

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING December 6, 2016 Time: 1:30 p.m.

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

Attendance

Commissioners - Present

Tony Ortiz—Chairman
Beth Guzman-Bowman —Vice Chair
Jose Feliciano, Jr.—Secretary
Michael Florez
Gregory Guzmán, PhD.
Dan Molina
Rev. Juan Rivera
Emanuel Torres
V. Anthony Simms-Howell

Legislative Members - Present

Senator Gayle Manning
Senator Charleta Tavares

Commissioners - Absent

Mary Santiago

Staff - Present

Lilleana Cavanaugh—Executive Director
Lair Marin—Community Liaison
Andrea Lewis—Public Policy Officer
Georgina Alvarez —Organizations Development Officer
Briana Black—Administrative Clerk

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

There is no special update from Chair Ortiz

Approval of Minutes

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

Motion #1 - 12 - 2016 - To approve the October 7, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes as submitted. Moved by Commissioner Santiago. Seconded by Commissioner Rivera. Motion carries.

Luis "Tony" Ortiz
Chair
Dayton

Elizabeth Guzman-Bowman
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Columbus

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Cincinnati

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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



Agency Report

Chair Ortiz then hands the floor to Executive Director Lilleana Cavanaugh, she highlights three key items of business for the months of November and December.

First, Ms. Cavanaugh highlights the Commission's work on preparing the 2016 Annual Report, which shall be completed by January and provided in hard copies to the Board in February at the 2017 Board Retreat.

Second, she reminds the Board of her involvement in the Diversity Advisory Council for the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, and reports on recent developments in regards to cultural competence and language access. Additionally, the Commission will be involved in a series of webinars that this department will be launching in 2017; the series will educate viewers on how to serve the multicultural communities of Ohio. More specifically, Ms. Cavanaugh will be assisting the council by working on webinars that relate to language access and interpretation.

Third, Ms. Cavanaugh informs the Board that the Commission will be cohosting in 2017 two roundtables with the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to address the needs of the community and the services that are being provided in behavioral/mental health, in order to document and assess the needs of diverse communities for mental health services on a large scale.

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

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

First, Ms. Lewis provides a brief summary of the 2016 Ohio Latino Vote Campaign's conclusion, including the Commission's most recent efforts in hosting a bilingual voter hotline on the day before and day of the General Election, as well as OCHLA's work to help host voter registration drives, to disseminate election information, to mobilize young Latino voters, etc. She states that throughout the next few months the Commission will work on obtaining data in regards to Latino voter participation in Ohio this election year.

Second, she reports that she has been working with the Ohio Hispanic Chambers of Commerce in regards to creating a legislative agenda for the coming year.

Third, Ms. Lewis informs the Board of a meeting she attended recently with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles and attorneys regarding the issue of denial of driver's licenses to eligible immigrant applicants. She summarizes the main concerns of each group and the current obstacles the BMV faces in regards to providing language services for Ohio's diverse population.

Finally, she reiterates to the Board a brief update she had previously provided in regards to Senate Bill 280 to designate Cesar E. Chavez Day's first hearing in the Senate, and she expresses the Commission's desire to continue to support the legislation.



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

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

First, Commissioner Guzmán inquires if the comments made by Senator Coley during the Senate Bill 280 hearing included any citation, Ms. Lewis states that they did not.

Second, Commissioner Rivera asks in what way could Commissioners demonstrate support of the legislation. Ms. Lewis suggests that Commissioners undergo research of Chavez' efforts and schedule to meet with Senator Coley in order to attest to Chavez' valuable legacy.

Third, Commissioner Molina inquires if the Bureau of Motor Vehicles provides documents in Spanish to Spanish-speaking constituents. Ms. Lewis states that written tests to obtain a license are available in Spanish, however most of the issues that have been reported in regards to a lack of adequate services for individuals who speak foreign languages are related to workers' inability to recognize constituents identification documents as valid.

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

First, she informs the Board that she has been working with the Diversity and Inclusion Committee and the OSU Office of Diversity and Inclusion in order to debrief on the 2016 DHO Gala and compile a report on the event.

Second, Ms. Marin briefly highlights the ongoing Latino Community Network tasks such as promoting job opportunities and community events, updating directories and catalogues, assisting constituents with various inquiries, etc.

Third, she provides an overview of the general activities completed with the directories, job postings and reports on social media statistics for the month.

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

Chair Ortiz opens the floor for questions about the Latino Community Network update.

Seeing none, he invites Georgina Alvarez to provide the October and November report for the Organizations Development Center.

Ms. Alvarez provides an overview of the work that ODC has accomplished in the last couple of years in regards to supporting organizations, promoting training events and securing grants. She also highlights the plans for 2017, including the continued work with the Ohio Hispanic Chambers of Commerce, the Latino Connection Group and the 2017 Minority Health Month Events. For more detail on the Organizations Develop-



ment Center update, please see October and November Monthly Reports on OCHLA's website.

Chair Ortiz then presents the October and November Agency Report to the Board for approval and acceptance.

Motion #2 - 12 - 2016 - To approve the October and November Monthly Reports as submitted. Moved by Commissioner Guzman-Bowman. Seconded by Commissioner Guzmán. Motion carries.

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

Committee Reports

Chair Ortiz invites Ms. Lewis to provide an update for the Education Committee. She briefly reviews the Committee's recent work in preparing for the 2017 Ohio Latino Education Summit, which will take place March 1st at the University of Cincinnati. The deadline for requests for proposals will be during the first week of February.

Chair Ortiz invites Commissioner Guzman-Bowman to provide an update for the Health and Wellness Committee. There is no business to report.

Chair Ortiz he invites Commissioner Santiago to provide an update for the Diversity and Inclusion Committee. There is no business to report.

Chair Ortiz he invites Commissioner Feliciano to provide an update for the Civic Engagement Committee. There is no business to report.

Chair Ortiz opens the floor to Commissioner Molina to provide an update for the Workforce and Economic Development Committee. Commissioners Molina and Torres present to the Board the Workforce and Economic Development Action Plan. For more information on the Action Plan, please see attached document.

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

Old Business

There is no old business to discuss. Chair Ortiz proceeds to the New Business.

New Business

There is no new business to discuss. Chair Ortiz proceeds to the Public Commentary.

Public present:

- Jesse Dotson – OCHLA
- Latisha Jeffrey – OCHLA



Motion #3 - 12 - 2016 - To open the floor to public commentary.

There is no commentary from the public.

Motion #4 - 12 - 2016 - To adjourn meeting. Moved by Commissioner Molina.
Seconded by Commissioner Guzman-Bowman. Motion carries.
Board meeting adjourned by Chair Ortiz at 3:15 p.m.

Luis “Tony” Ortiz, Chair

Jose Feliciano Jr. , Secretary



**ADDENDUM TO MINUTES
December 6, 2016
Motions Carried**

<u>Motion #1 -12- 2016</u>	To approve the October 7, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes as submitted.
<u>Motion #2 -12- 2016</u>	To approve the October and November Monthly Reports as submitted.
<u>Motion #3 -12- 2016</u>	To open the floor to public commentary.
<u>Motion #4 -12- 2016</u>	To adjourn meeting.



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December 6, 2016**

ATTACHMENTS

DOCUMENT	AUTHOR
November and December 2016 Monthly Reports	Executive Director Cavanaugh
Workforce and Economic Development Action Plan	Workforce & Economic Development Committee

