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**MINUTES**  
**LPRAC Regular Commission Meeting**  
**November 20, 2013**  
**Legislative Office Building Room 2D**  
**Hartford, CT**  
**5:30 p.m.**

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

**Tape 1 A**

**Chairman Díaz, Esq.** called the meeting to order and asked **Board Secretary Commissioner Castillo** to do roll call. Quorum was not established.

**State Representative Angel Arce** Provided an Official State Citation to Chairman of LPRAC, Attorney Isaias T. Diaz., Esq., in recognition of his successful leadership at the helm of LPRAC as its Chairman for the past four years. This recognition was presented on behalf of all the lawmakers of the Black and Puerto Rican Caucus with the support of the leadership of the Connecticut General Assembly.

**LPRAC Commissioner Borres** also presented Chairman Diaz with a second Official State Citation from the CT General Assembly introduced by **Representative Lawrence Cafero, Jr.** The GOP leader commended Chairman Diaz for his community service and for his effective leadership directing LPRAC for the past four years.

**Chairman Díaz, Esq.** thanked the Black and Latino Caucus as well as to Minority Leader Larry Cafero for the accolades and Citations.

**Public Participation:**

**Chairman Díaz, Esq.** called on Dr. Eliana Rojas.

**Dr. Eliana Rojas** – An Assistant Professor for the Neag School of Education at the University of Connecticut – spoke passionately about the need to motivate the Latino youth to get involved in the teaching profession and discussed the challenges that some of these young teachers face when entering the profession. Dr. Rojas also spoke about the benefits for students to be taught by a diverse group of teachers and the proactive approach they have taken at UConn to secure grants to identify best practices and identify professional competences through training for Connecticut ELL teachers. Dr. Rojas' research and practice concentrates on the ecology of the processes involved in teaching and learning a content discipline within socio-culturally and linguistically diverse contexts, particularly in the discipline of mathematics.

**Chairman Díaz, Esq.** asked with regards to the priority districts (heavily concentrated Latino populations in the state), what are some of the challenges that these teachers face with regard to not getting the support from the administrators.

**Dr. Eliana Rojas** said that once they graduate, they are supposed to implement projects within their communities and the projects are not supported by the administration and by college professionals.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion made to approve the minutes of October 16, 2013 by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Quiñones. Motion carries as follows:**

**11 Yeas: Commissioners Borres, Castillo, Castro, Cruz, Fernández, González, Palmares-Leaf, Dr. Quiñones, Rodríguez Reyes, Soto and Trueworthy**  
**4 Absent: Commissioners Arroyo, Montalvo, Dr. Salorio and Torres**

## **CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

**Chairman Díaz, Esq.** gave his last report as Chairman of LPRAC as follows:

1. He has worked with Executive Director Oyanadel in drafting a letter in support for the Borinqueneers issue that was voted on last month.
2. He will be a panelist for a public/educational outreach event organized by Senator Art Linares in the Clinton Library.
3. He actively participated in the Nominations Committee and the RBA Committee of LPRAC in his last month as the Chairman of LPRAC – a duty delineated by the LPRAC's bylaws.

**Motion made to accept Chairperson's report by Commissioner Rodríguez Reyes and seconded by Commissioner Trueworthy. Motion carries as follows:**

**11 Yeas: Commissioners Borres, Castillo, Castro, Cruz, Fernández, González, Palmares-Leaf, Dr. Quiñones, Rodríguez Reyes, Soto and Trueworthy**  
**4 Absent: Commissioners Arroyo, Montalvo, Dr. Salorio and Torres**

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Mr. Oyanadel** commended the Chair for his civic participation and leadership at the helm of LPRAC and highlighted some of the work that Chairman Díaz accomplished during his tenure as LPRAC Chair. He pointed out to our progress as an institution; educational outreach conducted in the community; legislative accomplishments in the areas of public safety, education, discrimination and economic self-sufficiency; and our growing success in our agency's scholarship program as a few examples of that leadership. Mr. Oyanadel then informed the Commission that there is a new Commissioner tonight and asked Chairman Díaz, Esq. if he can have the floor.

