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MINUTES
LPRAC Regular Commission Meeting
January 15, 2014
Legislative Office Building Room 2D
Hartford, CT
5:30 p.m.

Commissioners:

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

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Chairman Cruz asked **Board Secretary Commissioner Palmares-Leaf** to do roll call. Quorum was established.

Public Participation:

1. Ann Hulick, Coordinator for the Coalition for a Safe and Healthy Connecticut – an organization that is aiming to reduce and/or eliminate toxic chemical exposures in our environment invited LPRAC to work collaborative to promote legislation that will prevent harm from toxic hazards and promote environmental justice;
2. Ingrid Alvarez-DiMarzo, former executive director of the Hispanic Center, and now the director of the statewide Hispanic Federation, introduced herself to the board of Commissioners of LPRAC and asked for the participation of the LPRAC Executive Director to be part of a group of Connecticut leaders that she is organizing to help her develop a CT Blueprint on Public Policy for the upcoming year.

Commissioner Palmares Leaf congratulated her on the new position. She indicated for the record that Ingrid took the Hispanic Center of Greater Danbury at a moment that was not at its best and turned it around and made it an organization that now is the pride of the City of Danbury.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made to approve the minutes of December 18, 2013 by Commissioner Trueworthy, M.S. and seconded by Commissioner Montalvo. Motion was adopted by voice vote.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairman Cruz spoke on the following:

1. On January 14th, he attended a research endeavor with the delegation of LPRAC in Massachusetts to continue our research regarding the Supply Diversity Program.
2. Chairman Cruz reminded all LPRAC Commissioners that our agency will be conducting its next commission meeting in the great City of New London at the Centro de la Comunidad de New London on Wednesday, February 19th at 5:30 p.m.
3. He also reminded everyone that LPRAC will be conducting a Public Hearing on Bilingual Education on Wednesday, January 29th. Due to the length of the hearing, we have to coordinate our schedules so that we commissioners present at the hearing. The LPRAC staff will be calling you to check your schedules to

make sure we have good coverage from this time, 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

4. Chairman Cruz indicated that all new Committee Chairs have been selected for the upcoming year and encouraged all LPRAC Commissioners to participate in at least two committees. Notices are going out as to when the committees are meeting, which normally take place via phone.
5. LPRAC will be posting the 2014 scholarship awards application this week on our state website and encouraged all commissioners to distribute them in their own communities.

Motion made to accept Chairperson's report by Commissioner Montalvo and seconded by Commissioner Diaz, Esq.

Discussion:

Commissioner Montalvo requested that LPRAC staff scan documents like the Massachusetts document and send it to all LPRAC Commissioners before Commission meetings so that they have more time to review them prior to the start of the meeting.

Chairman Cruz said that during the Executive Committee meeting, they actually addressed that issue and requested the staff to provide all pertinent information prior to the Commission meeting.

Motion was adopted by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Oyanadel provided a written report to the Commission highlighting the work of the staff for the past month as follows:

1. LPRAC is currently preparing to conduct a public hearing on bilingual education in Connecticut on Wednesday, Jan. 29 starting at 3 until 8 p.m. in Room 1A of the Legislative Office Building (LOB) in Hartford. The goal of this hearing is to listen to all stakeholders about a broad range of bilingual education issues within current tendencies in Connecticut to allow schools to offer alternatives to bilingual education. LPRAC staff and LPRAC Commissioners are actively reaching to the community to make sure that everyone is informed about this outreach/research activity by LPRAC;
2. LPRAC is also actively reaching out to the overall population in Connecticut seeking qualified candidates for our Legislative Analyst position. We highly encourage everyone to distribute the job posting and ask qualified candidates to send me their resume, cover letter and salary history to be received no later than January 22, 2014;
3. LPRAC's Priorities and Legislation Committee continues research on the set-aside program in preparation for our upcoming legislative 2014 session. Committee members will begin to meet with Legislative Leaders about our agency's 2014 Legislative Agenda;
4. LPRAC RBA Sub-Committee makes headway on Population Report Card in RBA format and prepares to conduct several "Turn the Curve" Sessions in the upcoming months;
5. Ad-Hoc Committee on bylaws – the Committee did not meet in the month of January but we are planning to meet in the upcoming weeks in time to our month of March deadline;
6. Public Information Committee worked on new brochures, newsletter, and will begin working on a civic engagement forum. The Committee will also help prepare fact sheets, press advisory and white papers in collaboration with the Priorities and Legislation Committee on our agency's 2014 legislative priorities – The Committee will meet quarterly in person and via phone on a monthly basis. The Committee with LPRAC staff assistance also ensured that our annual report as delineated by state law and guided by regulations provided by the Appropriations Committee guidelines was distributed to all stakeholders within our deadline of January 1, 2014. Finally, the Committee will ensure that the LPRAC Scholarship application is published on the LPRAC website before the end of the month of January; &
7. I will be reaching out to our new LPRAC treasurer to begin working on our biennium budget request for 2015-2016.

