

**Indiana Commission on Hispanic/Latino Affairs**  
**Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, January 29th, 2009**  
**3:00pm – 4:30pm**  
**Conference Center Room 12**  
**Indiana Government Center South**  
**Indianapolis, IN**

Commissioners Present:

Michael Smith, Proxy for Re. Mara Candelaria Reardon  
Dana Carter, Proxy for Sen. Carlin Yoder  
Angel Rivera, Senate Lay Member, Indianapolis  
Richard Espinosa, Senate Lay Member, For Wayne (Vice Chair)  
Christian Gallo, Senate Lay Member, Lafayette  
Gaudalupe 'Herb' Hernandez, Senate Lay Member, fort Wayne (Secretary)  
Andrea Bueno, Designee, Lt. Governor's Office  
Tina Little, Designee, Department of Corrections  
Andrea Perez, Designee, Department of Health  
Lauren Harvey, Designee, Department of Education  
Director Tony Kirkland, Civil Rights Commission  
Kristy Musall, Designee, Department of Workforce Development

Commissioners Not Present:

Rep. Richard McClain  
Sen. Frank Mrvan  
Pat Rios, House Lay Member, Indianapolis (Treasurer)  
Lisa Kusiak, House Lay Member, Munster  
Teddy Flores, House Lay Member, East Chicago  
Freddie Thon, House Lay Member, South Bend  
Alfonso Vida, Governor Appointee (Chair)  
Michell Stein-Ordinez, Designee, Family and Social Services Agency

Staff Present:

Pat Sanchez, Executive Director

Audience Present:

Diego Morales, SOS  
Francisco Garcia  
Juan Gonzalez  
Jamal Smith, Governor's Office  
Valerie Kroeger, DWD

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Espinosa at 3:02pm.  
Vice Chair Espinosa stated that quorum was not established.

## **II. Commission Business**

### **Approval of Minutes October 08**

No changes were made, however minutes could not be approved until quorum was established.

## **III. Reports**

### **A. Executive Director's Report**

Sanchez provided both a verbal and written report to all.

*At approximately 3:15pm Michael Smith signed in as proxy for Representative Candelaria-Reardon. After such signing, Vice Chair Espinosa stated that quorum had been established.*

Kirkland moved to accept the minutes. Bueno seconded the motion. The motion carried with one abstention.

Rivera made a privileged motion to the chair to change the agenda while quorum was established. The agenda items would be moved so that all items that required a vote would be completed first and then the remainder of the items completed. Kirkland seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Michael Smith indicated that he was not serving as a proxy for Representative Reardon. He was only there to pick up the binder. He left the meeting.

Quorum was lost.

### **B. Chair's Report**

No report was presented.

### **C. Budget Report**

The treasurer was not present to give the report. The budget report was presented by Sanchez. Discussion was held on issues regarding the budget and the forecast for 2009-2010 budget.

### **D. Committee Reports**

#### **1. Education Committee**

Harvey mentioned that the committee has not met since November, but the report was submitted to Sanchez. The October Education Conference was a success and follow-up with conference participants will be done by the Governor's Office.

#### **2. Health Committee**

The report is completed and is in the committee's hands. The full report should be up for a vote by next commission meeting.

#### **IV. Old Business**

##### **A. Commissioners assignments to sub-committees**

During the retreat, commissioners narrowed the nine committees to four committees: Health, Education, Business, and Civil Rights. The chairs of the committees are as follows: Education – Lauren Harvey, Business – Tina Little, Civil Rights – Tony Kirkland, Health – Undecided.

*At approximately 3:45pm Dana Carter, proxy for Senator Carlin Yoder, signed the attendance sheet. Vice Chair Espinosa stated that quorum was re-established.*

Rivera stated that when quorum was established earlier in this meeting that his privileged motion was seconded and voted on affirmatively by a majority vote. It was not necessary to make the same motion again. Rivera moved to approve the October minutes. Kirkland seconded the motion. The motion carried with one abstention.

##### **Election of Officers**

Rivera moved to begin the process of elections and that it the vote be made by roll call. Bueno seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Espinosa opened the floor to nominations.

Rivera nominated Herb Hernandez as chair. Bueno seconded the nomination. No further nomination was made. Rivera moved to close the nominations. Kirkland seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

The roll calls on votes to elect Hernandez as chair were as follows:

Rep Mara Candelaria-Reardon – No answer  
Rep Richard McClain – No answer  
Sen. Carlin Yoder – Hernandez  
Sen. Frank Mrvan – No answer  
House Lay member Pat Rios – No answer  
House Lay member Lisa Kusiak – No answer  
House Lay member Teddy Flores – No answer  
House Lay member Freddie Thon – No answer  
Senate Lay member Angel Rivera – Hernandez  
Senate Lay member Richard Espinosa – Hernandez  
Senate Lay member Christian Gallo – Hernandez  
Senate Lay member Herb Hernandez – Hernandez  
Governor Appointee Alfonso Vidal – No Answer  
Lt. Governor Designee Andrea Bueno – Hernandez  
Dept. of Correction Designee Tina Little – Hernandez

Dept. of Health Designee Andrea Perez – Hernandez  
Dept. of Education Designee Lauren Harvey – Hernandez  
Dept. of Civil Rights Tony Kirkland – Hernandez  
Dept. of FSSA Designee Michelle Stein Ordonez – No Answer

By order of roll call the votes for Hernandez are 10 official votes for Hernandez; no votes against. One proxy vote was noted but not counted towards the official count.