**Chairman Díaz, Esq.** said yes.

**Commissioner Pablo Soto** announced that he is from Meriden, CT and was appointed by Senator McKinney. He looks forward to working with everyone in the commission. He served in the U.S. Army, CT National Guard as well and is part of the town committee in Meriden, the Outreach Coordinator for the talent committee and also part of the Meriden Chamber of Commerce HOLA program (Hispanic Outreach Leadership in Action). They raise funds and provide scholarships for the Latino students there to help them pay for college. They award once a year, usually about \$3,000 or per children. He also owns his own business in Meriden, Consulting Business and an Interpreting Service. He is the Executive Director and Program Director of a non-profit organization. He is pleased to be part of the commission and to help out in the community.

**Mr. Oyanadel** reported the following:

1. **Highlights:** (a) I am delighted to inform you that I was selected as the Executive Director of the Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs Commission following an open recruitment process conducted by the Office of Legislative Management over the last two months. The appointment was effective November 5, 2013; (b) I also want to inform you that I contacted the Office of Legislative Management (OLM) on November 14 to begin the hiring process of a Legislative Analyst for LPRAC; (c) LPRAC received a letter from Senator John McKinney's Office appointing Mr. Pablo Soto to LPRAC board of Commissioners effective immediately and a dual appointment letter from the President Pro-Tempore, Senator Donald Williams, Jr. and Speaker of the House J. Brendan Sharkey appointing Ms. Rosa Acosta to the board effective February 1, 2014; (d) All the letters seeking congressional support for a Congressional Gold Medal to be issued for the veterans of the 65<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment (also known as the Borinqueneers) have been mailed as directed by a motion adopted at LPRAC last month;
2. **Outreach/Liaison Activities:** (a) State Senator Art Linares asked our agency to help him conduct an educational forum about the quality of life issues affecting the Latino community in his senatorial district. The event will take place Monday, December 2, 2013 at 6:00 pm at the Clinton Public Library in Clinton, CT. The forum will include speakers on homeownership, small business, and healthcare. Chairman Diaz and I are planning to represent LPRAC at this educational/outreach activity; (b) Commissioner Roberto Fernandez and I met with several school public officials of Windham last month to seek information about their bilingual education system. The reason for this meeting is due to the fact that we are receiving anecdotal information that Windham's bilingual education system was eliminated. (The meeting was attended by the Director of ESOL, Bilingual & World Languages, Beth-Ann Brunet, Ana Ortiz, School Superintendent, and two school's communication officers) The informational meeting allowed us to learn

about Windham Public Schools ELL Programs and services both before and after “Special Master” Steve Adamowski began governing Windham Public Schools. I have attached a copy of their past and present ELL programs plan for your review. While the bilingual system in Windham was not eliminated “significant” changes have taken place that merit additional scrutiny by LPRAC and other state officials in the near future. The Windham Public Schools, according to school officials in Windham, is in the process of developing and scheduling new arrivals’ programs at each level of the school system which will offer a more comprehensive form of transitional bilingual education and more appropriate initial instruction/placement of new arrival ELL students. The addition of such programs, according to their bilingual education director, will strengthen out continuum of services for ELL students in Windham Public Schools. The discussion also included a conversation about the need for LPRAC to host a public hearing/fact finding hearing at the LOB to listen directly from teachers/parents/ & administrators about these Board of Education and Special Master approved changes; (c) I was a workshop presenter about the Connecticut Dream Act – Public Act No. 11-43 An Act Concerning Access to Postsecondary Education at the Connecticut Association of Educational Opportunity (CAEOP) 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference entitled “Faces of Change” at the Schools of Social Work at UConn on November 15, 2013; (d) Commissioner Lourdes Montalvo and I met with Dr. Jaime Gomez last month to discuss the need to set up an informational/fact finding hearing with state officials about ways to improve communications with the Latino community in cases of state emergencies; (5) Last month I was also interviewed by Julie Evans Starr from the Commission on Aging at her WTIC-AM radio show about the work of LPRAC in the legislature, our agency’s civic engagement and Public Service Announcement (PSA) entitled “Mi Voz mi Voto” aired through-out the month in Univision, Telemundo and in our social networks such as twitter and Facebook. Moreover, at the invitation from U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal I attended a press conference in support of Comprehensive Immigration Reform. I, along with Commissioners Fernandez, Quiñones, Trueworthy, and other LPRAC staff attended a reception hosted by an organization called Connecticut Voices for Children honoring State Representative Jason Rojas with a Legislative Leadership Award for his work in support of Connecticut’s children, youth and families;

