

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

October 17, 2017

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Vern Riffe Center, 19th Floor, 1952
77 S. High St., Columbus, OH 43215

Attendance

Commissioners - Present

Tony Ortiz—Chairman
Michael Florez—Vice Chair
José Feliciano, Jr.—Secretary
Gregory Guzmán, PhD.
Dan Molina
Mary Santiago
V. Anthony Simms-Howell
Emanuel Torres

Commissioners - Absent

Rev. Juan Rivera, Excused

Staff - Present

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

Chair Ortiz provides a brief overview of recent hurricane relief efforts made to Puerto Rico by various cities in Ohio. He also commends Commissioner Santiago, Community Liaison Lair Marin and the office staff for their work on this year's DHO Awards Gala. Finally, he invites the Board to give thanks to OCHLA's interns and stresses how valuable they are to the Commission and its objectives.

Approval of Minutes

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

Motion #1 - 10 - 2017 - To approve the August 15, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes as submitted. Moved by Commissioner Florez. Seconded by Commissioner Santiago. Motion carries.

Luis "Tony" Ortiz
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Dayton

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Vice Chair
Cincinnati

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Secretary
Aurora

Gregory Guzmán, Ph.D.
Maumee

Dan Molina
Loveland

Rev. Juan Rivera
Campbell

Mary Santiago
Lorain

V. Anthony Simms-Howell
Cincinnati

Emanuel Torres
Columbus

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 August and September Agency Report, including general commission updates and Organizations Development Center updates. Ms. Cavanaugh highlights three items of interest.

First, Ms. Cavanaugh informs the Board of the purpose and agenda for the upcoming 2017 Agenda Latina which will take place on November 16th and 17th. All Commissioners are welcome to attend.

Second, she highlights the Latino Student Leadership Conference, which was held on September 23rd at the University of Cincinnati. She mentions that the University will continue to plan and host this conference each year as part of its standard programming, thus marking a milestone on our collaboration with them.

Third, Ms. Cavanaugh invites AmeriCorps VISTA Jesse Dotson to inform the Board of the webpage he has created that includes information on apprenticeships and trade programs for Latinos in Ohio. He demonstrates how to access the resources via OCHLA's website. Ms. Cavanaugh briefly explains why this information is important to gather and disseminate to the Latino community.

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

Chair Ortiz opens the floor to questions in regards to the Organizations Development Center update. There is one.

First, Chair Ortiz recommends that Mr. Dotson add Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) as a resource to the apprenticeship webpage. Mr. Dotson agrees to review the resource and include any relevant information.

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 August and September report for the Public Policy Center. Ms. Lewis has four key points of interest.

First, Ms. Lewis briefly describes "Resolution No. 2017-01 - On Urging Congress to Act on Matters Regarding DACA" and states that this resolution will be presented to the Board for approval during New Business.

Second, she informs the Board that she and AmeriCorps VISTA Megan Honaker have been compiling a master list of Hispanic businesses in Ohio. Ms. Lewis demonstrates how to access different information within the database.

Third, Ms. Lewis mentions that as a result of FBI Special Agent Deters' commentary on the MS-13 at OCHLA's previous Board Meeting, the Commission coordinated efforts with the FBI and Southwestern City Schools in order to host a community forum where individuals could voice concerns and discuss how to combat gang recruitment efforts.



Finally, she highlights the Commission's request to Representative Teresa Fedor to hold a session on labor trafficking during her Annual Ohio Human Trafficking Awareness Day & Youth Summit in January 2018, as the event typically emphasizing issues and initiatives surrounding sex trafficking. The suggestion has been accepted and Director Cavanaugh along with Ms. Lewis are working to convene the FBI and Advocates for Basic Legal Equality (ABLE) to present on labor trafficking at the 2018 Summit.

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

Chair Ortiz opens the floor to questions in regards to the Public Policy Center. There is one. Commissioner Torres recommends that the Commission request attendance of the local police department at the October community forum on family safety and offers to assist Ms. Lewis in connecting with some of those resources. Chair Ortiz and Ms. Lewis state that an invitation has been extended to Jose Morales-Crispin of the Franklin County Sheriff's Office, but additional security will be requested.

Chair Ortiz asks if there are any additional questions in regards to the Public Policy Center update. Seeing none, he invites Community Liaison Lair Marin to provide the August and September report for the Latino Community Network. Ms. Marin has three key points of interest.

First, Ms. Marin provides a brief summary on the 2017 Ohio Latino Health Summit, which took place at the University of Cincinnati on July 28th. She states that the official summary will be compiled within the next month.

Second, she states that reports for the Latino Leaders Collaboratives in Cincinnati on September 7th and Toledo on September 12th will be shared by respective Commissioners during the Committee Reports.

Third, Ms. Marin reviews the completion for ongoing tasks of the Latino Community network such as constituent inquiries, bilingual employment opportunities, social media outreach and growth, etc. She reports that the amount of events posted have increased throughout September due to Hispanic Heritage Month, Emergency Preparedness Month, and promotion of the DHO Awards Gala.

For more details on the Latino Community Network update, please see August and September Monthly Reports on OCHLA's website.

Chair Ortiz opens the floor for questions about the Latino Community Network update. There is one. Chair Ortiz requests that Commissioners contact Ms. Marin if they are aware of any updates in contact information or changed titles for Latino serving organizations included in the OLANet.

Chair Ortiz asks if there are any additional questions in regards to the Latino Community Network update. Seeing none, he then presents the August and September Agency Report to the Board for approval and acceptance.

