

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

### June 12, 2018

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

Vern Riffe Center, 31st Floor, Room EAST B  
77 S. High St., Columbus, OH 43215

**Luis "Tony" Ortiz**  
Chair  
Dayton

**Michael Florez**  
Vice Chair  
Cincinnati

**Jose Feliciano, Jr.**  
Secretary  
Aurora

**Beth Guzmán-Bowman**  
Columbus

**Gregory Guzmán, Ph.D.**  
Maumee

**Dan Molina**  
Loveland

**Rev. Juan Rivera**  
Campbell

**Mary Santiago**  
Lorain

**V. Anthony Simms-Howell**  
Cincinnati

**Emanuel Torres**  
Columbus

### Attendance

#### Commissioners - Present

Tony Ortiz—Chairman  
Michael Florez—Vice Chair  
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  
Senator Charleta Tavares  
Representative Rick Perales

#### Commissioners - Absent

Rev. Juan Rivera (Excused)

#### Staff - Present

Lilleana Cavanaugh—Executive Director  
Lair Marin—Community Liaison

### Call to Order

Chair Ortiz calls meeting to order at 1:31p.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

Chair Ortiz informs the Board that the next Board Meeting will include the election of the Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary. He requests that Commissioner Simms-Howell reach out to each Commissioner in order to compile a slate of nominees. Commissioner Simms-Howell reminds all Board Members that a vote from 6 Commissioners is required to be elected to any position.

### Approval of Minutes

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

**Motion #1 - 6 - 2018** - To approve the April 10, 2018 Board Meeting Minutes as submitted. Moved by Commissioner Florez. Seconded by Commissioner Torres. Motion carries.

**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**



## Agency Report

Chair Ortiz hands the floor to Executive Director Lilleana Cavanaugh, she highlights - eight key items of business for the months of April and May.

First, Ms. Cavanaugh highlights the Legislative Visit Day in April, which PPC Assistant Caroline Filbrun will review during the Public Policy Center update.

Second, she informs the Board that the ESSA Training Workshops that began in March are well underway, more details will be provided by VISTA Megan Honaker during the Organizations Development Center Update.

Third, Ms. Cavanaugh highlights recent developments in regards to Project PIPEline, which will be discussed further during the Workforce and Economic Development Committee Update.

Fourth, she informs the Board that several of the years' events will take place in the Fall, including the Ohio Latino Health Summit, the DHO Awards Gala, the Ohio Latino Education Summit, and Agenda Latina.

Fifth, Ms. Cavanaugh commends Commissioner Santiago and Commissioner Guzmán who have represented the Commission in community meetings dealing with recent ICE roundups in Northeast Ohio. The commission has received inquiries regarding the well-being of families and minors and our staff has been in contact with Latino Serving Organizations and state agencies serving to monitor the needs of minor children and those with disabilities that may have been impacted.

Sixth, Ms. Cavanaugh invites AmeriCorps VISTA Jesse Dotson to provide a brief overview of the Hispanic Impact Campaign and who has been featured thus far. Mr. Dotson discusses the purpose of the campaign and requests suggestions for future subjects.

Seventh, she provides a brief overview of the Commission's FY18 Budget and that the budget allotment for FY19 has been submitted.

Finally, Ms. Cavanaugh informs the Board that the Ohio Office of the Governor has requested that she act as Minority Outreach Coordinator during the remaining time of the administration (executive on loan / part time.) This request has been approved by the Chairman of the board.

**Motion #2 - 6 - 2018** - To acknowledge the FY18 Budget update as submitted. Moved by Commissioner Simms-Howell. Seconded by Commissioner Florez. Motion carries.

Chair Ortiz opens the floor to questions in regards to the Executive Director's report. There are five.

In regards to the recent ICE operation in Sandusky, Commissioner Florez inquires about who pays for the housing and services currently being provided for the children. Executive Director Cavanaugh states that most of the children are staying with relatives or friends. She does not know specifically who pays for housing and services and if anyone has reached out requesting this assistance.



Chair Ortiz asks how many children have been impacted, Ms. Cavanaugh states that there are about 200 minors.

Commissioner Guzmán requests that Ms. Cavanaugh inquire to ICE representative the consequential economic impact of the raids to the State as well as the cost of supporting the children who need services. Ms. Cavanaugh states that she can make this inquiry.

Executive Director Cavanaugh adds as a point of interest that if Commissioners or community leaders are aware of any constituents who are eligible to receive federal or state services, but are not able to procure them, to please inform her so she can make the connection with the appropriate entity. Additionally, if there are reports of any potential cases for human trafficking or civil rights violations taking place to please inform her promptly as well.

Chair Ortiz asks if there are any additional questions in regards to the Executive Director's Report. There are none.

