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Oregon Commission on Hispanic Affairs
February 26, 2016, 2:00pm – 4:00pm
Lincoln Building 7th floor, Oak Large Conference Room
421 SW Oak St., Portland, OR 97204

ATTENDANCE:

Chair: Alberto Moreno
Vice Chair: John Haroldson (phone)
Commissioners: Andrea Cano, Cynthia Gómez (phone), Judy Parker, Marisa Salinas, Ana Valderrama from Rep Jessica Vega Pederson's office (phone)
Absent: Dr. Daniel López-Cevallos, Diego Hernandez, Senator Shields
Guests: Cameron Whitten, Know Your City
Staff: Lucy Baker, Nancy Kramer, Ty Schwoeffermann (phone)

I. Call meeting to order and roll call.

The meeting was called to order at 2:01pm. A quorum was established. Chair Moreno gave a warm welcome to new Commissioners Marisa Salinas and Dr. Daniel López-Cevallos. Commissioner Salinas looks forward to working with her fellow Commissioners on equity issues for the Hispanic community. Commissioners and staff introduced themselves and welcomed Marisa.

This is Commissioner Cano's last OCHA meeting after serving 2 terms. Chair Moreno thanked her for her years of participation, including 2 years as Chair. Commissioner Cano thanked the group for their good wishes and knows OCHA will continue to the striving for equity for the Hispanic community. She will be missed by everyone.

II. Adoption of the Agenda

MOTION (Parker/Cano): To accept the agenda as written. CARRIED.

III. Approval of OCHA meeting Minutes from December 2015

MOTION (Parker/Cano): To accept the December 2015 minutes as written. CARRIED.

IV. Public Comment - There was no public comment.

V. Old Business

A. Recruiting for open and expired OCHA positions

OCHA will have 4 open Governor-appointed commissioner positions as of June 1st, 2016 due to Commissioners serving the maximum of 2 full terms and both legislator seats will be open later this year. Senator Shields is retiring from the legislature and Representative Vega Pederson is running for Multnomah County Commissioner. OCHA's roster had 3 attorneys for several years and they will all have termed off the Commission by June 1st; however, Commissioner Salinas is a JD. Commissioners brainstormed taking into consideration geographic diversity and skills OCHA is seeking and suggested the following names for Governor-appointed Commissioners:

1. Marisol McCallister, real estate and land-use lawyer
2. Peter Ricoy, healthcare attorney (Ms. McCallister's brother)
3. Iván Reséndiz Gutiérrez

Commissioner Parker recommended the 3 people above and gave permission to use her name when contacting them.

4. Marlene Yesquen, educator, southern Oregon
5. Guillermo Gonzalez, business owner, Corvallis
6. Linda Castillo
7. Kevin Diaz, southern Oregon

Representative Bentz suggested a candidate from Hermiston and Chair Moreno can follow up on the name.

Chair Moreno would like assistance in vetting these suggestions.

Commissioner Gómez will also review Latino community group rosters such Unidos and OLAA for possible candidates.

The Senate President and the Speaker of the House will appoint the next set of legislators to the OCHA. The Commissioners considered Senator Gelser, Co-Chair for the Notario Fraud Task Force and Senator Elizabeth Steiner Hayward, a friend to the Commissions. Commissioners agreed Representative Gallegos would be an excellent choice from the House.

VI. New Business

A. Legislative discussion – Ty/All

1. Ratification of e-votes – Nancy read the following bills into the record:
 - a. SB 1533A, Inclusionary Zoning
 - b. HB 4017, Basic Health Plan
 - c. HB 4128, Notario Fraud
 - d. HB 4036, Clean Energy and Community Solar Panels

MOTION (Parker/Gomez): To ratify the electronic votes of the OCHA to support the bills as read into the record. CARRIED.

2. Status update on HB 4128 – Commissioner Parker & Vice Chair Haroldson.

Chair Moreno applauded the Immigration Consultant Fraud Task Force, created by HB 3525 in the 2015 legislative session, tasked with further developing a bill to protect immigrants from fraudulent notaries. Vice Chair Haroldson and Commissioner Parker sat on the Task Force which developed HB 4128. The bill contained 3 revisions to existing statutes covering extortion, obstruction of justice and strengthening oversight of the Secretary of State's office regarding denying renewal of a Notary Public or stripping them of their title.

The bill passed in the House and the Senate and will be signed into law by the Governor. This law provides concrete improvements for the immigrant community and also provides an effective template for the OAC's to develop future legislative concepts.

