan
State Representative
District 50th ~ Stark County

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

Charleta Tavares
Senator
District 15th ~ Franklin (Part)

Attendance

Commissioners - Present

Mary Santiago
V. Anthony Simms-Howell
Richard Romero
Michael G. Florez
Rev. Max Rodas
Isabel Framer
Emerald Hernández
Lourdes Barroso de Padilla
Baldemar Velásquez
Andrés González

Legislative Members of the Board--Present

Representative Dan Ramos

Staff - Present

Lilleana Cavanaugh - Executive Director

Call to Order

Chair Santiago calls meeting to order at 2:35 p.m.

Call of the Roll

There are ten Commissioners present, thus constituting quorum.



Chair's Report and Commentary

Chair Santiago gives floor to Executive Director to give an update regarding the DHO Gala scheduled for today.

Executive Director Lilleana Cavanaugh reports that the number of guests will be close to 330, that the keynote speaker has arrived and that all the VIP's have confirmed. Director reviews protocol for presentation of awards and provides instructions for commissioners who will be doing the MC work and making special presentations from stage.

Chair Santiago announces that there are two new legislative members of the board from the Senate: Senator Charletta Tavares and Senator Gayle Manning.

Chair Santiago announces that the second half of the 2011 Board retreat will take place on November 10th, after the regular Board meeting.

Chair Santiago hands floor over to Representative Dan Ramos who makes a special presentation of Commendation to Commissioner Anthony Simms-Howell for his upcoming induction to the 2011 Ohio Civil Rights Commission Hall of Fame.

New Business

Commissioner Richard Romero requests that the board consider writing a letter to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland to request their support for Latino artists. He explains that there is little representation of Latinos in the Hall of Fame and considers that more participation of Latinos should be given. After discussion, it is decided that as individuals, commissioners may wish to send a letter.

Chair Santiago hands floor to Commissioner Anthony Simms-Howell to direct the election of new officers. Commissioner Anthony Simms-Howell presents the slate for consideration of the board. The following candidates have expressed an interest to continue serving on the board as follows:

1. Mary Santiago – Chair
2. Andres Gonzalez – Vice Chair
3. Michael Florez - Secretary

Motion #1- 10 -2011 - To nominate Commissioner Mary Santiago as Chair, Commissioner Andres Gonzalez as Vice Chair and Commissioner Michael Florez as Secretary. Moved by Commissioner Florez. Seconded by Commissioner Simms-Howell. Motion carried.



The slate is submitted for vote and each commissioner casts their vote. Commissioner Michael Florez takes note of each commissioners' vote. The slate is approved as presented by a majority of votes. The new Officers for the 35th Board is thus confirmed as follows:

1. Mary Santiago – Chair
2. Andres Gonzalez – Vice Chair
3. Michael Florez - Secretary

Public Commentary

Public present:

Julie Aldrich - Did not specify
Arzella Melryk - Did not specify
John Muzic – Did not specify
Brooke Boswell—Leg. Aide for Senator Manning

Motion #2 - 10 -2011- To adjourn the meeting. Presented by Commissioner Florez. Seconded by Commissioner Frammer. Motion carried.

Chair Santiago adjourned the meeting at 3:05pm.

Mary Santiago, Chair

Michael G. Florez, Secretary





ADDENDUM TO MINUTES

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Motions Carried

Motion #1 - 10-2011	To nominate Commissioner Mary Santiago as Chair, Commissioner Andres Gonzalez as Vice Chair and Commissioner Michael Florez as Secretary.
Motion #2 - 10-2011	To adjourn the meeting.

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