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MINUTES
LPRAC Regular Commission Meeting
December 18, 2013
Legislative Office Building Room 2D
Hartford, CT
5:30 p.m.

Commissioners Present:	Ramón L. Arroyo, Francisco R. Borres, Yolanda Castillo, Honorable Migdalia Castro, Richard A. Cruz, Isaías T. Díaz, Esq., Roberto Fernández, Ana González, Emanuela Palmares Leaf, Lourdes Montalvo, Dr. Agnes Quiñones, Pablo Soto and Elena Trueworthy, M.S.
Commissioner on the Phone:	Danny Torres
Commissioners Absent:	Jay González, Norma Rodríguez Reyes and Dr. Eugene Salorio
Staff:	Werner Oyanadel, Executive Director, Lucia Goicoechea Hernández, Special Projects Director and Clarisa Cardone, Sr. Legislative Secretary

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As Chairman Cruz was not present, Commissioner Castillo, Treasurer called the meeting to order and asked **Board Secretary Commissioner Palmares-Leaf** to do roll call. Quorum was established.

Public Participation: None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made to approve the minutes of November 20, 2013 by Commissioner Castillo and seconded by Commissioner Borres. Motion carries as follows:

12 Yeas: Commissioners Borres, Castillo, Castro, Díaz, Esq., Fernández, A. González, Palmares-Leaf, Montalvo, Dr. Quiñones, Soto, Torres and Trueworthy

1 Abstention: Commissioner Arroyo

3 Absent: Commissioners J. González, Rodríguez Reyes and Dr. Salorio,

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairman Cruz yielded the meeting to former Chairman Díaz, Esq. who in turn passed the gavel to LPRAC's new Chairman, Richard A. Cruz. Chairman Cruz reported on the following LPRAC activities as follows:

- Introduced New Commissioner Ana Gonzalez;
- Highlighted his participation in Fact Finding Hearing about State Responsiveness in Cases of Emergencies – and commended Commissioners Montalvo, Trueworthy and our colleagues Jaime Gomez from ECSU and Dr. Diana Rios from UConn for their participation.
- Stated for the record that our Commission meeting of January will be held in the City of New London, CT;
- Informed the Commission that our agency sent a letter of support for Dr. Nivea Torres as agreed upon by a motion adopted By LPRAC in the month of November and thanked Mr. Oyanadel, Quiñones, and Fernandez for their help drafting the content of the letter;
- The annual report in RBA format will be forwarded to the legislature according to state law;
- Commended Commissioner Castillo and State Representative Minnie Gonzalez for helping our agency secure a speaker for our Scholarship Reception. (i.e., President Pro Tempore of the Senate of Puerto Rico);
- RBA Population Research report is underway with the assistance of our consultants and staff;

New LPRAC Committee Chairs for 2014 are:

- Priorities & Legislation: **Roberto Fernandez**
- Newly merged Public Information/Civic Engagement: **Francisco Borres**
- Special Projects: **Danny Torres**
- RBA Committee: Co-Chaired by **Lourdes Montalvo & Eugene Salorio**
- Ad Hoc Committee on Bylaws: **Isaias T. Diaz** (Report Deadline: March of 2013)

Motion made to accept Chairperson's report by Commissioner Díaz, Esq. and seconded by Commissioner Dr. Quiñones.

Discussion:

Chairman Cruz introduced Commissioner Ana González, LPRAC's newest Commissioner.

Commissioner A. González introduced herself and said that she is Mexican-American and moved to Connecticut from Texas about a year ago. She is really enthused about making a difference in contributing to the Latino Community in Connecticut.

- LPRAC Commissioner Ana Gonzalez currently serves as the Director of Community Outreach for Albertus Magnus College in New Haven. Through her work, she is able to motivate community members to obtain their goals through a higher education path.
- Of Mexican origins, Ana values education as the premier tool to help Latinos achieve the American Dream. Ana believes that through education our Latino youth and professionals can obtain the skills needed to be competitive professionals in a demanding 21st century workforce. Ana has her bachelor's degree from Loyola University New Orleans and her Master's Degree from the University of Texas at El Paso.
- Ms. Gonzalez was appointed to LPRAC by the Majority Leader of the Connecticut State Senate.

Motion carries as follows:

12 Yeas: Commissioners Arroyo, Borres, Castillo, Castro, Díaz, Esq., A. González, Palmares-Leaf, Montalvo, Dr. Quiñones, Soto, Torres and Trueworthy

1 Abstention: Commissioner Fernández

3 Absent: Commissioners J. González, Rodríguez Reyes and Dr. Salorio,

Motion made to table all Committee Reports by Commissioner Dr. Quiñones and seconded by Commissioner Fernández. Motion approved unanimously:

13 Yeas: Commissioners Arroyo, Borres, Castillo, Castro, Díaz, Esq., Fernández, A. González, Palmares-Leaf, Montalvo, Dr. Quiñones, Soto, Torres and Trueworthy

3 Absent: Commissioners J. González, Rodríguez Reyes and Dr. Salorio

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made to amend Commissioner's decision to have our meeting in New London, CT in February 2014 by Commissioner Dr. Quiñones and seconded by Commissioner Arroyo. Motion carries as follows:

12 Yeas: Commissioners Arroyo, Castillo, Castro, Díaz, Esq., Fernández, A. González, Palmares-Leaf, Montalvo, Dr. Quiñones, Soto, Torres and Trueworthy

1 Abstention: Commissioner Borres

3 Absent: Commissioners J. González, Rodríguez Reyes and Dr. Salorio

Motion made to adjourn at 6:00 p.m. by Commissioner Dr. Quiñones and seconded by Commissioner Fernández. Motion approved unanimously:

13 Yeas: Commissioners Arroyo, Borres, Castillo, Castro, Díaz, Esq., Fernández, A. González, Palmares-Leaf, Montalvo, Dr. Quiñones, Soto, Torres and Trueworthy

3 Absent: Commissioners J. González, Rodríguez Reyes and Dr. Salorio

Respectfully submitted by,

Emanuela Palmares Leaf, Secretary
LPRAC Board

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