Motion #2 - 10 - 2017 - To approve the August and September Monthly Reports as submitted. Moved by Commissioner Simms-Howell. Seconded by Commissioner Molina. 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 describes the format for the 2018 Ohio Latino Education Summit which will include a preliminary meeting in March and follow-up summit in November.

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 currently working on establishing a Pipeline for Trades, on promoting apprenticeships available to the Latino community, and on encouraging the Latino Leaders Collaborative members to consider lobbying for legislation of interest to Latinos in addition to the Hispanic Chambers of Commerce.

Chair Ortiz opens the floor to questions in regards to the Workforce and Economic Development Committee's 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 she provided on the Latino Health Summit during her Latino Community Network update, there is no further business to report.

Chair Ortiz invites Commissioner Santiago to provide an update for the Diversity and Inclusion Committee's work regarding the Distinguished Hispanic Ohioan Awards Gala. She briefly reports on number of participants and partners, as well as potential revenue raised to be added to the Latino Student Scholarship at OSU. Additionally, Ms. Marin states that per the request of Commissioner Simms-Howell she has created a certificate of recognition for Yolanda Zepeda of OSU's Office of Diversity and Inclusion for her collaboration in hosting the DHO Awards Gala in 2016 and 2017.

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

Chair Ortiz invites Commissioner Molina and Commissioner Guzmán to provide brief updates for the Latino Leaders Collaboratives in Cincinnati and Toledo. They have two points of business.

First, Commissioner Guzmán states that the initial meeting for the Toledo LLC comprised mostly of participants introducing themselves and their role in the community and/or services provided. Commissioner Guzmán is working with Ms. Marin to assist the Toledo LLC in creating a subcommittee on Workforce Development and Education for their next meeting.

Second, Commissioner Molina provides a brief explanation of the Latino Leaders Collaborative's purpose and objectives. He also reports on the Cincinnati LLC's past meeting which included discussions on the Ohio Latino Health Summit, the DHO Awards Gala, Hispanic Heritage Month, bullying in schools, a debrief on ICE and the FBI regarding recent social issues, etc.



Chair Ortiz opens the floor to questions in regards to the Latino Collaboratives 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 four items of business.

First, Chair Ortiz invites Commissioner Simms-Howell to facilitate the election of nominated candidates for the Executive Committee for the 41st Board of Commissioners from October 2017 through September 2018. Commissioner Simms-Howell states the current nominations for Executive Committee that he has collected from all Commissioners include Tony Ortiz for Chair, Michael Florez for Vice Chair, and José Feliciano, Jr. for Secretary.

Motion #3 - 10 - 2017 - To accept nominations for Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary of the 41st Board of Commissioners. Moved by Commissioner Simms-Howell. Seconded by Commissioner Molina. Motion carries.

The Executive Board is voted in by unanimous consent of members present. Commissioner Rivera was not present.

Chair Ortiz opens the floor to questions in regards to the election of the Executive Committee. There are none.

Second, Ms. Lewis presents to the Board “Resolution No. 2017-01 - On Urging Congress to Act on Matters Regarding DACA” for approval. As a point of information, Commissioner Guzman request clarification on the difference between DAPA and DACA, and what the approval of Resolution No. 2017-01 would indicate. Ms. Lewis provides a brief explanation of DACA and the purpose of the resolution.

Motion #4 - 10 - 2017 - To approve “Resolution No. 2017-01 - On Urging Congress to Act on Matters Regarding DACA” as submitted. Moved by Commissioner Florez. Seconded by Commissioner Florez. Motion carries.

Third, Executive Director Cavanaugh presents to the Board the draft version an MOU between OCHLA and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services’ Office of Workforce Development and Foreign Labor. She requests that the Board take time to review the document as it will be presented for approval at the December Board Meeting.

Finally, Ms. Cavanaugh presents to the Board the updated format for the Commission’s Office Policy Manual and provides a copy of the table of contents to each Board Member. She informs the Commissioners that she will request a review and approval of the new format during the December Board Meeting.

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



proceeds to Public Commentary.

Public present:

- Megan Honaker, OCHLA/AmeriCorps VISTA
- Jesse Dotson, OCHLA/AmeriCorps VISTA
- Caroline Filbrun, OCHLA Intern

Motion #5 - 10 - 2017 - To open the floor to public commentary. Moved by Commissioner Simms-Howell. Seconded by Commissioner Torres. Motion carries.

There is no Public Commentary.

Motion #6 - 10 - 2017 - To adjourn meeting. Moved by Commissioner Santiago. Seconded by Commissioner Florez. Motion carries.

Board meeting adjourned by Chair Ortiz at 2:45 p.m.

Luis “Tony” Ortiz, Chair

Jose Feliciano Jr. , Secretary



**ADDENDUM TO MINUTES
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Motions Carried**

<u>Motion #1 -10- 2017</u>	To approve the August 15, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes as submitted.
<u>Motion #2 -10- 2017</u>	To approve the August and September Monthly Reports as submitted.
<u>Motion #3 -10- 2017</u>	To accept nominations for Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary of the 41st Board of Commissioners.
<u>Motion #4 -10- 2017</u>	To approve “Resolution No. 2017-01 - On Urging Congress to Act on Matters Regarding DACA” as submitted.
<u>Motion #5 -10- 2017</u>	To open the floor to public commentary.
<u>Motion #6 -10- 2017</u>	To adjourn meeting.



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ATTACHMENTS

DOCUMENT	AUTHOR
August and September 2017 Monthly Reports	Executive Director Cavanaugh

