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**MINUTES**  
**LPRAC Regular Commission Meeting**  
**March 21, 2012**  
**Legislative Office Building, Hartford, Connecticut**  
**5:35 p.m.**

Commissioners Present:	Ramón L. Arroyo, Carlos E. Candal, Esq., Yolanda Castillo, Richard A. Cruz, Isaías T. Díaz, Esq., Roberto C. Fernandez, Lourdes E. Montalvo, Ed Rodríguez, Norma Rodríguez Reyes, Dr. Eugene Salorio and Danny Torres
Commissioners on phone:	Dr. Sonia B. Mañjon
Commissioners Absent:	Honorable Migdalia Castro, Enrique Marciano, Sr., Juan M. Pérez and Maritza Tirú
Staff:	Werner Oyanadel, Acting Executive Director and Clarisa Cardone, Sr. Legislative Secretary

**Tape 1 A**

**Chairman Díaz, Esq.** asked Commissioner Yolanda Castillo to do roll call. Quorum was not established.

**Public Participation:** None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Chairman Díaz, Esq.** tabled minutes as quorum was not established.

**Commissioner Arroyo** clarified that the minutes cannot be approved yet as there was no quorum established.

**Chairman Díaz, Esq.** introduced the new LPRAC Commissioner, Roberto C. Fernandez.

**Commissioner Fernandez** said that he is the Director of Financial Aid for Quinebaug Valley Community College. He was the Associate Director for the QVCC branch campus in Willimantic. He is also the Legislative Director for the Congress of CT Community Colleges which represents the professional union which represents faculty and professional staff at all 12 community colleges. He looks forward to working with everyone.

**CHAIRPERSON'S/ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Please attachment A for a copy of the written Chairperson's & Acting Executive Director's Report.

**Commissioners Cruz called in at 5:46 p.m.**

**Commissioners Rodríguez Reyes and Rodríguez came in at 5:46 p.m.**

**Quorum was established.**

**Mr. Oyanadel** recommended to the Commission that we cancel our Golf Tournament and change the location of the Agency's Scholarship Award Ceremony. He highly recommended hosting the annual Scholarship event at the LOB Atrium so that LPRAC can continue to recognize the contributions of our youth and in doing so ensure improvements to the quality of services provided, follow state regulations within our limited staff and resources available.

**Motion made to approve the Chairperson's/Executive Director's report by Commissioners Rodríguez Reyes and Candal, Esq. and seconded by Commissioner Rodríguez.**

**Chairman Díaz, Esq.** informed that the Commission would recess for twenty minutes.

**Commissioner Torres** came in at 5:52 p.m.

**Motion made to return to meeting to order by Commissioner Rodríguez and seconded by Commissioner Arroyo. Motion approved as follows:**

**10 Yeas: Commissioners Arroyo, Candal, Esq., Castillo, Cruz, Fernandez, Montalvo, Rodríguez, Rodríguez-Reyes, Dr. Salorio and Torres**  
**4 Absent: Commissioners Hon. Castro, Marcano, Sr., Pérez and Tirú**

**Motion approved as follows:**

**10 Yeas: Commissioners Arroyo, Candal, Esq., Castillo, Cruz, Fernandez, Dr. Mañjon, Montalvo, Rodríguez, Rodríguez-Reyes and Torres**  
**5 Absent: Commissioners Hon. Castro, Marcano, Sr., Pérez, Dr. Salorio and Tirú**

**Commissioner Dr. Salorio** came in at 6:28 p.m.

#### **PUBLIC INFORMATION/TALENT BANK COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Commissioner Rodríguez Reyes, Chair for this committee** reported the following meetings for the upcoming year. They are: April 10<sup>th</sup>, May 7<sup>th</sup>, August 7<sup>th</sup> and November 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. either at LPRAC office or via conference call. The objective of the meeting will be to discuss the new marketing plan that will allow them to respond to our Legislative Mandate which stipulates that we have to conduct educational and outreach activities intended to raise awareness of critical issues for the population on the state. The strategies they plan to follow to accomplish this goal are as follows:

1. Using texting, QR Code, voicemail to better inform the general public about the work of the commission;
2. We're going to purchase a new updated database to help LPRAC reach out to a larger audience for both out talent bank and general information purposes;
3. We're going to prepare videos about the work of LPRAC to inform people about the work of LPRAC and highlight the work our Commissioners do for this agency on their capacity as civil servants/unpaid volunteers.
4. Increase visibility of LPRAC via paid written media, radio and television; &
5. Increase visibility of LPRAC via twitter and facebook.
6. She then mentioned that Telemundo is going to be having a big "Vota Por Tu Futuro" Campaign which aims to boost electoral participation among Latinos in CT in a non-partisan manner. We would like LPRAC to be one of the partners in providing this.
7. Finally, we just want to inform everyone about a public forum co-sponsored by our agency about racial profiling that will take place at the LOB on Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> from 3-5 p.m.

**Commissioner Cruz** came in at 6:35 p.m.

**Motion made to approve the Public Information/Talent Bank Committee report by Commissioner Castillo and seconded by Commissioners Torres and Rodríguez.**

#### **Discussion:**

**Commissioner Montalvo** stated that in the past she mentioned that Eastern CT State University has their management program that requires their students to create new databases for different agencies throughout the State of CT absolutely free.

**Commissioner Arroyo** asked if there are interns in the Commission.

**Mr. Oyanadel** responded that we have one part-time intern right now and we definitely could use more.

**Commissioner Arroyo** said that you can use the interns to update the data.

**Chairman Díaz, Esq.** this could definitely be coordinated in the subcommittee and with the staff.

**Motion approved as follows:**

**11 Yeas: Commissioners Arroyo, Candal, Esq., Castillo, Cruz, Fernandez, Dr. Mañjon, Montalvo, Rodríguez, Rodríguez-Reyes, Dr. Salorio and Torres**  
**4 Absent: Commissioners Hon. Castro, Marcano, Sr., Pérez and Tirú**

#### **PRIORITIES & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Commissioner Candal, Esq.,** Chair of this committee reported the following:

1. They are working on the racial profiling. Chairman Díaz, Esq. and Commissioner Dr. Mañjon have testified in support of legislative issues regarding education reform, racial profiling and in support of the disparities study. As LPRAC as a commission has spearheaded the issue regarding the Alvin W. Penn Anti-Racial Profiling, and in talking to Mr. Oyanadel, it has made it through the first stage. Chairman Díaz, Esq. and Mr. Oyanadel have been interviewed by the mainstream media on this.

2. There is also the issue of the barbering licensure and Commissioner Montalvo has also presented this issue.
3. There is an issue with the Notaries in the State. Apparently, a lot of Notaries have offered immigrants advice over the years and it's been a horrible problem because there are a lot of unethical notaries. Notaries in other countries are certified as attorneys. Here they are not.
4. We also have been working on the driver's license issue and they expect to have the findings that they've obtained from their hearings presented to the full commission by next month.

**Motion made to approve the Priorities & Legislation Committee report by Commissioner Rodríguez and seconded by Commissioners Montalvo and Arroyo. Motion approved as follows:**

**11 Yeas: Commissioners Arroyo, Candal, Esq., Castillo, Cruz, Fernandez, Dr. Mañjon, Montalvo, Rodríguez, Rodríguez-Reyes, Dr. Salorio and Torres**

**4 Absent: Commissioners Hon. Castro, Marcano, Sr., Pérez and Tirú**

**Tape 1B**

**SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Commissioner Montalvo** reported on behalf of Commissioner Pérez, Chairman of this Committee who is not present.

1. She said that the scholarship award ceremony got moved to September, everything the same. She asks everyone to please contact the schools as we are not receiving enough applications. Also she said that we need to put together a small group to review these applications. Also, she has been on the radio several times.
2. On the golf tournament, they are developing a calendar to work with and since Commissioner Marcano, Sr. is out of the state, he has asked her to be the Co-Chair of this committee.
3. Veteran's Ceremony is coming up in May. Hope everyone can make it.
4. She would like to recommend that since we lost a really good commissioner, Commissioner Cuin, we recognize him and perhaps at the scholarship awards ceremony we can give him our gratitude and present him with a plaque and we should send him a letter thanking him for his service, he did an excellent job.