Motion made to approve the Executive Director's report by Commissioner Diaz, Esq. and seconded by Commissioner Dr. Quiñones.

Discussion:

Commissioner Montalvo said that in regards to the tours of the Capitol there are several groups in CT, about 17 that are driven by the Secretary of State's office. Here in Hartford, the Hartford Public Library is very involved and they have a program that she will be happy to connect with them, and not only do they have do a tour but they take the students to one of the rooms and give them a Bill and divide them in different groups. Then at the end of the tour, they meet with the Governor and every one of the high elected officials that are here and they are provided the

internship information. In reference to Massachusetts she also spoke about talking a pilot program that she spoke about with the former Governor of Puerto Rico. She indicated that she has all the contact information with her.

Commissioner Ana González commended LPRAC for hosting our first ever public hearing. She asked what launched the discussion on bilingual education and what do you hope to achieve from this hearing.

Mr. Oyanadel responded by providing a historical chronology of our agency's involvement which initiated several years past when our agency began receiving complaints from the Windham area that the bilingual education system in Windham was eliminated. LPRAC as a result of these allegations approved the staff and board leadership to collect information from different stakeholders from the Windham area and found enough information to conduct an official public hearing on the subject. The main objective of the public hearing is now to develop recommendations for improving the bilingual education system and provide them to the legislature for further legislative review;

Commissioner Salorio asked if there was any response on the letter of support for Acting Director Dr. Nivea for the Technical High Schools.

Mr. Oyanadel said that the decision had not been made yet.

Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Chairman Cruz tabled the report due to the absence of the Committee Chair.

Motion made to table the Public Information Committee report by Commissioner Dr. Quiñones and seconded by Commissioner Trueworthy, M.S. Motion passed by voice vote.

PRIORITIES & LEGISLATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Fernández, Chair of this committee thanked the commission and the Executive Board Chair for naming him Chair of the Priorities and Legislation, he expects good things to move forward. His entire history in this building is passing legislation and he enjoys it thoroughly and loves to do. He reported the following:

1. He addressed Commissioner Montalvo and said that he would have given her the Massachusetts documents earlier but they got them yesterday and they all arrived after 9:30 p.m. last night from the meeting. These documents were discussed at length yesterday when they all went up to Boston to the Department of Transportation. He had tabled the meetings for January until informing the committee in February because the meeting of yesterday concerning the small business and the set-asides as far as the state level, including also receiving the testimony and getting the testimony done on January 29th.
2. He recommended to the Executive Director and Chairman of the Board is that the delegation from the commission should meet with the leadership, both the Democratic and Republican Leadership to start the discussion of formulating the top 3 to 5 legislative priorities for the commission that might affect things. It's good that both the Minority and the Majority in the building know what's going on since we are a non-partisan commission both sides need to know that. In yesterday's discussion in Mass., the Chair, and Executive Director and I were there as well as two attorneys from CHRO, Dr. McKinney, as well as our own consultant from CASE and then our friends in Mass., who should be commended and we should send a thank you letter as they really sent out the red carpet with the Secretary at the State level who reports directly to Governor Duval Patrick as well as all the agency heads from the Department of Transportation which is the largest state organization within the Commonwealth of Mass., that does all the state procurements. In January, they met with the Executive Director of SAMA to get their opinion and support in any further legislation that we would be moving forward. In Mass., they have a standardize procurement program and CT does not. The other question was concerning the feasibility study and the disparity study that we have been trying to accomplish for the last 30 years. We need to review the current statute and get the actual statute that formulates the law concerning the set-aside, have a really detailed analysis either through OLR, through whatever we can. It was universally accepted around the room from the State of Mass., is that the State of Maryland is in the forefront of all of this. They had recommended that we also make a trip, contact the fellow Secretary individuals down in Maryland and see what they are doing there because they don't have a universal system of procurement within all the state agencies.

