

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 4, 2019
TIME: 1:30 P.M.

Attendance

Commissioners Present

Chair Mary Santiago Vice Chair Dan Molina
Sec. Beth Guzman Jose Feliciano Jr.
Michael Florez Elena Foulis Ph.D.
Rev. Juan Rivera Tony Simms-Howell
Emanuel Torres

Commissioners Absent

Gregory Guzman Ph.D.
Tony Ortiz

Staff Present

Lilleana Cavanaugh -Executive Director
Juan Jaimes- Public Policy Officer
Lair Marin-Community Liaison
Annette Reyes- Administrative Professional
Janwin Zeegar-Holman- Vista
Jesse Dotson-Vista

Legislative Members Present

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Mary Santiago
Chair
Lorain

Dan Molina
Vice Chair
Loveland

Beth Guzman-Bowman
Secretary
Columbus

Jose Feliciano Jr.
Aurora

Michael Florez
Cincinnati

Dr. Elena Foulis
Columbus

Gregory Guzmán, Ph.D.
Maumee

Tony Ortiz
Dayton

Rev. Juan Rivera
Campbell

V. Anthony Simms-Howell
Cincinnati

Emanuel Torres
Columbus

Rick Perales
State Representative
District 73 ~ Greene County

Call to Order

Chair Santiago calls meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag is recited, led by Commissioner Simms-Howell.

Call of the Roll

There are 9 Commissioners present, thus constituting quorum.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Santiago presents previous meeting's minutes to the board for review and approval. Jose Feliciano Jr. makes mention that the record does not reflect that he was present.

Motion #1 12-2018

With note of correction to be made of Commissioner Feliciano's attendance on October 27, 2018 board meeting, a motion to approve the minutes is presented by Chair Mary Santiago. A motion was made by Commissioner Dan Molina. It was seconded by Commissioner Emanuel Torres.



Installation of New Commissioner

Dr. Elena Foulis is sworn in by AG Lidia Mowad. Commissioner Foulis is now the 11th Commissioner thus filling the last remaining board member position. Commission now has a full board.

Agency Report

Chair Santiago hands the floor to Executive Director Lilleana Cavanaugh as she highlights some of Commissioner Foulis's background and work. She then proceeds with the October and November 2018 reports including the fiscal report.

The commission has had a very busy couple of months with many activities. The Latino Education Summit was completed and the Agenda Latina was held. Director Cavanaugh touches on subject matter from Agenda Latina, where there were 27 leaders from the community that participated in the event.

Executive Director Cavanaugh takes a moment to introduce the new staff members Juan Jaimes and Annette Reyes to the Board. She also takes a moment to thank Janwin for the work she did on the Agenda Latina event and Jesse Dotson for the great social media work he has been doing for the commission.

Ms. Cavanaugh discussed the Latino Community Report on Mental Health Suicidal Ideation, and Opioid Use Disorders among Hispanics and Latinos in Ohio. This report was issued in collaboration with the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services. The report will be distributed to the public in January and the target audience will be the general assembly, state and federal offices, and the non-profit organizations serving mental health needs.

Lastly, Ms. Cavanaugh presented the fiscal report and details variances in Q2 for the payroll account due to two vacancies and staff on leave during the last few months.

Chair Santiago opens the floor for questions regarding the Executive Director's report. Seeing none, she invites Community Liaison Lair Marin to provide the October and November report for the Community Report.

The Latino Health Summit took place at the University of Akron and was very successful. Job postings advertised through our page have reached 130 this month and we have experienced a 30- 35 percent increase in constituent calls. Social Media coverage continues to grow, and she also reported on a successful Distinguished Hispanic Ohioan Awards Gala.

Chair Santiago opens the floor for questions regarding the Community Liaisons report. Seeing none, she requests a motion to accept the monthly reports. Commissioner Simms-Howell requests that two motions be voted on. A motion to accept the monthly reports as one and to accept the fiscal report on its own.