**Motion made to approve the Special Projects Committee report by Commissioner Rodríguez Reyes, and seconded by Commissioners Cruz and Torres.**

**Discussion:**

**Commissioner Cruz** asked how many applications have been received so far.

**Commissioner Montalvo** said that they've received one or two applications only. She then recommended that when she was talking to Felix Viera from La Puertorriqueñísima radio station and he has offered an hour for the commission to talk about the scholarship ceremony.

**Motion approved as follows:**

**11 Yeas: Commissioners Arroyo, Candal, Esq., Castillo, Cruz, Fernandez, Dr. Mañjon, Montalvo, Rodríguez, Rodríguez-Reyes, Dr. Salorio and Torres**

**4 Absent: Commissioners Hon. Castro, Marcano, Sr., Pérez and Tirú**

**RESULTS BASED ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Commissioner Montalvo, Chair for this Committee** wanted to thank Commissioner Dr. Mañjon because she did an excellent job with the RBA on Monday. She also wants to thank the staff because they also did a great job in helping put this together and all the Commissioners that helped on this. The next RBA is the Diversity RBA between 10 am to 1 pm on Monday with 8 to 10 people. She asked if we should ask more people. The Safety RBA is almost all put together. If you want, we can have it on Monday. She had Commissioners Torres and Marcano, Sr. working on the Safety RBA and Commissioner Torres spoke with the Health Department in Meriden.

**Commissioner Torres** said that last year, Meriden Health Dept. gave away gunlocks free to some of the citizens. He tried to find out where they got them. He then went to the Police Dept. to see if they have any information and Officer Cirillo gave him a website which he forwarded to Mrs. Goicoechea Hernández a couple of days ago saying that there is a website where they give away to law enforcement officials and commissions like ours free gunlocks so we can give them to the public. We are trying to get 100 for New Haven, 100 for Hartford, 100 for Bridgeport, etc.

**Commissioner Montalvo** then spoke about the Small Business RBA with Commissioners Rodríguez Reyes and Rodríguez and herself to get together on a conference call. Also, La Puertorriqueñísima radio station also said we can talk about the RBA at no charge either.

**Mr. Oyanadel** reported that at the last commission meeting, the commission asked him to invite Ana Maria García to do her training at our next commission meeting but she was not available for tonight but will be available for our April 18, 2012 commission meeting.

**Motion made to approve the RBA Committee report by Commissioners Arroyo and Torres, and seconded by Commissioner Dr. Salorio. Motion approved as follows:**

**11 Yeas: Commissioners Arroyo, Candal, Esq., Castillo, Cruz, Fernandez, Dr. Mañjon, Montalvo, Rodríguez, Rodríguez-Reyes, Dr. Salorio and Torres**  
**4 Absent: Commissioners Hon. Castro, Marcano, Sr., Pérez and Tirú**

#### **OLD & NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion made to authorize the Priorities and Legislation Committee to conduct an initial research on the notary public potential legislation by Commissioner Montalvo and seconded by Commissioner Cruz. Motion approved as follows:**

**11 Yeas: Commissioners Arroyo, Candal, Esq., Castillo, Cruz, Fernandez, Dr. Mañjon, Montalvo, Rodríguez, Rodríguez-Reyes, Dr. Salorio and Torres**  
**4 Absent: Commissioners Hon. Castro, Marcano, Sr., Pérez and Tirú**

**Motion made to order a plaque for our former Commissioner Cuin to be given at the scholarship celebration by Commissioners Rodríguez Reyes and Montalvo and seconded by Commissioner Dr. Salorio. Motion approved as follows:**

**11 Yeas: Commissioners Arroyo, Candal, Esq., Castillo, Cruz, Fernandez, Dr. Mañjon, Montalvo, Rodríguez, Rodríguez-Reyes, Dr. Salorio and Torres**  
**4 Absent: Commissioners Hon. Castro, Marcano, Sr., Pérez and Tirú**

**Motion made that we send two people from the Commission to receive the Train the Trainer in RBA so we have two people within our group that can come back and conduct this training with the rest of the commissioners because this is something we are going to be doing every year by Commissioner Montalvo and seconded by Commissioners Cruz and Rodríguez Reyes. Motion approved as follows:**