Ms. Cavanaugh invites Public Policy Center Assistant Caroline Filbrun to provide the April and May reports for the Public Policy Center. Ms. Filbrun has six key items of business.

First, Ms. Filbrun provides a brief summary of the 2018 Ohio Hispanic Legislative Visit Day, including statistics on participants and feedback OCHLA received on the content.

Second, Ms. Filbrun highlights the 2018 New American Forum, an annual event held by the New American Advisory Council that took place May 9 at the Columbus Metropolitan Library's Main Branch.

Third, she also updates the Board in regards to Trauma and Informed Care Conference, which OCHLA attended May 22, 2018.

Fourth, Ms. Filburn informs the Board of the PPC's work on an upcoming Latino Community Report, which will explore the skill trades workforce. Additionally, OCHLA is collaborating with the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to publish a white paper on mental health and addiction within Ohio's Latino community.

Fifth, she updates the Board on the planning for Project PIPELine, which is an initiative to recruit diverse youth into the skills trades workforce. Ms. Filbrun states that more information on this initiative will be discussed during the Workforce and Economic Development Committee Update.

Finally, Ms. Filbrun presents to the Board the Commission's Voter Mobilization Campaign which currently includes infographics created by the PPC, and she invites AmeriCorps VISTA Megan Honaker to present additional items she's created and the social media kit. Ms. Cavanaugh informs the Board that these items will be made available via OCHLA's website as well as physical printed copies to be distributed out to any individuals or entities who request them.



For more detail on the Public Policy Center update, please see the April and May 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 April and May report for the Latino Community Network. Ms. Marin has four key points of interest.

First, she mentions the planning for the Ohio Latino Health Summit, which will be further discussed during the Health and Wellness Committee Update.

Second, Ms. Marin highlights the preparation for the 2018 DHO Awards Gala, and states that nominations will be accepted until August 7.

Third, she informs the Board that the first Network Alliance meetings in Akron and Canton are tentatively scheduled to take place July 26 and 27, and she is continuing to plan the initial Latino Leaders Collaborative meetings for Akron and Canton.

Finally, she highlights the completion of the 2018 ESOL Catalogue update. For more detail on the Latino Community Network update, please see April and May Monthly Reports on OCHLA's website.

Chair Ortiz opens the floor for questions about the Latino Community Network update. Seeing none, he invites AmeriCorps VISTA Honaker to provide the April and May report for the Organizations Development Center. Ms. Honaker has two key points of interest.

First, she reminds the Board that the Commission had 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. The trainings began in March are being facilitated by ESSA experts John Monteleone and Jesus Sanchez.

Second, Ms. Honaker highlights the completion of the State Agency Grant Database, which is now accessible via OCHLA's website. She demonstrates to the Board how this database and other grant information can be accessed on the ODC webpage.

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

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

**Motion #3 - 6 - 2018** - To accept the April and May Agency Report as submitted. Moved by Commissioner Santiago. Seconded by Commissioner Simms-Howell. Motion carries.

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



## Committee Reports

Chair Ortiz invites Commissioner Torres to provide an update for the Workforce and Economic Development Committee. Commissioner Torres invites Ms. Cavanaugh to provide an update on Project PIPELine as well as the strategic agenda of the Ohio Hispanic Chambers of Commerce. Commissioner Torres also informs the Board that he will be reestablishing a relationship with the local workforce investment board in Franklin County on behalf of the Commission, and to eventually extend this relationship to those in other counties across the state.

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

Chair Ortiz provides an update for the Education Committee. He informs the Board that planning for the 2018 Ohio Latino Education Summit is well underway, and that the event will take place at The Ohio State University November 9. The theme for this year's event is teacher preparation programs as well as engaging Latino communities in their children's education.

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

Chair Ortiz invites Commissioner Guzman-Bowman to provide an update for the Health and Wellness Committee. She informs the Board that they have each received the Save the Date for the Ohio Latino Health Summit, which will take place on October 10 at the University of Akron. The theme for this year's event is Emerging and Converging Latino Health Issues in Ohio, and the keynote speaker will be Capt./Dr. Ken Dominguez from the CDC of Atlanta.

Chair Ortiz opens the floor for questions about the Health and Wellness Committee update. There are none.

Chair Ortiz invites Ms. Cavanaugh to provide an update for the Civic Engagement Committee. She states that the only update is a summary of the Ohio Hispanic Legislative Visit Day, which Ms. Filbrun provided during the Public Policy Center update.

