

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
Sheraton Capital Square
December 03, 2019
TIME: 1:30 PM

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43rd Board of Commissioners

Mary Santiago
Chair
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Manuel Lopez-Ramirez, MBA
Vice Chair
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Dr. Elena Foulis
Columbus

Gregory Guzmán, Ph.D.
Maumee

Dan Molina
Loveland

Rev. Juan Rivera
Campbell

V. Anthony Simms-Howell
Cincinnati

Emanuel Torres
Columbus

Tina Maharath
State Senator
District 3 ~ Franklin County

Nathan Manning
State Senator
District 13 ~ Lorain & Huron

Jessica Miranda
State Representative
District 28 ~ Hamilton County

Rick Perales
State Representative
District 73 ~ Greene County

Attendance

Commissioners Present

Chair Mary Santiago Vice Chair Manuel
Lopez-Ramirez,
MBA
Sec. Beth Guzman Dan Molina
Michael Florez Elena Foulis Ph.D.
Gregory Guzman PhD Tony Simms-Howell

Commissioners Absent

Emanuel Torres (Excused)
Rev. Juan Rivera (Excused)

Staff Present:

Lilleana Cavanaugh -Executive Director
Carly McCain- Public Policy Officer
Lair Marin-Marcum- Community Liaison
Caeli Barnes- Vista
Mary Grace Sanchez- Vista

Legislative Members Present

Sen. Tina Maharath
Sen. Nathan Manning, Leg. Aide
Rep. Jessica Miranda, Leg. Aide

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 Michael Florez.

Call of the Roll

There are 7 Commissioners present, thus constituting quorum.

Approval of Minutes

Chair Santiago presents previous meeting's minutes to the board for review and approval.

Motion #1 12-2019

A motion to approve the minutes is presented by Chair Santiago. A motion was made by Commissioner Michael Florez. It was seconded by Commissioner Gregory Guzman. Vote 7-0. Motion Carries.



Agency Report

October and November Agency Activity Reports:

Executive Director Cavanaugh reports on OCHLA three major events, the Latino Health Summit held on October 8th, the DHO Gala held in October, and the Latino Education Summit held at Kent State University in November. Secondly, Director Cavanaugh highlights the work being done in the area of cultural competence, mental and behavioral health along with the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services through the Master Series of the Ohio Learning Collaborative. The program reaches out to a selected group of about 40 individuals from 20 agencies including administrative staff, physicians, caseworkers, nurses, and those serving in mental health hospitals, as well as, behavioral health providers to expand in their understanding of cultural issues that Latino patients are facing. OCHLA is a partner on this project and is funding the January session. The Executive committee has approved this investment.

Public Policy Officer McCain highlights key findings on the Latino Community Report on Food Insecurity. Among key factors impacting food insecurity in the Latino community is the lack of transportation, social isolation, and poverty. The report is available online in our website. Finally, Director Cavanaugh reports on the grant received from the Minority Health Commission in the amount of \$2,500 to host two community workshops on food insecurity during Minority Health Month. The grant was secured by our Organizations Development Coordinator Mary Grace Sanchez. We are also in conversations with the Kirwan Institute at The Ohio State University to search potential funders for a regionalized study of the impact of food insecurity on Latino communities.

Social Media Coordinator, Caeli Barnes reports on the results of the new social media strategy for the Commission. Since the social media strategy adjustment in July 2019, there has been an increase in engagement and website. Lastly, Director Cavanaugh and Commissioner Florez gave an update on the Latino Mental Health Navigator Grant Project. The Commission is heading towards finalizing the interagency agreement with the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

Committee Reports: Workforce and Economic Development:

Commissioner Molina highlights three topics for the committee. Public Policy Officer McCain will review and report back on key priorities outlined by the DeWine administration on workforce/ economic development. In addition, Commissioner Molina reports on the Ohio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce quarterly meetings convened by OCHLA which are going to be maintained in 2020. Lastly, Project Pipeline in Central Ohio has had challenges due to staff changes and an assessment is being done regarding its potential for 2020. Commissioner Guzman briefly reports on a similar initiative "ECHO" underway in Toledo.



Motion #2 12-2019

Chair Santiago asks for a motion to accept the Agency Report. Commissioner Greg Guzman motions for the agency report to be accepted as given. Seconded by Commissioner Bowman-Guzman. Vote 7-0. Motion Passes.

Chair Santiago then proceeds to the next item of business, the Fiscal Report.

Fiscal Report

Vice Chair Lopez Ramirez proceeds to present the fiscal report and discusses the document shared with Commissioners as part of their board meeting packet. All expenses are on target per FY 20 budget forecasts. The appropriation authority was increased in November to the 530 account for the grant amount of \$150,000 to cover the Latino Mental Health Navigator project. Commissioner Simms Howell provides commentary on the fiscal report and requests information be provided to him via email about commissioners' travel budget. Director Cavanaugh will forward the information.

Motion #3 12-2019

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

Chair Santiago then proceeds to the next item of business, Old Business.

Old/New Business:

Chair Santiago reminds commissioners to complete the ethics training by December 30 if they haven't done so. She confirms February 18th for the next board meeting and board retreat. Commissioner Simms-Howell suggests Commissioners should participate in the retreat facilitation process. Chair Santiago recommends to reach out to the facilitator from 2019 and/or someone who knows the history behind what the Commission does. She suggests one of the commissioners co-facilitates with the facilitator from last year's retreat. Secretary Bowman Guzman agrees with the suggestion presented by Commissioner Foulis. Director Cavanaugh will work with Commissioner Foulis and the Executive Committee to create a detailed plan for the retreat.

Commissioner Simms-Howell suggests to offer some sort of recognition to the family of the Latino Dayton police officer who recently passed in the line of duty.

Motion #4 12-2019

Chair Santiago requests a motion to move to public commentary. Seconded by Commissioner Bowman-Guzman. Motion carries

Public Commentary:

Thalia Amador Lastra from the US Small Business Administration introduced her new position to the board and highlights a new SBA initiative to work with Latino business owners in Ohio. She is very familiar with central Ohio and its resources but is now reaching out to the rest of the state to be able to



provide necessary trainings to small business owners not just in English but in Spanish. Commissioner Guzman expressed interest in working with Thalia in the Fremont area for small business trainings.

Daniel Badea from the Ohio Department of Education also introduced himself as the new representative for ODE before the board. Commissioner Simms-Howell expressed concern on standardized testing and how it's affecting the Latino community. Commissioner Guzman shared his success on the ECHO project in his area in Latino children.

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 12-2019

Motion to adjourn moved by Commissioner Tony Simms-Howell. Seconded by Commissioner Guzman. Motion Carries. Board meeting adjourned by Chair Santiago at 3:15 p.m.

Signature/Date:
Mary Santiago- Chair

Signature/Date:
Elizabeth Bowman -Secretary

**December 3, 2019
Motions Carried**

Motion #1 -12-2019	To approve the October 26,2019 Board Meeting Minutes.
Motion #2 -12-2019	To approve the October and November 2019 Agency Reports as submitted.
Motion #3 -12-2019	To approve October 2019, and November 2019 Fiscal Reports as submitted.
Motion #4 -12-2019	To go to public commentary.
Motion #5 -12-2019	To adjourn meeting.



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ATTACHMENTS

DOCUMENT	AUTHOR
October, November 2019 Monthly Reports	Executive Director Cavanaugh
October 2019, and November 2019 Fiscal Report	Executive Director Cavanaugh