**9 Yeas: Commissioners Candal, Esq., Castillo, Cruz, Fernandez, Dr. Mañjon, Montalvo, Rodríguez Reyes, Dr. Salorio and Torres**  
**1 Nay: Commissioner Rodríguez**  
**1 Abstention: Commissioner Arroyo**  
**4 Absent: Commissioners Hon. Castro, Marcano, Sr., Pérez and Tirú**

**Commissioner Mañjon hung-up at 7:40 p.m.**

#### **Tape 2A**

**Motion made to extend the scholarship deadline past the Latino Expo for date to be set at the discretion of the Special Projects Committee by Commissioner Montalvo and seconded by Commissioner Rodríguez Reyes. Motion approved as follows:**

**10 Yeas: Commissioners Arroyo, Candal, Esq., Castillo, Cruz, Fernandez, Montalvo, Rodríguez-Reyes, Dr. Salorio and Torres**  
**1 Nay: Commissioner Rodríguez**  
**5 Absent: Commissioners Hon. Castro, Dr. Mañjon, Marcano, Sr., Pérez and Tirú**

#### **MOTION WITHDRAWN**

**Motion made to have LPRAC set-up a booth with Commissioner Rodríguez Reyes at the Latino Expo in East Haven, CT by Commissioner Rodríguez and seconded by Commissioner Castillo. Motion approved as follows:**

**4 Yeas: Commissioners Castillo, Cruz, Rodríguez Reyes and Torres**  
**1 Nay: Commissioner Montalvo**  
**5 Abstentions: Commissioners Arroyo, Candal, Esq., Fernandez, Rodríguez and Dr. Salorio**  
**5 Absent: Commissioners Hon. Castro, Dr. Mañjon, Marcano, Sr., Pérez and Tirú**

**Motion made to extend the scholarship deadline past the Latino Expo at the discretion of the Special Projects Committee by Commissioner Fernandez and seconded by Commissioner Cruz. Motion approved as follows:**

**10 Yeas: Commissioners Arroyo, Candal, Esq., Castillo, Cruz, Fernandez, Montalvo, Rodríguez-Reyes, Dr. Salorio and Torres**

**1 Nay: Commissioner Rodríguez**

**5 Absent: Commissioners Hon. Castro, Dr. Mañjon, Marcano, Sr., Pérez and Tirú**

**Motion made to recommend Commissioner Carlos Candal, Esq. to be nominated to the Judicial Selection Committee by Commissioner Torres and seconded by Commissioner Arroyo. Motion approved as follows:**

**11 Yeas: Commissioners Arroyo, Candal, Esq., Castillo, Cruz, Fernandez, Montalvo, Rodríguez, Rodríguez-Reyes, Dr. Salorio and Torres**

**4 Absent: Commissioners Hon. Castro, Dr. Mañjon, Marcano, Sr., Pérez and Tirú**

**Motion made to approve the minutes of February 15, 2012 by Commissioner Montalvo and seconded by Commissioner Arroyo. Motion approved as follows:**

**9 Yeas: Commissioners Arroyo, Candal, Esq., Castillo, Cruz, Montalvo, Rodríguez, Rodríguez-Reyes, Dr. Salorio and Torres**

**1 Abstention: Commissioner Fernandez**

**5 Absent: Commissioners Hon. Castro, Dr. Mañjon, Marcano, Sr., Pérez and Tirú**

**Motion made to have Commissioner Montalvo and Acting Executive Director get trained at the Train the Trainer in RBA seminar on 4-18 & 4-19, 2012 by Commissioners Rodríguez Reyes and seconded by Commissioner Cruz. Motion approved as follows:**

**10 Yeas: Commissioners Arroyo, Candal, Esq., Castillo, Cruz, Fernandez, Montalvo, Rodríguez, Rodríguez-Reyes, Dr. Salorio and Torres**

**5 Absent: Commissioners Hon. Castro, Dr. Mañjon, Marcano, Sr., Pérez and Tirú**

**Motion made to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. by Commissioner Torres and seconded by Commissioner Cruz. Motion approved unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted by,

Yolanda Castillo  
Secretary  
LPRAC Board

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