

**LATINO-AMERICAN COMMISSION  
QUARTERLY MEETING  
September 18, 2010  
Sinai Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall  
950 E. 8<sup>th</sup> St. Fremont, NE 68025  
Fremont, NE 68025**

**MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER – 8:30 A.M.**

Latino American Commission Chair person, Yolanda Nuncio, called the Quarterly Meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

**II. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Chair Commissioner Yolanda Nuncio welcomed the Commissioners for allowing time out of their day to attend. Also thanked our host, Kristin Ostrum, for allowing our Commission to make use of the Sinai Lutheran Church Hall as meeting-ground for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Meeting of the year.

**III. ROLL CALL/RECORD ABSENTEES (MOTION)**

Present: Gina Ponce, Chandra Diaz De-Bose, Yolanda Nuncio, Norma De La O, Gisella Muñoz, Ramon Otero (Quórum was established)

Absent: Commissioners Alex Moreno, Theresa Palacio, and Jose Santos.

Staff Present: Executive Director Lazaro Arturo Spindola, Staff Assistant Dora Lima and PIO Eric Gonzalez Alfaro

*Motion made by Commissioner Gina Ponce to excuse Commissioner Palacio for her absence to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarterly Meeting.*

*Motion was second by Commissioner Diaz De-Bose.*

*Vote Yes: Diaz De-Bose, Nuncio, Ponce*

*Vote No: De La O, Muñoz, Otero*

*Absent: Moreno, Santos, Valerio*

*Motion Failed.*

*Motion was made by Commissioner Gina Ponce to give an unexcused absence to Commissioner Rosalba Valerio.*

*Motion Second by Commissioner Otero.*

*Vote Yes: De La O, Diaz De-Bose, Muñoz, Nuncio, Otero, Ponce*

*Vote No: None*

*Absent: Moreno, Santos, Valerio*

*Motion Passed.*

*Motion was made by Commissioner Otero to excuse Commissioner Santos from his absence given he provided appropriate notice of prior commitment.*

*Motion second by Commissioner Diaz De-Bose.*

*Vote Yes: De La O, Diaz, De-Bose, Muñoz, Nuncio, Otero, Ponce*

*Vote No: None*

*Absent: Moreno, Valerio, Santos*

*Motion Passed.*

#### **IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Fremont residents Kristin Ostrom and Bertha Valenzuela expressed the need for NLAC's community partnership with Fremont as important key component for the ratification of what has been happening in Fremont in terms of conducting local immigration regulation or enforcement as counter to the constitution.

#### **V. PUBLIC NOTICE OF MEETING**

Nebraska Latino-American Commission Quarterly Meeting

The Latino – American Commission will host its third Quarterly Meeting of the year on Saturday, September 18th, 2010, 8:30 am to 3:00 pm, at the Sinai Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 8th and Pebble Streets (southeast door) in Fremont, Nebraska 68025.

The Quarterly Meeting is open to the public and all interested individuals are invited to attend.

The agenda for the Quarterly Meeting will be kept concurrent. It will also be made available for public inspection at the Commission's office. For further information, please contact NLAC's Public Information Officer, Eric González Alfaro, at (402) 471-2791.

Public Notice of this meeting was placed in the Lincoln Journal Star on Monday, September 6th, 2010. The notice of meeting was sent out to our Fiscal & Budget Analyst, LAC's Mailing List, Media List and E-mail groups on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 and as well as on LAC's Website.

#### **VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (MOTION)**

*Motion was made by Commissioner Ponce to accept agenda with the appropriate corrections made to item V.*

*Second by Commissioner Otero.*

*Vote Yes: De La O, Diaz De-Bose, Muñoz, Nuncio, Otero, Ponce*

*No: None*

*Absent: Moreno, Valerio, Santos.*

*Motion Passed.*

## **VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (MOTION)**

*Motion to Accept the July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Quarterly Meeting Minutes was made by Commissioner Otero.*

