

MINUTES

GOVERNOR'S ADVISORY COUNCIL ON LATIN AMERICAN AND HISPANIC AFFAIRS

Monday, July 31, 2006 – 1:30 P.M.

Oklahoma History Center
Dr. LeRoy H. Fischer Board Room, Third Floor
2401 North Laird Avenue
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105

Advance written notice of regular scheduled meetings was filed with the Secretary of State on December 14, 2005. The agenda for this meeting was posted with the Office of Personnel Management (OPM). This meeting was conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Open Meeting Act, Section 301 through 314 of Title 25.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Giovanni Perry, Vice-Chair
Nancy Galvan
Teri Mora
Arthur Valdez
Juanita Vasquez-Sykes

MEMBERS ABSENT

Yolanda Charney
Dr. Eloy Chavez
Sebastian Lantos
Guillermo Rojas
Clifford Uranga
Steven Valencia

OPM STAFF PRESENT

Brenda C. Thornton
Linda Williamson

VISITORS PRESENT

Oscar B. Jackson, Jr. – Administrator of the Office of Personnel Management (OPM)
and Cabinet Secretary of Human Resources and Administration
Dr. Bob Blackburn – Executive Director, Oklahoma Historical Society
Shirley A. Russell – Director of Legislative Affairs, OPM
Erin Boeckman – Staff Writer, Capitol Network News
Judy Gibbs Robinson – Reporter, The Oklahoman
Dr. Evelina Morales – Member, Governor's Advisory Council on Asian-American Affairs
and Epidemiologist, Department of Environmental Quality
Javier Del Bono – Retired Deputy Superintendent, California Department of Education
Rosa Diaz – El Universal News and Rosa's Jewelry
Roberto Pazos – Univision Oklahoma
Ignacio Castro – Univision Oklahoma

A. CALL TO ORDER.

Giovanni Perry, Vice-Chair of the Governor's Advisory Council on Latin American and Hispanic Affairs, called the meeting to order at 1:37 p.m.

B. INTRODUCTION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS, STAFF AND SPECIAL GUESTS.

Vice-Chair Perry asked council members, staff and guests to provide self-introductions. Oscar Jackson, Jr., thanked Dr. Bob Blackburn for having extended the invitation to this council, as well as the other Governor's Advisory Councils at OPM, to not only hold a meeting in the new Oklahoma History Center but to also develop a relationship with this and other groups throughout the State of Oklahoma. Vice-Chair Perry welcomed everyone and thanked each for attending.

C. REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 6, 2006, MEETING.

The minutes of the April 6, 2006, meeting were presented and reviewed with no changes or corrections noted. The motion and vote to approve, however, were tabled until the next meeting, as no quorum was present.

D. LETTER FROM FORMER CHAIRMAN QUIROGA.

Vice-Chair Perry read the letter of resignation from Oscar Quiroga, former Chair of the council, who resigned effective July 25, 2006, to accept an international career assignment that will take him to Monterrey, Mexico, for at least the next five years.

E. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE.

Shirley Russell provided each member with a packet of information on the legislative studies for both the state House and Senate that were requested and approved. She explained the process for these studies and what might be expected as a result of these studies. She highlighted those studies that specifically dealt with immigration issues. She noted that the meeting schedules had not been finalized but that she would forward the information to the council upon receipt. Ms. Russell also provided information on the Department of Labor's scheduled public hearings that were being held to gather information on the impact, if any, of illegal immigration on the State of Oklahoma.

F. TRAINING REPORT: OPEN MEETING/OPEN RECORDS AND ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER.

Vice-Chair Perry attended the recent training held at OPM and conducted by the State Office of the Attorney General on the Open Meeting Act and Open Records Act. She gave an overview of the training with emphasis on those items of particular interest and impact on the council. Vice-Chair Perry noted that OPM had provided each council chair with a copy of the book on the Open Meeting Act and Open Records Act that was available for all members to use.

Vice-Chair Perry also attended the training on Robert's Rules of Order conducted by three professional parliamentarians at a recent council meeting of the Governor's Advisory Council on Asian-American Affairs. Since the council operates under the Open Meeting/Open Records Act, not all procedures outlined in Robert's Rules of Order were applicable to them. She noted that this was very good training and information that everyone could also use when attending other meetings.

D. HISPANIC/LATINO COMMUNITY LEADERS SUMMIT IN 2006.

Art Valdez, Chair of the Summit Planning Committee, gave a report on the progress of the planning of the Summit. The committee has established a mission statement, defined the purpose, set goals, and developed the registration form. They are still working to find a keynote speaker and identify the issues to be discussed in the breakout sessions. Their next monthly meeting will be on the third Tuesday of August at the OSU Oklahoma City Campus located at

Northwest 10th and Portland. The date of the Summit is Saturday, October 14, 2006, at the Oklahoma City Junior College. Mr. Valdez reported that there is still much more work to be done and asked that everyone make an effort to assist in anyway possible in order to have a successful summit.

H. IMMIGRATION ISSUES.

Sebastian Lantos gave a PowerPoint presentation at the last meeting and agreed to serve as chair of a committee to meet and formulate a plan for presenting the immigration information to the legislators. Vice-Chair Perry noted that the committee had not met and Mr. Lantos was not present to provide a report or additional information.

Vice-Chair Perry introduced for discussion the Governor's recent decision to send National Guard troops to the border.

As a quorum was not present, it was decided to table all discussion on immigration issues until a quorum was present.

I. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Vice-Chair Perry reported that the status of the council's letter to the FBI requesting that they investigate the possible wrongful death of Richard Lee (Ricky) Sanchez was still pending.

J. NEW BUSINESS.

Mr. Jackson commented on the HR Exchange, OPM's Annual Report and an article on OPM's EEO/AA Status report that was included in their meeting folder.

K. ADJOURNMENT.

Vice-Chair Perry adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m.