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

Chair Ortiz invites Commissioner Santiago to provide an update for the Diversity and Inclusion Committee. She reminds the Board that the 2018 DHO Awards Gala will take place at the Lorain County Community College (LCCC) on October 27. Commissioner Santiago states that nominations are now being accepted for the awards and shows the Board samples of the nomination forms that are also available online. She reiterates that the deadline for nomination submissions is August 7. Proceeds from the gala will be used to create a Latino student scholarship at LCCC.

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



Chair Ortiz invites Commissioner Molina to provide an update for the Cincinnati Latino Leaders Collaborative. He informs the Board that at their last meeting, they were able to tackle topics of the Ohio Latino Health Summit, DHO, Legislative Visit Day, and the Economic Development Strategy. He gives examples of targeted strategies that came out of these discussions.

Chair Ortiz invites Commissioner Guzman to provide an update for the Toledo Latino Leaders Collaborative. He informs the Board that the LLC has received approval from the City of Toledo Public Schools to engage three local schools in order to introduce students to trades. He states that the Toledo LLC's next meeting is Tuesday, June 19.

Chair Ortiz opens the floor for questions about the Latino Leaders Collaboratives update. There are none.

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

### **Commissioners' Report**

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

Commissioner Feliciano provides an update on the Northwest Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and Spanish American Committee's upcoming events and initiatives. He comments on the influx of Puerto Rican residents, which has brought resource and housing challenges and speaks to the work of the Spanish American Committee in assisting them.

Commissioner Simms-Howell suggests that anyone wishing to aid Guatemala reach out to the American Red Cross to securely provide assistance. He also highlights community work being done to meet the needs of Guatemalan students who are aging out of school but do not speak Spanish or English, and need additional instruction to learn the language(s).

Commissioner Santiago reminds the Board of the upcoming Lorain International Festival June 22-24, in which Puerto Rico will be the Spotlight Nationality and all proceeds from the festival will go to El Centro to be used in aiding victims of Hurricane Maria.

Commissioner Torres informs the Board of property near COSI that is being considered for the development of Amazon Fulfillment Centers, which has the potential to affect Hispanic industries with additional business opportunities.

Commissioner Guzman-Bowman updates the Board on continued relief efforts in Columbus for Puerto Ricans facing mental health challenges, as well as the upcoming American Red Cross Blood Drive and the call to action for sites across the state to host blood drives during Hispanic Heritage Month.

Chair Ortiz provides an update on El Puente Learning Center in Dayton and the upcoming Law Enforcement Recruiting Fair in Cleveland. He states that he hopes to hold an additional recruiting fair in Columbus around October.



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 states that there is no Old Business and 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
- Dr. Rosaire Ifedi, New African Immigrant Commission
- Caroline Filbrun, OCHLA
- Megan Honaker, OCHLA
- Jesse Dotson, OCHLA

**Motion #4 - 6 - 2018** - To open the floor to public commentary. Moved by Commissioner Simms-Howell. Seconded by Commissioner Santiago. Motion carries.

First, Chair Ortiz invites Dr. Rosaire Ifedi to address the Board. She introduces herself and provides a brief overview of the New African Immigrant Commission.

Chair Ortiz opens the floor to questions in regards Ms. Ifedi's comments. There is one.

Commissioner Guzmán asks how community members who are interested in joining the New African Immigrant Commission can submit applications. Ms. Ifedi informs him that applications can be found at their website and submitted to her via email. She states that there are a few vacancies on the Board.

Second, Chair Ortiz invites Raul Soto of the Ohio Department of Education to address the Board. He states that support for the upcoming 2018 Latino Education Summit has been secured, and the Assistant Director O'Connor has been working directly with OCHLA in regards to the trades fair.

Chair Ortiz then entertains a motion to adjourn.

**Motion #5 - 6 - 2018** - To adjourn meeting. Moved by Commissioner Santiago. Seconded by Commissioner Simms-Howell. Motion carries.

Board meeting adjourned by Chair Ortiz at 2:59 p.m.

Luis "Tony" Ortiz, Chair

Jose Feliciano Jr. , Secretary



ADDENDUM TO MINUTES  
June 12, 2018  
Motions Carried

<b><u>Motion #1 -6- 2018</u></b>	To approve the April 10, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes as submitted.
<b><u>Motion #2 -6- 2018</u></b>	To acknowledge the FY18 Budget update as submitted.
<b><u>Motion #3 -6- 2018</u></b>	To approve the April and May Agency Report as submitted.
<b><u>Motion #4 -6- 2018</u></b>	To open the floor to public commentary.
<b><u>Motion #5 -6- 2018</u></b>	To adjourn meeting.



**ADDENDUM TO MINUTES  
June 12, 2018**

***ATTACHMENTS***

<b>DOCUMENT</b>	<b>AUTHOR</b>
April and May 2018 Monthly Reports	Executive Director Cavanaugh