*Second by Commissioner Ponce.*

*Vote Yes: De La O, Diaz De-Bose, Muñoz, Nuncio, Otero, Ponce*

*Vote No: None*

*Absent: Moreno, Valerio, Santos*

*Motion Passed.*

## **VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 1) Update on LAC website: Security and Confidentiality Request.
- 2) Latino Outreach Consortium norms of procedures outlined.
- 3) LAC's strategic planning (Foundation, Strategic Plan, and Fundraiser): Focused on the Unicameral Process, Voting Process and Community Organizing.
- 4) Update on Policy and Procedures Manual prior to DAS Audit: Remains in Draft Setting. Ponce, Muñoz, and Santos looked at the basic language of the previous commissioner documents provided by the state. Changes were made to update the PPM to reflect the current state of the entity as the Commission on Latino-Americans. Commission Policy and Procedure was added to the appropriate PPM. Update on the Office PPM was also implemented. Request for Assistance Form to be implemented as a way to refer constituents to their regional Commissioners for one-on-one assistance if the situation requires. All referrals will be made centrally.
- 5) Fremont Ordinance 5165: See Public Statements.
- 6) Voter Registration strategy: Encourage constituents via outreach opportunities and email blasts.
- 7) Governor's Reception Planning and Invitees Addressed.
- 8) Funding for Hispanic Latino Summit and Heartland Latino leadership Conference.

*Motion made by Commissioner Otero to provide the Hispanic Latino Education Summit with \$2,000.*

*Second by Commissioner Diaz De-Bose*

*Vote Yes: Commissioners Otero, Diaz De-Bose, Ponce, Nuncio, De La O, Muñoz*

*Vote No: None*

*Absent: Commissioners Moreno, Valerio, Santos, Palacio*

*Motion Passed.*

*Motion Made by Commissioner Diaz De-Bose to not contribute to the HLLC as a Scholarship Sponsor.*

*Second by Commissioner Ponce*

*Vote Yes: Commissioner Diaz De Bose, Ponce*

*Vote No: Commissioners De La O, Nuncio, Otero, Muñoz*

*Absent: Moreno, Valerio, Santos, Palacio*

*Motion Failed.*

*Motion Made by Commissioner Otero to provide the HLLC with \$500.*

*Second by Commissioner Ponce.*

*Vote Yes: Commissioner Otero, Diaz De-Bose, Ponce, Nuncio, De La O, Muñoz*

*Vote No: None*

*Absent: Commissioners Moreno, Valerio, Santos, Palacio*

*Motion Passed.*

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

- 1) Hispanic Heritage Month Proclamation Update.
- 2) Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration Update.
- 3) U. S. Census Presentation /Recognition by Blanca Ramirez-Salazar.

### **Working Lunch 12:30PM – 1:30PM**

- 4) Civil Rights Committee meeting; Synopsis on events relating to LB403 and Fremont City Ordinance 5165.
- 5) 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Hispanic Latino Summit.
- 6) Governor's reception.
- 7) Quantity and Quality of Information on Website – Commissioner decision on how much personal information is posted, individually.
- 8) LAC's Legislative Bills of Interest 2011 Session
- 9) Impact of Reading skills assessment scores on LAC's primary goals.
- 10) Election of Officers (Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary).  
Head of Committee, Chandra Diaz De-Bose announced: Secretary Norma De La O, Vice Chair Ray Otero, Chair Commissioner Gina Ponce

*Commissioner Otero made the motion to close nominations for Chair.*

*Second by Commissioner Muñoz*

*Vote Yes: De La O, Diaz De-Bose, Muñoz, Nuncio, Otero, Ponce*

*Vote No: None*

*Absent: Moreno, Valerio, Santos, Palacio*

*Motion Passed.*

*Commissioner Diaz De-Bose made the motion to close nominations for Vice Chair.*

*Second by Commissioner Ponce.*

*Vote Yes: De La O, Diaz De-Bose, Muñoz, Nuncio, Otero, Ponce*

*Vote No: None*

*Absent: Moreno, Valerio, Santos, Palacio*

*Motion Passed.*

*Commissioner Otero made the motion to close nominations for Secretary.*

*Second by Commissioner Muñoz.*

*Vote Yes: De La O, Diaz De Bose, Muñoz, Nuncio, Otero, Ponce*

*Vote No: None*

*Absent: Moreno, Valerio, Santos, Palacio*

*Motion Passed.*

*Motion made by Commissioner Otero to vote on the slate of officers presented by Acclimation.*

