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## MINUTES

### Oregon Commission on Hispanic Affairs

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12-4 PM

University of Oregon, Portland Campus  
White Stag facility's Wayne Morse Suite (3rd floor)  
70 North West Couch Street  
Portland, Oregon

### ATTENDEES

**Chair:** José Ibarra  
**Vice Chair:** Raymond C. Caballero  
**Commissioners:** Steve Bender, Gilbert Carrasco, Andrea Cano (teleconference), Marcela Mendoza (teleconference), David Molina, Dagoberto Morales (teleconference)  
**Speakers:** Daniel Santos (teleconference), Juan Carlos Ordoñez  
**Guest(s):** Rudy Soto (Candidate for Portland Commission on Public Affairs), Alexander Villareal (PSU student), Jay Warkevch (PSU student), Monica Bautista (PSU student), Raquel Barajas (Governor's Office, teleconference)  
**Staff:** Joy Howard, Daniel Rodriguez

#### **I. Call to Order**

Chair Ibarra called the meeting to order at 12:11 AM

#### **II. Daniel Rodriguez, OACO Interim Administrator:**

Daniel stressed to commissioners that he is the Interim Administrator and is here to assist commissions where needed and ensure the agency survives the legislative session. After this session is over, the Office collaborate with commissioners and other designated parties to begin looking for a permanent administrator.

Goals:

- 1) Solidify communication between four commissions and OACO
- 2) Create a common Annual Report
- 3) Meet with commissions individually and jointly
- 4) Create New Commissioner Packets
- 5) New OAC Office location
  - a) Lease is up at current location on June 30, 2010. Potentially looking to relocate in Portland

### **III. Juan Carlos Ordoñez, [Oregon Center for Public Policy](#)**

The Oregon Center for Public Policy (OCPP) does in-depth research and analysis on budget, tax, and economic issues. Their goal is to improve decision making and generate more opportunities for all Oregonians.

OCPP Initiatives/legislative priorities:

- 1) Measures 66 & 67
  - a) They were very involved in the process and success of these measures. They provided assistance with the numbers, analysis, media work, and debunking misinformation about the tax laws.
- 2) Increase earned income tax credit (EITC)
  - a) The average EITC recipient gets about \$85. Oregon's EITC is among the smallest of state EITC credits. At 6 percent it is only one-third the size of what it would need to be to rank in the middle of the pack among state EITCs. If increased to 18 percent, it would not only match the typical state EITC, but it would spare working poor families from paying income taxes on their wages.

### **IV. Daniel P. Santos, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the Governor**

- 1) Budget
  - a) In recent discussions with the Department of Administrative Services (DAS), Budget and Management (BAM) office, there are no perceived cuts to OACO right now
  - b) It is estimated that at the beginning of the next 2011-2013 legislative session, Oregon will have a 1.5 billion budget hole
- 2) OACO
  - a) After this special legislative session, the Office, joint chairs, BOLI, and DAS can begin working together to hire a permanent administrator
- 3) Legislative Concepts
  - a) Commissions wishing to make changes to their statutes can do so by submitting an Agency [Legislative Concept Request](#) to DAS by April 9, 2010

Questions:

Q: Carrasco – What role will the commission have in hiring the new administrator?

A: Commission chairs and a BOLI representative have done the hiring process in the past. Some commission chairs appointed a commissioner from their group instead, which is allowable.

### **V. Review and approval of Annual report [Mendoza]**

- 1) Vote: Commissioner Molina moved to approve report, Commissioner Mendoza seconded, approved unanimously
- 2) Report will be posted on website and sent to library and networks

### **VI. Awards and Resolutions proposed**

- 1) Vice-Chair Caballero asked commissioners to approve the resolutions honoring four Oregonians for their distinguished records of public and community service ([view here](#))
- 2) Vote: Vice-Chair Caballero moved, Commissioner Carrasco seconded, unanimously approved

### **VII. Approval of January 21, 2010 meeting minutes**

- 1) Revisions:
  - a) Add Orlando López to attendees
  - b) Section XIV. 1) a) - revise statement to better reflect what Representative said
  - c) Section XVI. 3) a) – change MeCha to MEChA

- 2) Vote: Commissioner Carrasco moved, Commissioner Cano seconded, approved unanimously with changes noted

