

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

April 10, 2018

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Vern Riffe Center, 19th Floor, Room 1948
77 S. High St., Columbus, OH 43215

Attendance

Commissioners - Present

Tony Ortiz—Chairman
Jose Feliciano, Jr.—Secretary
Beth Guzman-Bowman
Gregory Guzmán, PhD.
Dan Molina
Mary Santiago
V. Anthony Simms-Howell
Emanuel Torres

Legislative Members - Present

Senator Gayle Manning
Representative Rick Perales

Commissioners - Absent

Michael Florez—Vice Chair
Rev. Juan Rivera

Staff - Present

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

Call to Order

Chair Ortiz calls meeting to order at 1:30 p.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 informs the Board that June 13th the Ohio Attorney General's Office will be hosting a regional law enforcement recruiting fair at Tri-C in Cleveland. He states that he will provide more information via email as the event grows closer.

Approval of Minutes

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

Motion #1 - 4 - 2018 - To approve the February 27, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes as submitted. Moved by Commissioner Guzmán. Seconded by Commissioner Santiago. Motion carries.

Agency Report



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

First, Ms. Cavanaugh highlights the outreach efforts she and Community Liaison Lair Marin have taken to support the lower Northeast of Ohio near Canton, Akron, Youngstown, etc., in order to reach Latinos in more rural areas. She briefly outlines the demographic of Latinos in these areas and the Latino serving organizations nearby.

Second, she brings to the Board's attention two Latino organizations in Ohio that have been recognized by the National Association of Social Workers, El Centro Servicios Sociales in Lorain and Adelante in Toledo.

Finally, Ms. Cavanaugh presents a brief update in regards to the Commission's FY18 Budget.

Motion #2 - 4 - 2018 - To acknowledge the FY18 Budget update as submitted. Moved by Commissioner Simms-Howell. Seconded by Commissioner Molina. Motion carries.

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 February and March reports for the Public Policy Center. Ms. Lewis has three key items of business.

First, Ms. Lewis provides a brief update on the logistics and agenda for Ohio Hispanic Legislative Visit Day which will take place the next day, Wednesday, April 11th at the Ohio Statehouse.

Second, Ms. Lewis review the Ohio Community Resources for Puerto Rican Relief, which includes resettlement information for Puerto Ricans relocating to Ohio.

Third, she also updates the Board in regards to the 2018 New American Forum which will take place May 9th at the Columbus Metropolitan Library Main Branch.

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

Chair Ortiz then opens the floor to questions in regards to the Public Policy Center update, and seeing none he invites Community Liaison Lair Marin to provide the February and March report for the Latino Community Network. Ms. Marin has two key point of interest.

First, she reiterates the creation of the Ohio Community Resources for Puerto Rican Relief and the information for resettlement in Cleveland, Columbus, and/or Lorain. Ms. Marin adds that the Central Ohio Health and Social Services Directory has also proven to be a useful tool for resettlement.

Second, she reviews the volume of constituency inquiry, job opportunity, and community events for February and March. She commends VISTA team member Jesse Dotson for his assistance with publishing these items.



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

Chair Ortiz opens the floor for questions about the Latino Community Network update. Seeing none, he invites Executive Director Cavanaugh to provide the February and March report for the Organizations Development Center. Ms. Cavanaugh has two key point of interest.

First, she informs the Board that the Commission has secured a grant from the Ohio Standard Coalition to host local trainings on the Every Student Succeeds Act in the four major regions of the state.

Second, Ms. Cavanaugh highlights the regions of the state that VISTA team member Megan Honaker has been helping in regards to grant research and developmental support.

Chair Ortiz opens the floor for questions about the Organizations Development Center update. Seeing none, he then presents the February and March Agency Report to the Board for approval and acceptance.

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

Committee Reports

Commissioner Guzmán reviews the second meeting hosted in Toledo by highlighting obstacles and successes experienced thus far.

Chair Ortiz opens the floor for questions about the LLC Toledo update. There are none.

Commissioner Molina reviews the recent meeting hosted in Cincinnati by highlighting the creation of the Bullying Taskforce and options for graduating students who are aging out of the school system.

Chair Ortiz opens the floor for questions about the LLC Cincinnati update. There are none.

Chair Ortiz invites Commissioner Torres to provide an update for the Workforce and Economic Development Committee. Commissioner Torres invites Ms. Lewis to present an overview of Project PIPEline.

Chair Ortiz opens the floor for questions about the Workforce and Economic Development Committee update. There are none.