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Commissioner Fernández (cont.) said that his recommendations is to look at the current statute, seeing what the set-asides are, looking at the statute as is and seeing if there are recommendations that we can make to the statute and then proceed through there. Until we get the detailed analysis of what the statute is, the Mass. model may not be the best model for us to go forward with and go to the General Assembly. The set-aside program is on a priority agenda for the commission.

3. On the ELL issue, he's looking forward to the 29th of January and was reached out by one of the Commissioners in the Commission of Children. Marcus Rivera, one of the Consultants for the Department of Education did send out the data of the High School graduation and Cut Scores that were done towards the end of June, early July that show the ELL issue as one thing.

Motion made to approve the Priorities & Legislation Committee report by Commissioner Díaz, Esq. and seconded by Commissioner Trueworthy, M.S.

Discussion:

Commissioner Díaz, Esq. asked who we would have to reach out in Maryland to get their model.

Commissioner Fernandez said that it would be whoever like in the Commonwealth of Mass. they have the Office of Diversity which was the Secretary who was there who reports to the Governor and in the discussions they had yesterday they also have the same Secretary in the State of Maryland who reports to the Governor, or the DAS equivalent to that organization.

Mr. Oyanadel responded that Ron Marlow who was the individual that was in charge of the meeting told them that he is going to email them all their contact information so that we can reach out to them.

Commissioner Ana González recommended that she knows that the Department of Commerce had a branch for minority business, the Minority Business Developing Agency. Perhaps that could be a good resource to tap into and get these models. Also, she was listening to WNPR and there is a segment on CT Students for a Dream trying to get legislation to promote financial assistance for dreamers. Is this something that the commission is planning to take up?

Commissioner Fernandez answered to the first question; all states have an office that implements the Federal Procurement Requirements especially anything to do with Federal Highway Funds or Federal Funds used in State Assistance. Yesterday there was a compliance officer both for the state and a compliance officer for the state on federal worksites. Both offices exist even in this state depending on where the monies are coming from, if it's coming from the compliance of a federal source vs. the state source. On the second question, he worked with CT Dreamers and has done a lot of work concerning the Dream Act and Financial Aid for the Dream Act and he is also the Legislative Director for the Community College Unions. The Dreamer issue on financial aid is a problem right now not because it won't be heard or passed is that the Governor's scholarship that was the substitute for the state grant that students in CT got was renamed last year and in part of that renaming what the Office of Higher Education did was cut aid to part-time students. He will know more about this tomorrow. This is one of the issues that he has been dealing with as an individual.

Commissioner Trueworthy mentioned that several years ago when they were working in early childhood to think about the governing structure for the proposed new Office of Early Childhood, Leadership was brought in from Mass. to come and speak to Legislators about their model and their process of getting this passed through legislation and it really sparked a lot of interest and attention and energy if we ever get to that point or when we do, she would recommend that if there is a model like Maryland, that we work to bring in some Leadership to make that happen.

Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Torres, Chair for this Committee reported the following information on behalf of the committee:

1. The RFP for 2014 combined 20th Anniversary Celebration and 17th Annual Scholarship Awards, the Office of Legislative Management (OLM) staff has provided a contract to Mr. Oyanadel for review and signature. We have made meal selections and the OLM staff has provided the information to Fantasia which is the site we selected.
2. For the Keynote Speaker, State Representative Minnie González at the request of Commissioner Castillo, thank you, approached Senator Eduardo Bathia, President of the Puerto Rican Senate to see if he would accept and he has. We are working with his staff the logistics of who is going to cover the cost of bringing him here.
3. The theme for the event, we are waiting to make sure we have the right Keynote Speaker and then we'll decide what the theme of the event is going to be.
4. The credit card option which we want to think if we sell more tickets on line has been very complex with OLM so at this point it is on hold but we are looking to see if we can get that to work.
5. The task force met and made recommendations for modifying our internal application and attachments to scholarship application (the 5 page draft). The last page of the draft, there was a discussion if some of the children do not have a 1099 or W-2s or not being able to document their pay, their income so we came up with this draft where the parent signs, the child signs and it could be notarized so we can see what their income is.
6. We have not begun to distribute the rest of the gunlocks, we will continue until we find a means to distribute the remaining gunlocks.
7. The Annual Report for 2013 was finalized on time and submitted to the Legislature and the Governor.

8. For the Mistress of Ceremonies, a letter was sent to Laurie Perez of Channel 61 and we will be following up with a phone call to confirm if she can do it for us.
9. UCONN credit transfer change, we discussed at the last meeting or the one before that, there was an article provided to all of the members, he's not sure where LPRAC will take a position on this, however we wanted to see if UCONN will take the credits from Middlesex and the other junior colleges in town. There was a literature on that where they are trying to stop at a certain number. We'll monitor to see how that goes and if you want to take a stand on that.
10. The tickets for the combined 2014 event, it looks like we are going to have 76 complementary tickets and about 424 regular tickets for sale.

Motion made to accept the Special Projects Committee report by Commissioner Díaz, Esq. and seconded by Commissioner Trueworthy, M.S.

Discussion:

Commissioner Montalvo mentioned that last year, there was a quick meeting to talk about the GPA and she knows that at that last meeting, it was discussed that a group was going to be put together to discuss it and make final recommendations and that was since April or May last year and she has not heard anything about it, are we going to do something about it. GPA to her doesn't really represent anything.

Commissioner Torres said that it is 2.80. He knows there were internal discussions at one of their meetings and he was not sure if she was there, it was months ago, you are correct. His recollection was that they, as a committee, decided to leave it at 2.80.

Commissioner Montalvo said that as a recommendation she remembers that they were going to reconvene for this year so that they can put a group together on time to discuss it and to talk about it.

Chairman Cruz said that his comment is that a few years ago prior to most of us here, our GPA was at 3.0 and then we dropped it down to 2.8 and then we were discussing to drop it even more he thinks it was last year.

Commissioner Torres said that he believes the reason they were going to drop it in the beginning was because two years ago, we had 13 applicants and we had 13 scholarships so we thought that by dropping it we can get more. Recently last year we had more applicants so I believe the committee's thinking was since we are getting enough applicants we no longer need to lower our standards.

Commissioner Castillo mentioned that when they discussed about looking at the whole process, they had gotten people that were last year, remember going through the applications of good candidates but their GPA was 2.5 and some of us wanted to accept it but when we brought it to the board we said no because those were our guidelines and if we were to do something different and get audit it would look bad. So we agreed that we would sit as a group and go over it. Recently we met a few of us to go over the application and we looked at it, we just had the meeting with the Vice Chair, Commissioner Soto, Mrs. Goicoechea Hernández and herself to look at the application itself, we didn't look at really changing and I don't think we should change to be lower if anything keep it as it is but we looked at the application making it a little tighter and added some more questions to it and also did the affidavit paper which was an extra piece which she thinks now looks reasonable and now they want to put it out front so that people can start taking, look at it and applying. Those were the few changes that they made but they didn't change the GPA they left it at 2.8.

Commissioner Díaz, Esq. said that he wasn't present for the most recent meeting but he was present via phone when they had the discussion about lowering the GPA. It was his recollection that they discussed it, they vetted it and that they put it to vote that they were not going to lower the GPA because it is a scholarship and one of the main components for the scholarship is that you have a decent GPA. We voted to keep it the same because of those reasons.