**VIII. Executive Committee. Monitoring/reporting, finance, internal review [Ibarra]**

- 1) Commissioner Carrasco requested that the Commission be immediately notified of information being submitted on their behalf. He also wants OACO to assist with the compilation of the annual report.
- 2) Action Items:
  - a) Establish organizational structure and send to commissioners – OACO
  - b) Performance review of administrator be done by commission chairs, and executive assistants review done by administrator – OACO, commission chairs
  - c) Investigate getting an intern to assist commissions – OACO

**IX. Development Committee. Website report [Howard]**

Joy gave an update on the current condition of the OCHA website. Commissioner's involvement in ensuring accurate and timely information is on the website has been invaluable. She encouraged commissioners to continue to work in partnership with the office to keep content updated, informational, and accurate.

- 1) Updates
  - a) All state agency websites are now equipped with a translator feature operated through Google. To access feature, go to the top right corner of any agency website to the "Select Language" drop down list and select the language you'd like. This feature will make it easier for many people and will eliminate the need to create a separate OCHA website in Spanish.
  - b) Some commissioners have expressed an interest in adding their photo to the bio section of the website. If you'd like your picture added, please send it to Joy.
- 2) Comments
  - a) Daniel applauded commissioners for having their biographical information updated. He encouraged the commission to explore other social media outlets (Facebook, MySpace, etc.) as well in order to reach the broadest spectrum of citizens and community partners.
  - b) Commissioner Molina stated the OCHA website has significantly improved in the last year. He has worked with the state website development system before and understands the amount of time it takes to update using the TeamSite system.

**X. Program Committee. Liaison, outreach and future meetings**

- 1) April meeting [Caballero]
  - a) The agenda and confirmation of speakers is almost finalized
- 2) June meeting [Mendoza]
  - a) Working on agenda and meeting location, will report back to commission on status at next meeting
    - i. Note: Commissioner Morales asked that he be excused from this meeting as he will be out of the country
- 3) Comments
  - a) Commissioners commended Vice-Chair Caballero for the work he's doing as chair of this committee. They appreciate his diligence in ensuring the highest quality of speakers present at the meetings, and his coordinating skills in securing venues and creating agendas. Vice-Chair Caballero thanked commissioners for their compliments and urged

them to also get involved in the creation of the agendas by offering topics of interests and speakers.

**XI. Legislative agenda [Carrasco]**

- 1) Public Safety and Driver Protection Act
  - a) Commissioner Carrasco would like to seek endorsement of the Act from the other commissions before submitting to legislative counsel
  - b) Recommendations:
    - i. Chair Ibarra - seek endorsements from national organizations
    - ii. Vice-Chair Caballero - include information of the revenue impact it will have
    - iii. Reach out and create network of people from various groups and organizations (e.g., insurance, agriculture, police, etc.) who can assist in supporting Act
      - a) Commissioners Molina and Cano agreed to be liaisons to assist in creating group

**XII. Outreach committee**

- 1) Currently working on matrix that Vice-Chair Caballero is putting together. Will have an outcome by June meeting.

**XIII. Good of the Order**

- 1) Commission Members
  - a) Commissioner Verence Gutierrez submitted a [letter of resignation](#) to commissioners today
  - b) Chair Ibarra would like commissioners to consider Mr. John Haroldson as a potential new commissioner
- 2) Latino National Conference
  - a) Chair Ibarra asked the commission to approve use of the Commission's name as a supporter of this conference (no funds required)
  - b) Vote: Vice Chair Caballero moved, Commissioner Carrasco seconded, approved unanimously
- 3) Conference of the American Federation of Teachers
  - a) Chair Ibarra asked the commission to approve use of the Commission's name as a supporter of this conference (no funds required)
  - b) Vote: Vice Chair Caballero moved, Commissioner Molina seconded, approved unanimously
- 4) Reimbursement
  - a) Chair Ibarra asked commissioners to approve the use of their other funds account to reimburse him \$361.08 for the hotel bill in Chicago when he and Commissioner Carrasco attended a national conference
  - b) Vote: Vice-Chair Caballero moved, Commissioner Molina seconded, approved unanimously
- 5) Future commission meetings
  - a) Commissioner Morales asked that at least two laborers, Ramon Ramirez from PCUN, and the Attorney General be invited to come speak to the commission about the current laborer living conditions
  - b) Commissioner Cano agreed to assist in gathering people to attend meeting

**XIV. Adjournment at 4:12 p.m.**