

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING
August 13, 2019
TIME: 1:30 PM

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42nd Board of Commissioners

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State Senator
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State Representative
District 28 ~ Hamilton County

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State Representative
District 73 ~ Greene County

Attendance

Commissioners Present

Chair Mary Santiago	Jose Feliciano
Sec. Beth Guzman	Manuel Lopez
Michael Florez	Elena Foulis Ph.D.
Rev. Juan Rivera	Tony Simms-Howell
Emanuel Torres	Gregory Guzman PhD

Commissioners Absent

Vice Chair Dan Molina (Excused)

Staff Present:

Lilleana Cavanaugh -Executive Director
Carly McCain- Public Policy Officer
Lair Marin-Community Liaison
Annette Reyes- Administrative Professional
Jesse Dotson-Vista
Caeli Barnes-Vista
Mary Grace Sanchez-Vista

Legislative Members Present

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

Call to Order

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

Call of the Roll

There are 10 Commissioners present, thus constituting a quorum.

Approval of Minutes

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

Motion #1 8-2019

Motion to approve the minutes is presented by Chair Santiago. A motion was made by Commissioner Gregory Guzman. Seconded by Commissioner Rev. Juan Rivera. Motion Carries.

Agency Report

Chair Santiago hands the floor to Executive Director Lilleana Cavanaugh, who provides highlights for the last couple of months.



These last few months for the team have been busy. The biennial budget was approved; although the office experienced a short budget freeze that impacted travel and other activities, the team was able to continue to meet its obligations. The FY 20 Budget cashflow has been created, approved and implemented. As an attachment to the board meeting packet, a copy of the biennial and fiscal budget was shared with the board. The biennial audit has been completed, and commissioners should receive the report in the next few weeks. On the personnel front, transition has been completed with our two new Vista members.

Regarding engagement and outreach, the Latino network meetings in the lower Northeast [Akron, Canton, and Youngstown] are progressing well. The most recent meetings focused on the Census 2020, and Rose Simons was able to be in those meetings and make some presentations.

The Hispanic Impact Campaign highlights the contributions of Latinos to the state, and for the most recent edition, Alicia Pagan, s President of LULAC for the State of Ohio, is being featured.

Director Cavanaugh provides an overview of the commission's work on trauma and mental health and informs the board of her participation in the Recovery Ohio Initiative Team, where OCHLA plays an advisory role. There have been several meetings to take an in-depth look at how the state of Ohio is supporting mental health needs and what kind of gaps may exist in bridging those needs. The topic of Latinos and ethnic minorities has been very important to the conversations that are taking place, and this advisory role provides the commission an opportunity to bring forth the impact that on the Latino community and our most vulnerable families and children.

OCHLA is also actively engaged with the Department of Mental Health diversity group DACC and is reviewing the Strategic Plan for the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to outline the priorities for the coming two years.

Executive Director Lilleana Cavanaugh hands the floor over to Annette Reyes and team to introduce the Census 2020 Campaign, which was launched at the Columbus Latino Festival. There were great engagement and turnout. OCHLA partnered with several different organizations to provide a safe space where information could be shared about the Census and families with children could also have their own educational space. The commission has a robust packet of information and resources regarding the Census that can be shared. Commissioners are encouraged to use these resources.

Public Policy Officer Carly McCain updates the board on the Latino Education Summit plans and shares feedback from her recent participation in the Cincinnati and Toledo Latino Leaders Collaborative as well as the Youngstown community networking meetings. She also reports on the Legislative activity and her efforts to build rapport with Legislative Aides and offices during the summer recess weeks to increase their awareness about the work of the commission.

Lair Marin Marcum takes the floor and reports on the Canton, Akron, and Youngstown meetings and debriefs the board on the Latino Leaders Collaboratives under the leadership of Commissioner Guzman and Commissioner Molina. High-level information is provided regarding the Latino Health Summit and the Distinguished Hispanic Ohioan Awards Gala.