Motion #2 12-2018

Commissioner Torres motions for the monthly activity reports to be accepted as given. Seconded by Commissioner Flores. Motion Passes.

Motion #3 12-2018

Chair Santiago requests a motion to accept the fiscal report as given. Commissioner Simms-Howell motions to accept the fiscal report as given. Seconded by Commissioner Flores. Motion passes.

Chair Santiago then proceeds to the next item of business, Regional Updates.

Regional Updates

Chair Santiago invites Commissioner Jose Feliciano to provide the update for his region. Commissioner Feliciano highlights the amazing work the Spanish American Committee is doing in their construction management program, which is open to NE Ohio residents and has also served individuals who have been relocated as a result of the hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico. He shared that graduates are able to participate in apprenticeship opportunities which can teach them the skills they need and can lead to placement in a full-time position within 90 days.

Vice-Chair Dan Molina reports regarding Southwest Ohio. He notes a change for the meeting of the Cincinnati Latino leader's collaborative, which will now take place on Thursday, January 31st. He reports on steps related to the Student PIPELine project for Southwest Ohio, including potential partnerships that are under consideration and states that further discussions will take place in early January on this project.

Commissioner Torres shares information about the after-school Program for the Ohio Hispanic Coalition and some technical challenges regarding food access on the site. He is working with the organization and city leadership to consider possible solutions.

Commissioner Foulis reports that last week several Latino student organizations had a toy drive for the Hispanic Coalition and reflects on the importance of having conversations about how to get more Latino students involved in the community.

Chair Santiago who shared a debrief of the Distinguished Hispanic Ohioan Awards Gala, which was attended by approximately 300 individuals. As a result of the Lorain Community College Foundation and Commission's work, a scholarship "La LLave" has been established with \$10,000 raised for the endowment and an additional \$3,780 that is going to be used to start providing scholarships this year.

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scholarships will start off at \$500 and parameters were requested for scholarship eligibility, including Latino heritage, with an emphasis on single parents and the ability to use the funds for other costs including transportation and childcare.

Chair Santiago reminded Board members to complete the Ethics Training and submit documentation of completion to the office.



Chair Santiago asked if there were any questions. Being that there were none, she continued the meeting. A discussion proceeded regarding the 2019 Calendar of Events. The conversation included dialogue about the Board Retreat on February 19, 2019. With further details about committees and the retreat to be discussed in the Executive Committee meeting on January 23rd.

Chair Santiago commends Ryan McDermott and presents him a certificate in recognition for his Volunteer hours on the DHO and his support to the Commission. Chair Santiago requests a motion to go to Public Commentary.

Motion #4 12-2018

Motion to go to Public Commentary moved by Commissioner Florez. Seconded by Commissioner Torres. Motion Carries.

There is no public commentary.

Chair Santiago asks if there is any other business to discuss and there is no other business. Chair Santiago requests a motion adjourn.

Motion #5 12-2018

Motion to adjourn moved by Commissioner Flores. Seconded by Commissioner Torres. Motion Carries.

Board meeting adjourned by Chair Santiago at 4:18 p.m.

Signature/Date:
Mary Santiago- Chair

Signature/Date:
Elizabeth Bowman -Secretary



ADDENDUM TO MINUTES
October 27, 2018
Motions Carried

Motion #1 -12- 2018	To approve the October 27, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes.
Motion #2 -12- 2018	To approve the October and November Agency Reports as submitted.
Motion #3 -12- 2018	To approve October and November Fiscal Reports as submitted.
Motion #4 -12- 2018	To go to public commentary.
Motion #5 -12- 2018	To adjourn meeting.



**ADDENDUM TO MINUTES
December 4, 2018
ATTACHMENTS**

DOCUMENT	AUTHOR
October and November 2018 Monthly Reports	Executive Director Cavanaugh
October and November Fiscal Report	Executive Director Cavanaugh