3. **Administrative/Committee staff assistance:** I assisted the Nominations Committee collect nominations, create the voting ballot, proxy vote form, and inform LPRAC Commissioners about the election process selected by the Nominations Committee for the 2013 LPRAC elections; I also provided staff assistance to the Health Equity Commission as delineated by state law; I am also working with the Chair of Priorities and Legislation meeting with stakeholders on our legislative priorities for 2014, drafting fact sheets, and organizing our legislative reception in preparation of the 2014 legislative session; working with the RBA Committee members initiate a comprehensive research initiative in Results Based Accountability format; work with the public information committee draft press releases for tonight’s elections, prepare our upcoming commission newsletter, print new brochures with our new commissioners information, update our social networks and also update our website with current information regarding the Latino and Puerto Rican Community; monitor the work of other LPRAC Committees, and finally conducting annual staff evaluations for the LPRAC staff.

**Commissioner Montalvo** called in at 6:15 p.m.

**Mr. Oyanadel** also mentioned that tonight we also have an intern from the University of Hartford that is joining us, his name is Sham Mithani.

**Motion made to accept Executive Director’s report by Commissioner Rodríguez Reyes and seconded by Commissioner Castro.**

**Discussion:**

**Commissioner Cruz** spoke about the meeting that Mr. Oyanadel had with Dr. James Gomez and Commissioner Montalvo. He had a meeting with Pablo Colon DeJesus of Radio Cumbre and one of the items he informed him was particularly when it comes to the state emergencies and how our Latino media has been not getting the sufficient funding from the State and from the Feds as Homeland Securities as we talk about the deficiencies we are seeing with the State’s set-aside programming but we should also look at what’s going on with our Latino media both paper in in radio who when it comes to issues like this with state emergencies, the monies are not there when you go and ask the State, Homeland Securities or the Feds., it’s a matter of pennies what they toss out to us vs. what the other major radio stations may be going through and also the paper media. He thinks that this should be part of the discussion and to see what is available in that aspect.

**Commissioner Montalvo** said that the majority of the Latino papers go out either every week or every other week, they don’t go out as often and one of the things that is striving to do this since last year and this was something actually that was voted on the beginning of this year since the end of last year and it has never happened and now we are talking about this again. Marilyn Alverio’s did a nice report on her website on Latinos in CT. One thing is we have the major TV stations that are out of the State of CT and that is a concern because when things are happening, a lot of time people find out from a text message in their cell phone but not everybody’s getting it and there are over 169 towns around the State of CT. She found out that there are still individuals out there that they have not yet gotten any help from the big ice storm that we had a couple of years ago because they didn’t get the information, they didn’t know where to go or what to do because a lot of people think that everybody should understand or should speak English or speak the language. A lot of people who have come here with 50 years of age and not knowing the

language, the son or daughter usually provide them the information. She believes that the State should take a look at the fact that the information is not getting out to everyone in the community.

**Commissioner Palmares Leaf** suggested that speaking from her publishing business is that what they understand from over 15 years in the Tribuna is also that each state department has a different approach on how they use their advertising dollars and their marketing dollars. Some actually have budgets where they go out and contract out to ad agencies, sometimes within the state and sometimes not even within the state to then decide where to spend their marketing dollars. We've been successful in the Tribuna is also reaching out to each department and asking them what's their method in reaching the Latino and Puerto Rican community in CT if there is one. Each department is going to have a different thing. We need to find out what each department is doing first and then help connect the ethnic media to those departments.

#### **Tape 1 B**

**Chairman Díaz, Esq.** said that the second one is the Emergency Broadcast.

**Commissioner Dr. Quiñones** said that we should expand on the bilingual issue to the entire state.

**Chairman Díaz, Esq.** said that the details of everything will be handled in the subcommittee level. Once we start putting these together, we will tap everyone to give us their ideas.

**Mr. Oyanadel** reported that we can host up to three per year so you decide where you want to go first. The one thing that we ask from the staff side is that we coordinate the out of Hartford commission meetings during the time that we are not in session. We can do one in January, and the next one in the month of June and then from June until October to December.