Commissioner Montalvo asked if we are going to be put a group together to talk about it, we have new people on board and the reason why because we had a really good student who applied but his GPA went down one semester because his father was dying of cancer and he was helping his family. It's our Latino kids that have to do multitasks at home plus do their education. She's not asking to lower it but to get rid of it and then yes of course we'll go for the highest GPA but if we have someone than we have the flexibility to give them the opportunity. Can we put together a group to take a look at this, one meeting, and then make a recommendation to the full commission?

Commissioner Fernandez commented that we had this discussion last year and Dr. Mañjon was present. If was brought forward that we recommended 2.8 to the full board and it was approved.

Commissioner Montalvo asked for the minutes of the Special Projects Committee meeting where this recommendation was made.

Chairman Cruz reminded everyone that the students can reapply each year so that if they were denied one year for whatever reason, they can reapply the next year.

Motion passed by voice vote.

RBA COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Montalvo said that she has another Co-Chair, Commissioner Salorio. We conducted a fact finding regarding the emergency procedures in the State of CT and how the state is bringing the information out to the Latino community. This came about because Dr. Jaime Gomez has been asking to do an RBA for the past year and it was very interesting, there were three areas that needed to be covered and at the end the finding was, although we have people from out of state that are trying to reach out to the Latino community, state government is not doing it. We are planning on doing is have two other meetings. The first meeting was held with media and it was interesting to hear that they have to actually approach State Government to get information they have to call to find out what is going on. The second and third meetings are going to be done with providers and also people from the community. Last week, Friday, Mr. Oyanadel and Co-Chair Commissioner Salorio met with the Charter Oak folks and there are two things that we need to do a.s.a.p. 1. We need to conduct several RBAs in order for this report to be completed. 2. We need people to help to do this work. We need to put a calendar together on how many RBAs and when they are going to be done that way we can start to identify who the key players are and send notices to these people.

Commissioner Salorio reported that they met with Ron Shack from Charter Oak Group and they discussed the Population Report Card that we are going to do, it's an overall using the RBA framework, it attempts to give an overall sense of the population that is the Latino community in the State of CT with respect to our 5 areas, Education, Self- Sufficiency, Health, Security and Discrimination with a view towards preparing a report to be issued in June to serve as a baseline as our future efforts in this regard. We have to do 5 of these between February and May that will mean 1 February, 2 in March, 1 in April and 1 in May. For each of the topic areas, we are going to try to find three general indicators of the condition of the Latino population in the State of CT. The first three are Economic, Self-Sufficiency, Health and Education where we had a collection of events on these and where we have a robust list of people that we can call in, invite to come speak and participate.

Motion made to accept the RBA Committee report by Commissioner Díaz, Esq. and seconded by Commissioner Trueworthy, M.S.

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Discussion:

Commissioner Trueworthy asked if the 5 RBA sessions we would ask people to come to reflect on the indicators that we are proposing with the data.

Commissioner Salorio stated that generally there is a Moderator then we introduce and explain the RBA format, the three indicators are put out there and the idea is to turn the curve. Typically these indicators will be showing something unfavorable and the idea is what do we need to do to turn the curve. The data is there and then the people in the audience; the members are then asked to say if they believe this data actually reflects and captures the state of the population. Once there is an agreement, the next step is what has caused this and then the final two steps are what might be done to ameliorate it and who else is necessary, what partners are required which is very important.

Motion passed by voice vote.

AD-HOC COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS

Commissioner Díaz, Esq., Chair of the Committee said that the committee did not meet and that he had some preliminary discussions. The Ad Hoc Sub Committee for the By-Law is going to have a quick turnaround. He is hoping to have one meeting within the next month and anyone who wants to opine may do so that he can have a draft to submit to the board for our next commission meeting. The reason is because we don't need to rework the entire By-laws like before, just two or three tweaks. We are tackling two specific areas; one is the conflict with the voting and to clear up some in discrepancy with the phone calls.

Motion made to accept the AD-Hoc Committee on By-Laws report by Commissioner Dr. Quiñones and seconded by Commissioner Trueworthy, M.S.