*Second by Commissioner Diaz De-Bose.*

*Vote Yes: De La O, Diaz De-Bose, Muñoz, Nuncio, Otero, Ponce*

*Vote No:None*

*Absent: Moreno, Valerio, Santos, Palacio*

*Motion Passed.*

## **X. FINANCIAL REPORTS (MOTION)**

- 1) Review Budget Status Reports for July, Aug 2010.

*Motion made by Commissioner Otero to accept Budget Status Report for July, August 2010.*

*Second by Commissioner Diaz De-Bose.*

*Vote Yes: Commissioners De La O, De-Bose, Muñoz, Nuncio, Otero, Ponce*

*Vote No: None*

*Absent: Moreno, Valerio, Santos, Palacio*

*Motion Passed.*

- 2) Review General Ledger Reports for July, Aug 2010.

*Motion made by Commissioner Otero to accept General Ledger Activity for July, August 2010.  
Second by Commissioner Diaz De-Bose.*

*Vote Yes: Commissioners De La O, De-Bose, Muñoz, Nuncio, Otero, Ponce  
Vote No: None  
Absent: Moreno, Valerio, Santos, Palacio*

*Motion Passed.*

3) Review of FY2011 - FY2013 budgets and program activity affected

*Motion made by Commissioner Otero to accept Review of FY2011 – FY2013 Budget and Program Activity.  
Second by Commissioner Diaz De-Bose.*

*Vote Yes: Commissioners De La O, De-Bose, Muñoz, Nuncio, Otero, Ponce  
Vote No: None  
Absent: Moreno, Valerio, Santos, Palacio*

*Motion Passed.*

**XI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT (MOTION)**

**Executive Director Report**

*Motion made by Commissioner Otero to enter into Executive Session (3:00PM)  
Second by Commissioner Muñoz*

*Vote Yes: Commissioners De La O, De-Bose, Muñoz, Nuncio, Otero, Ponce  
Vote No: None  
Absent: Moreno, Valerio, Santos, Palacio*

*Motion Passed.*

*Motion made by Commissioner Otero to exit the Executive Session (3:25PM)  
Second by Commissioner Muñoz*

*Vote Yes: Commissioners De La O, De-Bose, Muñoz, Nuncio, Otero, Ponce  
Vote No: None  
Absent: Moreno, Valerio, Santos, Palacio*

*Motion Passed.*

*Motion made by Commissioner Otero to accept Director's Report.  
Second made by Commissioner Ponce.*

*Vote Yes: Commissioners De La O, De-Bose, Muñoz, Nuncio, Otero, Ponce*

*Vote No: None*

*Absent: Moreno, Valerio, Santos, Palacio*

*Motion Passed.*

## **XII. COMMISSIONER REPORTS**

Commissioner Otero – Preparing Students and Educators for the Latino Education Summit that will be taking place at the Embassy Suites in La Vista.

Commissioner Ponce – Kroc Center Fund/donation drive for the Szczepankik family visiting on a travelers Visa from Brazil.

Commissioner Muñoz – Has been working with constituents who have been denied compensation for their labor.

Commissioner Nuncio – Will be meeting with Fair (GI) organizers to address the miscommunication and lack of proper planning for vender and/or organizational outreach activities.

## **XIII. NEXT MEETING**

The next Latino American Commission Quarterly Meeting will be held on November 13, 2010, at the Embassy Suites, following the Heartland Latino Leadership Conference and Expo 2010.

## **XIV. HOTWASH**

Commissioner Otero, on behalf of the LAC, thanked our host Kristin Ostrom and the Sinai Lutheran Church for allowing us to make use of their space and for their generous hospitality.

## **XV. ADJOURN**

*Secretary: Commissioner Norma De La O*

*Transcribed: Public Information Officer, Eric Gonzalez Alfaro*

4:15 PM – September 18, 2010