

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

### August 15, 2017

### Time: 1:30 p.m.

Vern Riffe Center, 31st Floor, South A  
77 S. High St., Columbus, OH 43215

#### Attendance

##### Commissioners - Present

Tony Ortiz—Chairman  
José Feliciano, Jr.—Secretary  
Michael Florez  
Gregory Guzmán, PhD.  
Dan Molina  
Rev. Juan Rivera  
Mary Santiago  
V. Anthony Simms-Howell

##### Commissioners - Absent

Emanuel Torres—Excused

##### Staff - Present

Lilly Cavanaugh—Executive Director  
Lair Marin—Community Liaison  
Andrea Lewis—Public Policy Officer  
Briana Black—Administrative Clerk  
Jesse Dotson—VISTA Volunteer  
Megan Honaker—VISTA Volunteer

#### 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 8 Commissioners present, thus constituting quorum.

#### Chair's Report

First, Chair Ortiz informs the Board that he does not have any business to report.

#### Approval of Minutes

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

**Motion #1 - 8 - 2017** - To approve the June 14, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes as submitted. Moved by Commissioner Santiago. Seconded by Commissioner Florez. Motion carries.

**Luis "Tony" Ortiz**  
Chair  
Dayton

**Jose Feliciano Jr.**  
Secretary  
Aurora

**Michael Florez**, Vice Chair  
Cincinnati

**Mary Santiago**  
Lorain

**V. Anthony Simms-Howell**  
Cincinnati

**Emanuel Torres**  
Columbus

**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



## Agency Report

Chair Ortiz hands the floor to Executive Director Lilleana Cavanaugh to provide the June and July Agency Report, including general updates and Organizations Development Center updates. Ms. Cavanaugh highlights seven items of interest.

First, Ms. Cavanaugh informs the Board of the Commission's work with the National Latino ATTC (Addiction Technology Transfer Center) in regards to mental and behavioral health and establishing workforce development roundtables.

Second, she highlights the most recent Latino Community Report published by the Public Policy Center, "An Overview of Health Care Access in Ohio's Hispanic Community," and briefly mentions how the dissemination of the information provided is crucial to overcoming existing barriers.

Third, Ms. Cavanaugh reports on the completion of the 2017 Ohio Latino Health Summit and thanks the Health and Wellness Committee as well as community representatives for their participation in this year's event.

Fourth, she highlights her work with Public Policy Officer Andrea Lewis to establish a "Pipeline to Professional Trades" for Latinos in Ohio, which Ms. Lewis will discuss further during her report.

Fifth, Ms. Cavanaugh reports on her attendance at the 2017 NALEO National Conference and her work with the Council of Latino Agencies to connect state agencies and minority commissions across the U.S. to convene.

Sixth, she notifies the Board that the Civic Engagement Committee will begin planning outreach initiatives to inform and encourage Latinos in Ohio to participate in the 2020 Census American Community Survey.

Finally, Ms. Cavanaugh introduces the newest AmeriCorps Vista member of OCHLA's team, Megan Honaker, and informs the Board that Ms. Honaker will be working with her to complete projects and tasks of the Organizations Development Center.

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

Chair Ortiz opens the floor to questions in regards to the Organizations Development Center update. There are two.

First, Chair Ortiz recommends that the Commission provide copies of the Latino Community Report on Health Care Access to deans of state colleges of medicine as well as hospital administrators and directors in Ohio. Ms. Lewis thanks Chair Ortiz for his suggestion and agrees to share the report with these entities.

Second, Commissioner Rivera commends Ms. Lewis for her work on creating this report. Ms. Lewis thanks him and provides a brief overview in her purpose for reporting on the topic of health care access for the Hispanic community.



Chair Ortiz asks if there are any further questions in regards to the Director's Report. Seeing none, he invites Public Policy Office Andrea Lewis to provide the June and July report for the Public Policy Center. Ms. Lewis has five key points of interest.

First, Ms. Lewis elaborates on the Commission's recent endeavors to establish a "Pipeline to Professional Trades." She reports that she has been meeting with Franklin County Commissioners, the Secretary of State's Office, trade unions, etc. in order to devise a strategy for Latino recruitment in trades.

Second, she briefly mentions a press conference she attended in regards to the transnational gang activities and the U.S. FBI's request for community leaders to disseminate information on the tip line and the option for anonymity for callers. Ms. Lewis informs the Board that FBI Agent Joe Deters will provide more information on the tip line during Public Commentary.