The Oregon State Bar approached the OCHA about providing information regarding Notary Publics, which cannot advertise solely in Spanish. Chair Moreno will reach out to fellow Hispanic Commissions in the U.S. and provide a copy of the bill as a template for drafting their own version of HB 4128. Commissioner Parker will draft a cover letter for Chair Moreno to include with the bill.

Chair Moreno gave special thanks to Senator Gelser and Representative Vega Pederson for their considerable efforts in championing this bill.

The Chair excused himself and, with Vice Chair Haroldson's support, asked Commissioner Parker to serve as Chair for the remainder of the meeting, which she accepted.

3. Legislative Update – Ty Schwoeffermann, the OAC's Policy Analyst, gave an overview of the status of OCHA's priority bills:

HB 4036 A, Clean Energy is now SB 1547 – 18. There was some question as to whether subsidies for community solar panels was still part of this bill. Ana from Representative Vega Pederson's office will send a 4-page overview.

Basic Health Plan, HB 4017, creates a work group with OHA and community leaders to develop a blueprint of an actual Basic Health Plan. This bill is scheduled for a floor vote on March 1. The OAC Chairs all signed a floor letter in support of this bill.

SB 1533, Inclusionary Zoning (IZ), is a bipartisan bill. It will allow local governments to implement IZ in new housing construction projects of 20 or more units, requiring 20% of units be priced at affordable housing rates (for sale or rent).

The last possible day of session is March 6th; however, Sine Die will be March 3rd. Representative Gallegos is requesting a posthumous tribute to Dick Ginsburg, who was instrumental in raising awareness about Notario Fraud. OCHA holds Dick Ginsburg in the highest regard and supports a tribute to Mr. Ginsburg.

B. Know Your City (KYC) presentation – Cameron Whitten, Executive Director
Mr. Whitten is seeking OCHA's support in creating a more inclusive curriculum about Oregon's history, known as Oregon Studies (SB 739 which passed in the 2013 legislative session). The campaign is called Our Stories Matter and KYC wants to hire Civic Equity Education Organizers to develop the curriculum for Portland Public School's 2017-18 school year. He asked OCHA to write a letter of support asking the City of Portland and Multnomah County to allocate funds for these positions. OCBA and OCAPIA have a draft letter and will forward it to OCHA for their review. OCHA will hold an e-vote after having reviewed the letter.

Commissioner Parker thanked Cameron for his presentation.

C. Other business

1. Vice Chair Haroldson will be the keynote speaker for the upcoming Lane County NAACP Chapter meeting. He was also asked to serve on the United States Hispanic Leadership Institute (USHLI)'s Board and has agreed to do so. Congratulations John! Oregon is participating for the 8th consecutive year, sending 150 participants from 20 schools in Oregon. All students attending USHLI have remained in school, no dropouts! Commissioner Parker congratulated him on his achievements.

2. The "State of Latino Oregon" report was released and is building a task force to help disseminate this study. Commissioner Salinas was invited to serve on the task force but it is unclear if she would serve as an OCHA Commissioner or not. Lucy will contact the chair for clarification.

3. Commissioner Parker received an award in December from the OS Bar for membership services.

4. Commissioner Cano will present at an annual statewide kinsmanship award, will travel to Guatemala in April as a Chaplain, and was appointed to Mayor Hales' Media group.

VII. Administrator's Report

- A. Budget preparation process leading to August submission of 2017-2019 OACO budget
The Agency's Request Budget (ARB) for the 2017-19 biennium is due August 1st. All OAC's have reviewed the OACO Staffing Plan and are supportive of adding the other .5 of the Policy Analyst position, to make it a full-time permanent position. The other staff request will be for a .25 FTE Office Assistant, to take on some of the purely administrative work Nancy is currently doing. This would free Nancy to project manage Public Policy Research internships and support the Commissions' evolving committee work. Lucy will share a more detailed draft of the staffing plan in April.

Regarding the deficit in the OACO's current budget, Lucy met with the CFO's Office to consider options. Almost half of the \$30K deficit is in staffing and this should be covered by the legislature's "salary pot", voted on during February 2016 short session. In Services & Supplies, overages in DAS Service Charges were not covered. This is being worked on as well, and Lucy expects there will only be \$5K deficit remaining after the careful review. Commissioner Parker thanked Lucy for her excellent stewardship of the budget.

- B. Commissioner travel reimbursement update
Nancy spoke briefly to commissioners about some new improvements to reimbursements.

VIII. For the Good of the Order

Next OCHA meeting is Friday, April 22nd, 2pm – 4pm in Portland and include nominations for OCHA Chair and Vice Chair (elections in June)

IX. Adjourn - The meeting was adjourned by common consent at 3:32pm.