Chair Ortiz invites Commissioner Santiago to provide an update for the Diversity and Inclusion Committee. She states that the 2018 DHO Awards Gala will not take place in Columbus, but rather in Elyria at the Lorain County Community College (LCCC) on October 26. She informs the Board that she has invited Commissioner Feliciano to assist her in hosting the gala in the Northeast region of Ohio. Ms. Santiago also informs the Board that LCCC will utilize the revenue of the event to create/award a scholarship to resettled Puerto Rican citizens. She states that so far there have been 230 Puerto Rican families that have resettled in Ohio.



Chair Ortiz opens the floor for questions about the Diversity and Inclusion Committee update. There are none.

Chair Ortiz asks that Ms. Lewis to provide an update for the Education Committee. There is no business to report.

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 Feliciano to provide an update for the Civic Engagement Committee. He emphasizes the highlights of tomorrow's events report by Ms. Lewis and thanks all staff and Commissioners who helped to plan and execute it. Mr. Feliciano also commends VISTA team member Dotson for his implementation of the social media strategy for the Commission.

Chair Ortiz opens the floor for questions about the Civic Engagement Committee update. There are none.

Chair Ortiz proceeds to the next item on the agenda, which is the Commissioners' Report.

Motion #3 - 4 - 2018 - To accept the February and March Agency Report as submitted. Moved by Commissioner Santiago. Seconded by Commissioner Torres. Motion carries.

Commissioners' Report

Chair Ortiz invites Commissioners to report any additional business in regards to their local communities.

Commissioner Molina highlights the contribution of Kroger for Legislative Visit Day and informs the Board that the Market President for Columbus, Dan de la Rosa, who is Hispanic. Mr. Molina also reviews work being done in the Southwest region of Ohio to combat the opioid crisis. He informs the Board of recent meetings he's attended with the Cincinnati Homeless Group and the Board of the Ohio Technology Collaborative.

Commissioner Simms-Howell informs the Board on areas of Cincinnati that the city is planning to refurbish.

Chair Ortiz opens the floor to questions in regards to the Commissioners' comments, and seeing none proceeds to the next item on the agenda, which is Old Business.

Old Business

Chair Ortiz requests that Commissioner provide candidates for leadership roles on Ohio Boards and Commissions to Executive Director Cavanaugh as soon as possible. Chair Ortiz also reminds Commissioners to complete their Financial Disclosure filing for 2017 by Tuesday, May 15th. He opens the floor to questions in regards to Old Business, and seeing none Chair Ortiz proceeds to the New Business.



New Business

Chair Ortiz states there is no New Business to report and proceeds to the Public Commentary.

Public present:

- Dr. Raúl Soto, ODE
- Karla Poole, Central Ohio PLTI
- Caroline Filbrun, OCHLA
- Megan Honaker, OCHLA
- Jesse Dotson, OCHLA

Motion #4 - 4 - 2018 - To open the floor to public commentary. Moved by Commissioner Santiago. Seconded by Commissioner Molina. Motion carries.

First, Chair Ortiz invites Karla Poole to address the Board. She introduces herself and provides a brief overview of Central Ohio Parent Leader Training Institute (PLTI).

Chair Ortiz opens the floor to questions in regards Ms. Poole's comments. There are two.

Commissioner Simms-Howells asks if the PLTI is in Cincinnati as well. Ms. Poole states that currently the only PLTI in Ohio is in Columbus but that they hope to expand across the state.

Commissioner Guzman-Bowman inquires how participants are recruited. Ms. Poole states that most parents are recruited through the Freedom Schools and Columbus Parks and Recreation.

He then entertains a motion to adjourn.

Motion #5 - 4 - 2018 - To adjourn meeting. Moved by Commissioner Santiago. Seconded by Commissioner Torres. Motion carries.

Board meeting adjourned by Chair Ortiz at 2:20 p.m.

Luis "Tony" Ortiz, Chair

Jose Feliciano Jr. , Secretary





**ADDENDUM TO MINUTES
April 10, 2018
Motions Carried**

<u>Motion #1 -4- 2018</u>	To approve the April 10, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes as submitted.
<u>Motion #2 -4- 2018</u>	To acknowledge the FY18 Budget update as submitted.
<u>Motion #3 -4- 2018</u>	To approve the February and March Agency Report as submitted.
<u>Motion #4 -4- 2018</u>	To open the floor to public commentary.
<u>Motion #5 -4- 2018</u>	To adjourn meeting.

**ADDENDUM TO MINUTES
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*ATTACHMENTS***

DOCUMENT	AUTHOR
February and March 2018 Monthly Reports	Executive Director Cavanaugh