Hernandez opened the floor for nominations for the vice chair.

Espinosa submitted that he would like to be nominated as vice chair. Rivera moved that Espinosa be nominated. Harvey seconded the nomination. Nomination declared. Kirkland moved to close nominations for vice chair. Gallo seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The roll call on votes to elect Espinosa as vice chair were as follows:

Rep Mara Candelaria-Reardon – No answer  
Rep Richard McClain – No answer  
Sen. Carlin Yoder – Espinosa  
Sen. Frank Mrvan – No answer  
House Lay member Pat Rios – No answer  
House Lay member Lisa Kusiak – No answer  
House Lay member Teddy Flores – No answer  
House Lay member Freddie Thon – No answer  
Senate Lay member Angel Rivera – Espinosa  
Senate Lay member Richard Espinosa – Espinosa  
Senate Lay member Christian Gallo – Espinosa  
Senate Lay member Herb Hernandez – Espinosa  
Governor Appointee Alfonso Vidal – No Answer  
Lt. Governor Designee Andrea Bueno – Espinosa  
Dept. of Correction Designee Tina Little – Espinosa  
Dept. of Health Designee Andrea Perez – Espinosa  
Dept. of Education Designee Lauren Harvey – Espinosa  
Dept. of Civil Rights Tony Kirkland – Espinosa  
Dept. of FSSA Designee Michelle Stein Ordonez – No Answer

By order of roll call the votes Espinosa are 10 official votes for Espinosa; no votes against. One proxy vote was noted but not counted towards the official count.

Rivera moved that if there is only one candidate that we should vote by acclamation. Musall seconded the motion. The motion was carried.

Hernandez opened the floor for nominations for the secretary.

Espinosa moved that Lauren Harvey be nominated. Perez seconded the motion. Nomination declared. Kirkland moved to close the nominations. Gallo seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Hernandez stated that due to the previous motion of acclamation we shall vote on Lauren Harvey. The motion carried unanimously.

Hernandez opens the floor to nominations for the office of treasurer.

Bueno nominated Tina Little for treasurer. Harvey seconded. The nomination was declared. Kirkland moved for the nominations to be closed. Harvey seconded the motion. The nominations were closed.

Hernandez initialized the acclamation vote for Tina Little for treasurer. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **B. Student Legislative Day at the State House**

Sanchez mentioned that we could contact teachers to bring students to learn about government. Since we are dealing with ISTEP+ and spring break there are difficulties. She has spoken with La Plaza and they will assist. However, it will be difficult to execute.

There is a discussion about scheduling conflicts with school systems and what day to place the event on. It was brought up that with immigration bills it would be nice to have Latino students there as a demonstration. The decision was to postpone it to next year, start planning for it now, and give it to the education sub-committee to discuss. Rivera moved to assign Legislative Day to the education sub-committee with the goal to have a proper event in 2010. Perez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### **C. Retreat 2008**

There was a discussion about the 2008 retreat, what they accomplished, and what still needed to happen. They found the mission statement too wordy and wondered if it fit into what the commission does. They condensed the nine subcommittees down to four: Education, Health, Business, and Civil Rights. It was clear in the retreat was that we need more focus, direction and marketing.

It was suggested to look at the mission statement and how do we use it to motivate the commission to do what needs to be done.

#### **D. 2009 Conference**

Sanchez indicated that the 2009 conference was something that we wanted to do next year. Doing a conference is a huge endeavor. We need to fundraise and start planning for the conference now.

There was a discussion on the focus of the conference, who would plan the conference, and how we would finance the conference. There was also a discussion on the economy and if the commission feels safe hosting the conference. Rivera moved to create an ad hoc committee led by the executive director and the committee be formed before we leave the meeting today to research details on the possibilities.

## **V. New Business**

### **Annual Report**

Sanchez mentioned that a recommendation on the annual report. The information in the report is accurate and wondered if she should draft a brief on what changed.

Due to new commissioners with unfamiliarity with the report, they tabled the discussion on the report until next month.

Hernandez asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kirkland made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Espinosa seconded. The motion carried.

Ad hoc committee will be decided after the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:28pm.