

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

March 26, 2010

Vern Riffe Building
31st. Floor Conference Room East B
77 South High Street, Columbus, Ohio

Attendance

Commissioners - Present

Mary Santiago
Andres E. Gonzalez
Michael G. Florez
V. Anthony Simms-Howell
Richard Romero
Sonia Troche
Isabel Framer
Lupe Williams

Commissioners - Absent

Baldemar Velásquez

Staff - Present

Lilleana Cavanaugh
Florentina Staigers
Lair Marin-Marcum

Call to Order

Chair Santiago called the meeting to order at 1.28 p.m.

Call of the Roll

There are eight Commissioners present, constituting a quorum.

Approval of February 19, 2010 and February 20, 2010 Minutes

February 19th, 2010 minutes to be amended by taking off Policy Director Staigers from Staff present since she did not attend.



For the February, 20th 2010 minutes let it show on the record that Commissioner Framer will be working with Policy Director in the immigration issues and thus co-chairing the Workforce Committee with Commissioner Troche.

Motion #1 - 3-2010 - To approve the February 19, 2010 and February 20, 2010 Minutes. Moved by Commissioner Florez. Seconded by Commissioner Framer. Motion carried.

Chair's Report and Commentary

Chair Santiago would like to thank all the Commissioners for the participation in the February 20th Board Retreat. It was task consuming and very educational and commends all the participants for their commitment on that weekend for being there.

Directors' Report

Director Cavanaugh presents the Director's Report.

Financial Report

Director Cavanaugh presents the Financial Report along with handouts with the present status. We are working very closely with John Cunningham in DAS to ensure that the budget covers all our responsibilities and that no money is left behind.

Public Policy Report

Policy Director Staigers states that she has nothing to add to the written report that was already sent to all the Commissioners.

Floor is opened to any questions and none are presented.

Motion #2 - 3-2010 - To accept the Director's Report. Presented by Commissioner Florez. Seconded by Commissioner Simms-Howell. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Ethics Financial Disclosure Report

Chair Santiago emphasizes the importance of sending in the Ethics Financial Disclosure Forms before April 15th. Commissioners Flores would like to remind the board of the new policy and show on the record that any Commissioner that does not send in his form on time will have to pay the fines back to the Commission.



Approval of Board Meeting schedule 2010-2011

Motion #3 -3-2010 - To accept the proposed Board meeting calendar. Presented by Commissioner Florez. Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Legal Tactical Plan

Policy Director Staigers presents the Legislative Tactical Plan.

Commissioners Orientation Manual

Director Cavanaugh states that each one of the Commissioners has received the Orientation Manual.

Puerto Rico Birth Certificates Policy

Chair Santiago request a brief review on the status of the Puerto Rico birth certificate policy. Director Cavanaugh presents an update to inform and explains the board on the status regarding the new regulations. The Bureau of Motor Vehicles will be issuing a statement and be sending down to our office. The Commission will be also be working with the media and will be sending a press release and communicate to the Latino Community and to reassure them of the new policy.

Resolutions

Policy Director Staigers presents and explains the United States Council on Latino Affairs resolutions and requests approval by the Board. Recommendations, questions and discussion takes place.

Motion #4 -3-2010 - To approve Resolution 2010-01 on Immigration Reform. Presented by Commissioner Romero. Seconded by Commissioner Framer. Motion carried.

Motion #5 -3-2010 - To approve resolution 2010-02 on Local Immigration Enforcement. Presented by Commissioner Troche. Seconded by Commissioner Framer. Motion carried.

Motion #6 -3-2010 - To approve resolution 2010-04 on Human Trafficking. Presented by Commissioner Simms-Howell. Seconded by Commissioner Framer. Motion carried.



Strategic Plan Report

Presentation of Strategic Plan Report

Mr. Houser presents a summary and review of the Strategic Plan report to the Board. A summary was handed out to the commissioners.

Motion #7- 3-2010 To approve the Strategic Plan report. Presented by Commissioner Romero. Seconded by Commissioner Florez. Motion carried.

Commissioner Troche proposes that an ad hoc committee meeting should take place as well as to set a date to discuss their Strategic Plan for the next Fiscal Year.

Commissioner Gonzalez agrees and suggests that a Budgeting committee should also take place. Chair Santiago gives the floor to Director Cavanaugh who also agrees that both Strategic Planning and Budgeting committees should meet together. Three people would be excellent to work with our team as well as Commissioner Simms-Howels as chair of the Financial Committee so that we can take the approved results of our strategic meeting and implement them into our existing action plans.

The three ad hoc committee members will be Commissioner Simms-Howell, Commissioner Troche, Vice Chair Gonzalez and Commissioner Romero.

Motion #8- 3-2010 - That the ad hoc committee should meet with Commissioner Romero, Commissioner Simms-Howell, Commissioner Gonzalez and Commissioner Troche to work on the Strategic Plan, including legislative updates and the Commissions' budget. This meeting should take place mid April 2010.

Presented by Commissioner Troche. Seconded by Commissioner Romero. Motion carried.

Motion #9- 3-2010 - To recognize the public. Presented by Commissioner Simms-Howell. Seconded by Commissioner Florez. Motion carried.

Public Commentary

Public present:

Charles Houser - Chauser Consulting
Cristina Villacinda-Farr - Empleos & Employment
Richard Jones - Attorney General
Arzella Melryk
Julie Aldrich



John Muzic
Daniel Schreiber - OBM
Lawrence Parson - OBM
Nancy McCloskey - Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department/Investigation
Paul Uyenara - Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department/Investigation

Adjournment

Chair Santiago states that the next meeting will be May 19, 2010.

Motion #10 - 3-2010 To adjourn the meeting. Presented by Commissioner Florez.
Seconded by Commissioner Gonzalez. Motion carried.

Chair Santiago adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

Mary Santiago, Chair

Michael G. Florez, Secretary



ADDENDUM TO MINUTES March 26, 2010

Motions Carried

- Motion #1 - 3-2010 To approve the February 19, 2010 and February 20, 2010 Minutes. Moved by Commissioner Florez. Seconded by Commissioner Frammer.
- Motion #2 - 3-2010 To accept the Directors' Report
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