#### **Motion carries as follows:**

**11 Yeas: Commissioners Borres, Castillo, Castro, Cruz, Fernández, González, Palmares-Leaf, Dr. Quiñones, Rodríguez Reyes, Soto and Trueworthy**

**1 Abstention: Commissioner Montalvo**

**3 Absent: Commissioners Arroyo, Dr. Salorio and Torres**

#### **NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Commissioner Fernández, Chair for this committee** reported that the committee met several times during the month to coordinate the nominations and election process for LPRAC's 2013 electoral cycle and their recommendation is that the By-Laws be reviewed and the By-Laws have to be collets, they are contradictory By-Laws as far as voting is concerned. They then undertook the vote of allowing people to proxy vote; everybody should have gotten the proxy form plus all the nominations of all the officers that had come through. They felt that it was the fairest way for commissioners who wanted to vote but couldn't because of work related issues or through the phone that they would still have the availability to vote through proxy. The contradiction is that one portion of the By-Laws says that you can't vote by electronic device and another portion of the By-Laws says you can attend the meetings and do anything you want by electronic devise. They decided for that sake to do the proxy for now and have a By-Laws Committee in moving on with the new Executive Board to take a look at that and bring it to the full commission to help future nomination committees to proceed. He thanked the staff for maintaining the repository for all the documents that were received and the technical assistance that the Nomination Chair and the rest of the Committee received. He stated that there are four open positions on the Executive Board. They will also accept any nominations from the floor. If nominations come from the floor, there is a vetting questionnaire that the candidate must answer in front of the commission. He also thanked Commissioner Dr. Quiñones and Chairman Díaz, Esq. who were invaluable for this process as well.

**Motion made to close voting for chair - Commissioner Richard A. Cruz by Commissioner Díaz, Esq. and seconded by Commissioner Dr. Quiñones.**

**Chair: Commissioner Richard A. Cruz, Voted unanimously**

**Commissioner Dr. Salorio** came in at 6:33 p.m.

**Motion made to close voting for vice-chair - Commissioner Elena Trueworthy by Commissioner Díaz, Esq. and seconded by Commissioner Castro.**

**Vice Chair: Commissioner Elena Trueworthy, Voted unanimously**

**Motion made to close voting for treasurer - Commissioner Yolanda Castillo by Commissioner Díaz, Esq. and seconded by Commissioner Palmares Leaf.**

**Treasurer: Commissioner Yolanda Castillo, Voted unanimously**

**Motion made to close voting for secretary - Commissioner Emanuela Palmares Leaf by Commissioner Díaz, Esq. and seconded by Commissioner Dr. Quiñones.**

**Secretary: Commissioner Emanuela Palmares Leaf, Voted unanimously**

**PUBLIC INFORMATION/TALENT BANK COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Commissioner Rodríguez-Reyes Chairperson for this committee** reported the following:

1. They are currently working on the last of four newsletters in a year that they publish on behalf of our agency.
2. They also were in charge of publishing the Press Release both in English and in Spanish announcing the Executive Director's position.
3. They are planning to start a new project that would allow us to respond to one of our agency's main mandates which stipulates that we maintain and publish current information regarding the Latino and Puerto Rican population of the state that can be used to better understand the status, condition and contribution of our community. This will be on our main website.
4. The committee will be working in the next few days preparing a news release to inform the general public of the results of tonight's elections. Congratulation to everyone.
5. They are also planning to update our agency's brochure to include the new LPRAC Commission and a list of the new Executive Board members.
6. In terms of the last newsletter for the year, she asked if anyone has any pertinent information that they think would be great to publish, please submit it to Mr. Oyanadel, Mrs. Goicoechea Hernández or Mrs. Cardone.

She then thanked everyone very much and that it's been a pleasure working with everyone. She said that she spoke to her Appointing Authority, Senator Looney, and told him that she will no longer be with the commission.