Discussion:

Commissioner Soto asked since he is fairly new, he asked about the two issues mentioned.

Commissioner Díaz, Esq. reported that when we were doing our voting, we noticed that in the By-Laws, the discrepancy was that it did not when you were voting there was a language in the By-Law that states that the individual needs to be physically present but then we had when we enacted the ability for a Commissioner to call in because that was not present before we revamped the existing By-Laws is that we said that when you are calling in, you can vote. The second, we would like to revisit the phone calling-in issue to try to tweak to prevent any abuse, not that this happens frequently, i.e. the way that the rule is right now, you can miss two meetings then call and be present, miss another two meetings then call and be present.

Chairman Cruz added that during the Executive Board meeting prior to the meeting, there is a note in the By-Laws on the Executive Board meetings being the first Wednesdays of each month. We are making recommendations to take off the first Wednesday of the month.

Motion passed by voice vote.

OLD & NEW BUSINESS

Motion made to accept all Committee Reports of 12-18-13 by Commissioner Fernández and seconded by Commissioner Díaz, Esq. Motion passes by voice vote.

Commissioner Montalvo announced that she attended last night at the Old State House it was a community conversation in regards mental health in the State of CT. She had the great opportunity to meeting Personelba Marquez Green and encourages everyone to go on the CTN website or CTN.com to watch the video, there were over 200 people talking about mental health including about 45 Latinos that were there talking about the need to have this discussion throughout the State of CT. SAMHSA, coming from the President's office in Washington, is doing this community conversations with Everyday Democracy in Hartford who are working together on putting town hall meeting with the Secretary of State's Office. She thinks this is a good possibility for an RBA. Ms. Marquez Green asked her to mention to the commission to begin thinking the fact that they are doing this playground in honor of every child that was killed that day and she would like to have her daughter's here in Hartford at Elizabeth Park and she will need support for that. She also asked the Executive Director that last year they met with the Public Health Commission in regards to the Barbers and there was supposed to be a meeting with the Public Health Commission and other and that meeting never happened and she was asked about this by several barbers.

Mr. Oyanadel responded that the report being prepared by the State Department of Labor under state law is due at the beginning of the year and as soon as it is ready he will distribute it to all LPRAC Commissioners. The report is addressed to the members of the Connecticut General Assembly.

Commissioner Montalvo asked if we can send a letter just as a follow-up to find out where they are, when are they going to release the report or if perhaps they can give us an idea or send us a draft of the report.

Commissioner Montalvo would like to put a motion on the floor to reach out to the Ethics Commission and also to the Attorney General's Office to come and provide the Commission with training in ethics and also to have someone here available to answer questions that she has and other commissioners may have.

Motion made to have Ethics Training A.S.A.P. in the next couple of months by Commissioner Montalvo and seconded by Commissioner Castillo.

Discussion:

Chairman Torres asked if he has a question right now is there a place to call right now.

Mr. Oyanadel answered yes you can always contact the Ethics Commission and request responses to specific questions on ethics.

Chairman Cruz said that he shares with Commissioner Montalvo that us as a Commission we have a lot of new commissioners on board and he felt that we should have ethics training, a one day or one to two hours but need to look into it later.

Motion via voice vote failed.

Motion made to limit the LPRAC Scholarship program to Latino/Hispanic students only by Commissioner Fernández and seconded by Commissioner Dr. Quiñones.

Discussion:

Commissioner Montalvo asked for explanation an explanation of the motion.

Commissioner Díaz, Esq. said that there was an issue last year where we were concerned because we had some Non-Latino students applying for the scholarships so granted this time around it didn't affect us because the individuals that were Non-Latino were disqualified for other reasons just like some of our Latino people were but requested an official questions to the Office of Legislative Research whether it was legal for LPRAC to limit the scholarship application pool to specifically Latinos and it was but it was not on the old form but is reflected in the new one.

Motion passed by voice vote.

Motion made to adjourn at 8:27 p.m. by Commissioner Dr. Quiñones and seconded by Commissioner Montalvo. Motion passed by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted by,

Emanuela Palmares Leaf
Secretary, LPRAC Board

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