Third, Ms. Lewis discusses the Education Committee's objective to host two education events in 2018. There will be a focus group meeting in March and the Latino Education Summit in November. These events will be done in collaboration with the Ohio Department of Education, the Ohio Department of Higher Education, and the Ohio State University.

Fourth, she highlights the Commission's membership of the Department of Education's Fairness and Sensitivity Date Review Committee in which PPC Officer Lewis participates in the review of Ohio's standardized tests for potential biases. She expresses the Department of Education's desire to recruit diverse members for the Review Committee.

Finally, Ms. Lewis reports on the Ohio Hispanic Chambers of Commerce legislative advocacy activity.

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

Chair Ortiz opens the floor to questions in regards to the Public Policy Center and the Organizations Development Center. Seeing none, he invites Community Liaison Lair Marin to provide the June and July report for the Latino Community Network. Ms. Marin has five key points of interest.

First, Ms. Marin informs the Board that she was able to coordinate an Opioid Crisis Workshop in partnership with the Franklin County Coroner for August 6th at Vineyard Columbus church in Westerville.

Second, she highlights upcoming Latino Blood Drives to take place during Hispanic Heritage Month that will be conducted in partnership with the American Red Cross, Ohio Hispanic Chambers of Commerce, and LULAC Ohio.

Third, she provides a brief summary of the 2017 Ohio Latino Health Summit, including the committee's debriefing results as well as participator's evaluations of the event, and reports on associated grants and scholarships.



Fourth, Ms. Marin recognizes OCHLA interns and volunteers as well as the AmeriCorps Vista members of our team. Chair Ortiz presents a certificate of recognition to intern Hannah Kesig.

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

**Motion #2 - 8 - 2017** - To approve the June and July Monthly Reports as submitted. Moved by Commissioner Santiago. Seconded by Commissioner Florez. Motion carries.

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

### **Committee Reports**

Chair Ortiz reminds the Board that Ms. Lewis provided the Education Committee update during her Public Policy Center report.

Chair Ortiz invites Commissioner Molina and Executive Director Cavanaugh to provide an update for the Workforce and Economic Development Committee. Commissioner Molina states that the Committee is working on implementing the strategic plan created as a result of the past Board Retreat, including activities in workforce development, expanding opportunities, and pipelines for job creation and technical training.

Chair Ortiz opens the floor to questions in regards to the Workforce and Economic Development Committee report. There are none.

Chair Ortiz then 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 invites Commissioner Santiago to provide an update regarding the Distinguished Hispanic Ohioan Awards Gala. Commissioner Santiago reiterates the time, date, and location of this year's gala. She reminds the Board that the list of nominees are currently being passed around for review, and these nominees will be voted on during New Business.

Chair Ortiz opens the floor to questions in regards to the Diversity and Inclusion Committee's report on the DHO. There is one. Commissioner Molina asks if there will be a uniform electronic letter to be sent out to award recipients by Commissioners who nominated them. Ms. Marin replies that a letter is drafted and emailed to each awardee and that she will also follow up with each individual via phone call.

Chair Ortiz invites Commissioner Molina and Commissioner Guzmán to provide brief updates for the Diversity and Inclusion Committee's work regarding the Latino Leaders Collaboratives in Cincinnati and Toledo. Commissioner Guzmán reminds the Board that the first Toledo Latino Leaders Collaborative meeting will take place on September 12th at the Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce's headquarters.



Chair Ortiz opens the floor to questions in regards to the Diversity and Inclusion Committee's update. There are none.

Chair Ortiz then invites Commissioner Feliciano to provide an update for the Civic Engagement Committee. He states that he has no business to report at this time.

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

### **Old Business**

There is no Old Business. Chair Ortiz proceeds to New Business.

### **New Business**

Chair Ortiz presents to the Board two items of business.

First, Chair Ortiz invites Commissioner Santiago to facilitate the selection of nominated candidates for the DHO Awards.

**Motion #3 - 8 - 2017** - To accept nominations for the 2017 Distinguish Hispanic Ohioian Awards. Moved by Commissioner Santiago. Seconded by Commissioner Florez. Motion carries. All nominees are accepted to receive the 2017 DHO Awards.

**Motion #4 - 8 - 2017** - To accept nominations for the 2017 Nuestra Familia Awards. Moved by Commissioner Guzmán. Seconded by Commissioner Molina. Motion carries. All nominees are accepted to receive the 2017 Nuestra Familia Awards.