**Motion made to accept the Public Information/Talent Bank Committee Report by Commissioner Palmares Leaf and seconded by Commissioner Castillo.**

**Discussion:**

**Chairman Díaz, Esq.** thanked Commissioner Rodríguez Reyes for all of her years of service and for her counsel.

**Motion carries as follows:**

**13 Yeas: Commissioners Borres, Castillo, Castro, Cruz, Fernández, González, Palmares-Leaf, Montalvo, Dr. Quiñones, Rodríguez Reyes, Dr. Salorio, Soto and Trueworthy**  
**2 Absent: Commissioners Arroyo and Torres**

**PRIORITIES & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Commissioner Cruz, Chair for this committee** reported that they met with Dr. Fred McKinney, President of the Greater New England Minority Supplier Development Council to seek their support in regards to our legislative priority to amend the set-aside program in CT to benefit the small Latino businesses. The Committee with support of LPRAC will begin our fact sheets on our top legislative priorities for the next legislative session in these areas:

1. Latino Youth within the Juvenile Justice System;
2. The creation of the Office of ELL within the Executive Branch and
3. Policy changes to the Latino business set-aside program.
4. They will also begin organizing our legislative reception.

**Motion made to accept the Priorities and Legislation Committee report by Commissioner Fernández and seconded by Commissioner Trueworthy. Motion carries as follows:**

**13 Yeas: Commissioners Borres, Castillo, Castro, Cruz, Fernández, González, Palmares-Leaf, Montalvo, Dr. Quiñones, Rodríguez Reyes, Dr. Salorio, Soto and Trueworthy**  
**2 Absent: Commissioners Arroyo and Torres**

**SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Commissioner Castillo reported the following in the absence of Commissioner Torres, Chairman of this committee:**

1. The RFP prepared by the Office of Legislative Management staff and input from the Special Projects Committee staff posted on the web on 11/16/13 and will remain there until 12/16/13.
2. Keynote Speaker: Have asked Justice Sotomayor but if she is unable to come, we've also asked her to consider coming on Friday, October 10, 2014 as a reception, hosting a free book signing event and we can have our public schools, children participating in essay contest answering why should the Justice come to our school. We will get corporate sponsorship for that event. If she doesn't come to either event, we have also asked Congressman Luis Gutiérrez to serve as a Keynote.

3. Staff took notes at our retreat and we would like to develop a working document with some deadlines and assign committees and board members and staff so we can inform about or work through the legislative session.
4. There are 3 of 4 scholarship applications that we are going to be using as examples to modify our own nomination process.
5. Mistress of Ceremony for our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary we are reaching out to Ms. Laurie Pérez of FOX 61 for the combined event.
6. UCONN Group – the Senate was proposing to limit the number of credits incoming students can bring and Chairman Torres through the UCONN Senate tabled the discussion and wishes for us to look into this item.
7. Tickets for the combined event was discussed, \$110.00 per person and \$200 per couple.

**Motion made to accept the Special Projects Committee report by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Castro.**

**Discussion:**

**Commissioner Dr. Salorio** said that a student can graduate from UCONN, you need 120 credits, they can transfer 90 in, and they are not really getting a UCONN degree. It was not proposed by the Senate, it was proposed by the Administration in the Senate, it's been tabled and it wouldn't cover all students, it will cover newly admitted students.

**Motion carries as follows:**

**13 Yeas: Commissioners Borres, Castillo, Castro, Cruz, Fernández, González, Palmares-Leaf, Montalvo, Dr. Quiñones, Rodríguez Reyes, Dr. Salorio, Soto and Trueworthy**

**2 Absent: Commissioners Arroyo and Torres**

**RBA COMMITTEE**

**Commissioner Montalvo** reported on the following:

1. The Committee met to discuss the upcoming LPRAC Population Level Report card with the Charter Oak Group (COG). Present were Chairman Díaz, Esq., Commissioner Fernández, herself, Dr. Ron Schack of COG and Director Oyanadel. We discussed the contract for this project and what is going to be included and what deliverables are going to be from this and what the consultants are going to be doing. This list is in your packets.
2. She spoke of the two fact findings that Mr. Oyanadel mentioned are going to turn into an RBA because there is enough information and there is a lot that has to be done. These should be discussed in the near future, especially the huge safety issue that Dr. Gomez spoke where people do not receive the information in their area.

