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MINUTES
LPRAC Regular Commission Meeting
May 16, 2012
Legislative Office Building, Hartford, Connecticut
5:37 p.m.

Commissioners Present:	Ramón L. Arroyo, Carlos E. Candal, Esq., Yolanda Castillo, Richard A. Cruz, Isaías T. Díaz, Esq., Dr. Sonia B. Mañjon, Enrique Marciano, Sr., Lourdes E. Montalvo, Norma Rodríguez Reyes, Dr. Eugene Salorio and Danny Torres
Commissioners on phone:	Honorable Migdalia Castro and Ed Rodríguez
Commissioners Absent:	Roberto C. Fernandez
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 established.

Public Participation: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made to approve the minutes of April 18, 2012 by Commissioner Castillo and seconded by Commissioner Marciano, Sr. Motion approved as follows:

7 Yeas: Commissioners Arroyo, Castillo, Dr. Mañjon, Marciano, Sr., Rodríguez, Rodríguez-Reyes and Torres

1 Abstention: Commissioner Cruz

5 Absent: Commissioners Candal, Esq., Honorable Migdalia Castro, Roberto C. Fernandez, Montalvo and Dr. Salorio

CHAIRPERSON'S/ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Chairman Díaz, Esq., Chairman announced that the Racial Profiling and Education Reform bills supported by LPRAC were adopted by the Connecticut General Assembly.

Commissioner Honorable Castro called in at 5:42 p.m.

Motion made to approve the Chairperson's/Executive Director's report by Commissioners Cruz and Arroyo, and seconded by Commissioner Mañjon. Motion approved as follows:

9 Yeas: Commissioners Arroyo, Castillo, Honorable Castro, Cruz, Dr. Mañjon, Marciano, Sr., Rodríguez, Rodríguez-Reyes and Torres

3 Absent: Commissioners Fernandez, Montalvo & Dr. Salorio

PUBLIC INFORMATION/TALENT BANK COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Rodríguez Reyes, Chair for this committee reported that her committee on public information was still focused in producing the following items on behalf of LPRAC:

1. Four electronic newsletters that will be prepared and delivered in the next fiscal year;
2. Latino media publicity campaign for the upcoming golf tournament;
3. The Committee recommended decreasing the total cost of the outreach campaign to no more than \$3,000.00;
4. Commissioners Castillo and herself attended the Latino Expo that took place on May 5 & 6, 2012 and distributed a large amount of scholarship applications as promised.

Commissioner Dr. Salorio came in at 5:49 p.m.

5. Commissioner Rodriguez-Reyes raised an issue regarding a decision made by the Stamford Board of Education's operations committee not to name a portion of Rogers International School after a stellar teacher by the name of Leslie Padilla. Commissioner Rodriguez-Reyes spoke passionately in support of LPRAC getting involved against the Board of Education's decision.

Motion made to approve the Public Information/Talent Bank Committee report by Commissioner Arroyo and seconded by Commissioners Mañjon and Hon. Castro.

Motion approved as follows:

10 Yeas: Commissioners Arroyo, Castillo, Hon. Castro, Cruz, Dr. Mañjon, Marcano, Sr., Rodríguez, Rodríguez-Reyes, Dr. Salorio and Torres

3 Absent: Commissioners Candal, Esq., and Fernandez,

PRIORITIES & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Oyanadel spoke on behalf of Commissioner Candal, Esq., Chair for this Committee. He stated that in the packets, Commissioner Candal, Esq. submitted a memo to all Commissioners with a recommendation about the committee's research on the potential economic and public safety benefits of CT issuing driver's licenses to all immigrants and since he is not here, Mr. Oyanadel suggested to all Commissioners to thoroughly review the report and its recommendations so that everyone is ready to vote on it next month.