Motion #2 8-2019

With no questions, Chair Santiago asks for a motion to accept the Agency Report. Commissioner Michael Florez motions for the agency report to be accepted as given. Seconded by Commissioner Emanuel Torres. Motion Passes.

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

Committee Reports

Commissioner Foulis reports for the Education Summit Committee, and reports that registration is open for the event and logistics continue to move per the schedule. The event is on target.

Commissioner Beth Guzman Bowman reports for the Health Summit Committee and shares the flyer for the health summit registration, which is now open. She also presents congratulations to the OCHLA team for securing the \$5,000 grant from the Minority Health Commission.

Commissioner Florez reports for the Workforce Development Committee, which will focus on short-term and long-term strategies. The short-term strategy has been focused primarily around the Census 2020 and the statewide network of Hispanic chambers. The long-term strategy includes the Pipeline to Trades project. Commissioner Torres challenged to board to invest more in this program to ensure results move faster. This was considered by the committee. Strategies are being developed based on our capacity to move forward in early 2020. The committee also heard about the Ohio Department of Education's work to create strategies to diversify the teaching profession in Ohio, and research will be done to connect with opportunities in Workforce Development.

Chair Santiago reports on the DHO Committee and the administrative/logistical matters under consideration. Additionally, she introduces the DHO nominations, which are received and reviewed by the commissioners and requests a motion to accept the slate as presented.

Motion #3 8-2019

With no questions, Chair Santiago asks for a motion to accept the DHO Nominations. Commissioner Tony Simms-Howell motions for the DHO Nominations to be accepted as given. Seconded by Commissioner Michael Florez. Motion Passes.

Chair Santiago then proceeds to the next item of business, Regional Updates. There are none. Chair Santiago then proceeds to Old Business; there is none. Chair Santiago proceeds to new business.

New Business

Chair Santiago presents for approval of the board the 2.75% parity increase for the executive director. Other staff members automatically received this increase, but policy requires a vote by the board to approve this increase, included and covered in the commission's budget for our executive director.



Motion #4 8-2019

Motion to approve parity increase as presented for the Executive Director is moved by Commissioner Tony Simms-Howell. Seconded by Commissioner Jose Feliciano. Motion Carries.

Motion #5 8-2019

With no questions, Chair Santiago asks for a motion to proceed to Public Commentary. Commissioner Tony Simms Howell makes the motion, seconded by Commissioner Michael Florez. Motion Passes.

Chair Santiago asks for Public Commentary, and there is one guest, Mr. Harry Wilkins, CEO of Hondros College of Nursing (Toledo), who presents to the commission an overview of the college and its opportunities for Latinos.

Chair Santiago requests to return to the topic of the Agency Report, which included the Agency's Fiscal Report. However, a vote to accept the Fiscal Report apart from the Agency Report was not done; thus, she requests a motion.

Motion #6 8-2019

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 Reverend Rivera. Motion passes.

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

Motion #7 8-2019

Motion to adjourn moved by Commissioner Beth Bowman Guzman. Seconded by Commissioner Elena Foulis. Motion Carries.

Board meeting adjourned by Chair Santiago at 2:38 p.m.

Signature/Date:
Mary Santiago – Chair

Signature/Date: _____
Elizabeth Bowman -Secretary



**August 13, 2019
 Motions Carried**

Motion #1 -8- 2019	To approve the June 23, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes.
Motion #2 -8- 2019	To approve Agency Report as submitted.
Motion #3 -8- 2019	Motion to Accept DHO Nominations as submitted.
Motion #4 -8-2019	Motion to approve pay parody increase for Executive Director
Motion #5 -8-2019	To go to public commentary.
Motion #6 -8-2019	To approve Agency Fiscal Report as submitted.
Motion #7 -8 2019	To adjourn meeting.

**August 13, 2019
 ATTACHMENTS**

DOCUMENT	AUTHOR
June and July 2019 Monthly Reports	Executive Director Cavanaugh
June and July 2019 Fiscal Report	Executive Director Cavanaugh