**Motion made to accept the RBA Committee report by Commissioner Castillo and seconded by Commissioner Castro.**

**Tape 2 A**

**Motion carries as follows:**

**13 Yeas: Commissioners Borres, Castillo, Castro, Cruz, Fernández, González, Palmares-Leaf, Montalvo, Dr. Quiñones, Rodríguez Reyes, Dr. Salorio, Soto and Trueworthy**

**2 Absent: Commissioners Arroyo and Torres**

**AD-HOC COMMITTEE ON CIVIC ENGAGEMENT**

**Commissioner Borres, Chairperson for this Committee** said that there is no report as they meet quarterly.

**OLD AND NEW BUSINESS**

**Motion made to authorize the Public Information Committee to collaborate with Dr. Rojas on getting the word out with regard to the grants for the higher level educational teaching made by Commissioner Fernández and seconded by Commissioner Castro. Motion carries as follows:**

**13 Yeas: Commissioners Borres, Castillo, Castro, Cruz, Fernández, González, Palmares-Leaf, Montalvo, Dr. Quiñones, Rodríguez Reyes, Dr. Salorio, Soto and Trueworthy**

**2 Absent: Commissioners Arroyo and Torres**

**Motion made to conduct our next public outreach meeting in Meriden, CT made by Commissioner Rodríguez Reyes and seconded by Commissioner Castro with a friendly amendment to hold it in New London, CT made by Commissioner Cruz and seconded by Commissioner Castro. Motion carries as follows:**

**13 Yeas: Commissioners Borres, Castillo, Castro, Cruz, Fernández, González, Palmares-Leaf, Montalvo, Dr. Quiñones, Rodríguez Reyes, Dr. Salorio, Soto and Trueworthy**

**2 Absent: Commissioners Arroyo and Torres**

**Motion made to authorize the Public Information Committee Subcommittee to conduct two fact finding hearings, one in bilingual education and the second in emergency broadcast through the Latino media made by Commissioner Castro and seconded by Commissioner Montalvo. Motion carries as follows:**

**13 Yeas: Commissioners Borres, Castillo, Castro, Cruz, Fernández, González, Palmares-Leaf, Montalvo, Dr. Quiñones, Rodríguez Reyes, Dr. Salorio, Soto and Trueworthy**  
**2 Absent: Commissioners Arroyo and Torres**

**Motion made to authorize Chairman Díaz, Esq. to write a letter in support on behalf of Dr. Nivea Torres' full time tenure as Superintendent with the caveat that Commissioner Dr. Quiñones must provide Executive Director Oyanadel all of the names that we need to copy made by Commissioner Castro and seconded by Commissioner Fernández. Motion carries as follows:**

**13 Yeas: Commissioners Borres, Castillo, Castro, Cruz, Fernández, González, Palmares-Leaf, Montalvo, Dr. Quiñones, Rodríguez Reyes, Dr. Salorio, Soto and Trueworthy**  
**2 Absent: Commissioners Arroyo and Torres**

**Commissioner Castro** asked if the Director of Fair Haven Clinic can speak to LPRAC on hiring professionals in the mental health and how difficult it is to hire or can we help disseminate information so that they are able to find Latinos that are interested in this.

**Chairman Díaz, Esq.** recommended that we provide her an opportunity to come and present to the commission. The only request is that in December, we always have a streamline meeting so that we can fellowship. Let's put her on the agenda either January or February.

**Motion made to sell the tickets for the LPRAC's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event at \$110.00 per person or \$200.00 a couple made by Commissioner Fernández and seconded by Commissioner Palmares Leaf. Motion carries as follows:**

**13 Yeas: Commissioners Borres, Castillo, Castro, Cruz, Fernández, González, Palmares-Leaf, Montalvo, Dr. Quiñones, Rodríguez Reyes, Dr. Salorio, Soto and Trueworthy**  
**2 Absent: Commissioners Arroyo and Torres**

**Motion made to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. by Commissioner Castillo and seconded by Commissioner Trueworthy. Motion carries as follows:**

**13 Yeas: Commissioners Borres, Castillo, Castro, Cruz, Fernández, González, Palmares-Leaf, Montalvo, Dr. Quiñones, Rodríguez Reyes, Dr. Salorio, Soto and Trueworthy**  
**2 Absent: Commissioners Arroyo and Torres**

Respectfully submitted by,

Emanuela Palmares Leaf  
Secretary  
LPRAC Board

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