**Motion #5 - 8 - 2017** - To accept nominations for the 2017 Latino Military Service of Distinction Awards. Moved by Commissioner Simms-Howell. Seconded by Commissioner Rivera. Commissioner Molina abstains. Motion carries. All nominees are accepted to receive the 2017 Latino Military Service of Distinction Awards.

Chair Ortiz opens the floor to questions in regards to the selection of nominations. There are none.

Second, Chair Ortiz then invites Commissioner Florez to provide an overview of the process for Executive Committee elections, which will take place during the Board's October meeting. Board Members will nominate candidates for Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. AG Representative Kate Mosca recommend that Commissioners email nominations to Commissioner Simms-Howell by August 30th. These nominees will be voted on during the October meeting and Commissioners will be selected to fill each position.

**Motion #6 - 8 - 2017** - To require Commissioners to submit their nominations for Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary by August 30th. Moved by Commissioner Santiago. Seconded by Commissioner Florez. Motion carries.

Finally, Chair Ortiz invites Commissioners to share any community updates or upcoming events for their prospective regions. There are two items of interest.

Commissioner Guzmán shares with the Board a formal memo from the Mayor of Maumee.

Commissioner Simms-Howell brings to the Board attention the importance of continu-



ing to establish and/or support initiatives against bullying in public schools and utilizes Cincinnati Public Schools as an example for related issues and potential solutions.

Chair Ortiz opens the floor to questions in regards to the Board's updates. Seeing none, he proceeds to Public Commentary.

**Public present:**

- Megan Honaker, OCHLA/AmeriCorps VISTA
- Jesse Dotson, OCHLA/AmeriCorps VISTA
- Hannah Kesig, OCHLA Intern-Volunteer
- Joe Deters, Federal Bureau of Investigation Agent
- Todd Lundgren, Federal Bureau of Investigation Communications Liaison

**Motion #7 - 8 - 2017** - To open the floor to public commentary. Moved by Commissioner Santiago. Seconded by Commissioner Florez. Motion carries.

Chair Ortiz invites Joe Deters of the FBI to share commentary in regards to the gang activity in Ohio. Agent Deters provides background information on the gang activity and their influence in Ohio. He elaborates on the FBI's request for OCHLA, community organizations and community leaders to disseminate the tip line to their communities as well as inform constituents on the importance of reporting any relevant information. He confirms that these reports can be made anonymously and that no inquiries will be made as to lawful residence in the U.S.

Chair Ortiz opens the floor to questions in regards to Agent Deters' comments. There are seven.

First, Commissioner Santiago inquires how the gangs recruit members. Agent Deters provides an explanation.

Second, Commissioner Guzmán asks if their presence is considerable in certain areas of Ohio. Agent Deters attests that gang activities are more prevalent in the Central and Southwest Areas, not necessarily specific cities or towns.

Third, Commissioner Rivera inquires if the gangs recruit individuals of specific nationalities. Agent Deters confirms that the gangs recruit members from many nations.

Fourth, Commissioner Molina asks what the external action tendencies are of the gang, to which Agent Deters replies that the gangs generally extort their victims and practice violence against them.

Fifth, PPO Lewis inquires if community members who do consent to utilizing the tip line will need to have concerns about documentation. Agent Deters claims that this information is not of crucial interest to the FBI and would not be requested.

Sixth, Executive Director Cavanaugh asks if the tip line is bilingual. Agent Deters states that the option to speak with a bilingual individual will be made available.

Chair Ortiz ask if there are any further questions in regards to Agent Deters' comments. Seeing none, he then entertains a motion to adjourn.



**Motion #8 - 8 - 2017** - To adjourn meeting. Moved by Commissioner Florez.  
Seconded by Commissioner Rivera. Motion carries.

Board meeting adjourned by Chair Ortiz at 2:58 p.m.

Luis “Tony” Ortiz, Chair

Jose Feliciano Jr. , Secretary

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**ADDENDUM TO MINUTES  
August 15, 2017  
Motions Carried**

<b><u>Motion #1 -6- 2017</u></b>	To approve the June 14, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes as submitted.
<b><u>Motion #2 -6- 2017</u></b>	To approve the June and July Monthly Reports as submitted.
<b><u>Motion #3 -6- 2017</u></b>	To open the floor to public commentary.
<b><u>Motion #4 -6- 2017</u></b>	To adjourn meeting.



**ADDENDUM TO MINUTES**  
**August 15, 2017**

**ATTACHMENTS**

<b>DOCUMENT</b>	<b>AUTHOR</b>
June and July 2017 Monthly Reports	Executive Director Cavanaugh