Motion made to approve the Priorities & Legislation Committee report by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner on. Marcano, Sr. Motion approved as follows:

10 Yeas: Commissioners Arroyo, Castillo, Hon. Castro, Cruz, Dr. Mañjon, Marcano, Sr., Rodríguez, Rodríguez-Reyes, Dr. Salorio and Torres

3 Absent: Commissioners Candal, Esq., Montalvo and Fernandez

SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Torres, Chair for this Committee reported the following:

1. Commissioner Montalvo will be holding a Public Safety Subcommittee on a discussion regarding crime reduction thru use of gun locks. It will be held on Tuesday, June 5, 2012 from 10am to 12pm in Hearing Room 1C at the LOB;
2. Tribute to Hispanic Veteran's is on Friday, May 18th;
3. On the scholarship, The Hartford turned us down for some money. Verizon Wireless will continue giving us the money.

Commissioner Cruz, Vice Chairman spoke about the Scholarship Golf Tournament. He said that the Committee did not receive much monetary support from corporate sponsorships as originally expected but commended our Acting Director for aggressively reaching out to potential sponsors for this important event for our Commission.

Commissioner Mañjon asked about the publicity, she asked if we have any media sponsors because that will be a way to close the deal with Chase.

Mr. Oyanadel answered that the committee approved \$1,000 for outreach purposes with the Latino media – an amount which was \$2,000 less than originally requested.

Commissioner Arroyo said that you can also call Walter Martínez of WRYM 840 and also Jerry Jerry too.

Commissioner Candal, Esq. came in at 6:10 p.m.

Motion made to approve the Special Projects Committee report by Commissioners Arroyo and Castillo and seconded by Commissioner Dr. Salorio. Motion approved as follows:

11 Yeas: Commissioners Arroyo, Castillo, Candal, Esq., Hon. Castro, Cruz, Dr. Mañjon, Marcano, Sr., Rodríguez, Rodríguez-Reyes, Dr. Salorio and Torres

2 Absent: Commissioners Fernandez and Montalvo

RESULTS BASED ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE REPORT

Motion made to table the RBA Committee report by Commissioner Hon. Castro and seconded by Commissioner Dr. Salorio. Motion approved as follows:

11 Yeas: Commissioners Arroyo, Castillo, Candal, Esq., Hon. Castro, Cruz, Dr. Mañjon, Marcano, Sr., Rodríguez, Rodríguez-Reyes, Dr. Salorio and Torres

2 Absent: Commissioners Fernandez and Montalvo

Motion made to suspend the meeting made by Commissioner Castillo and seconded by Commissioner Mañjon. Motion approved as follows:

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

Former Commissioner Juan M. Pérez congratulated LPRAC for all the hard work that we have been doing.

Motion made to return to the meeting made by Commissioner Arroyo and seconded by Commissioner Marcano, Sr. Motion approved as follows:

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

Commissioner Candal, Esq. came in at 6:10 p.m.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

Motion made to amend the amount to allocate for media no more than \$3,500 made by Commissioner Arroyo and seconded by Commissioner Honorable Castro. Motion approved as follows:

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

Motion made that LPRAC sends a letter to the Board of Education, the Mayor, and the Council of Stamford, CT to see how we can have the name of Padillas in that building made by Commissioner Arroyo and seconded by Commissioner Marcano, Sr.

Discussion:

Commissioner Dr. Salorio suggested that in reading through in the Special Projects, we do not have one single Latino or Latino Citizen of the Year. If Eva Padilla and her daughter have sufficient achievements, it might be worth nominating them, the mother alive and daughter in memoriam as Educator of the Year or something like that and then telling Stamford that this is what we've done and think these people are worthy of consideration and here is the esteem we hold them in.

Commissioner Arroyo said that he supports what Commissioner Dr. Salorio said but we need to get more information on them.

Mr. Oyanadel spoke about an article that was released by the Stamford Advocate and will email it as background information for this person as requested.

Tape 1 B

Motion approved as follows:

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

MOTION TABLED

Chairman Díaz, Esq. asked if he can nominate someone post humus.

Commissioner Arroyo answered that we can do this.

Mr. Oyanadel also said yes but reminded the all the board members of LPRAC that nominations come to our agency directly from the community. He then updated board members about a letter that LPRAC sent to Waterbury about a new Firing Range next to a middle school in Waterbury.

Motion made to adjourn at 6:28 p.m. by Commissioner Castillo and seconded by Commissioner Hon. Castro. Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Yolanda Castillo, Secretary, LPRAC Board

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