



**Chicano Latino
Affairs Council**
State of Minnesota

*Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2010*

Present:

Board Members: Elia Bruggeman, Antonio Lizano, Nicholas Juarez, Edgardo Rodriguez, Michael Rosario, Sonia Hohnadel, Teresa Dawson, Mario Vargas. Rep. Linda Slocum.

Staff: Hector Garcia, Oscar Echandi, Rosa Tock.

Visitors: Michael Kampmeyer, ICC; Seann Nelipunalt, ICC; Pablo Murillo Saavedra, ICC; Tom Mathew, ICC; Dave Metzen, Office of Higher Education.

Recorder: Antonio Lizano, *Board Secretary*

Agenda Item	Discussion/Action Summary/Motions Adopted	Follow-Up/Timeline	Person(s) Responsible
Review Minutes	Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review items of business• Review 3rd quarter• Update census 2010 initiative• Provide update on 2009 census• Discuss general and new business Minutes from Nov 15 th 2009 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Observation: we have several suggestions for actions (make notes, fold minutes, etc)• We had our administrative assistant running the notes• Approve the minutes: passed		
Quarter Review			
Treasurer's Report	Treasury court financial performance report <ul style="list-style-type: none">• First 8 months (starts July 1st)• 60% of budget spent• 2 parts: 1 part budget and the other 17,000 + money carried over• remaining of \$9396<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ importance: need to figure out how to spend it between now and June 30th		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ finance meeting right before to appoint someone to spend it and get it as close to zero as they can • most of budget are salaries (about 85%) (higher then any other mark, paid bi-weekly) • special items: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ technology from prior year: spent ○ grants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ gift: there for emergencies (\$9000) ▪ 2000 spent in Feb. (partially for the internet) ▪ 5000 from Minneapolis foundation: mostly spent except \$377 • fiscal budget: open, still up in the air <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ last year asked to prepare for 10% cut ○ then told to implement a 5% budget cut ○ now it's around 7% <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ need to think of creative ways to bring in revenue ○ only way to increase funds: fundraising (government money is lost if not spent by June 30th) ○ reducing costs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ staff member leaving ▪ looking for less expensive space (\$9,000 remaining might have to be used for moving costs) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ second biggest expense is rent (\$1,785.61) ▫ lease ends in 2010- can be terminated if conflicts with getting a high enough budget ▪ cutting extra spending <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ cut paper/ printing cost: ex. Not printing off more copies of reports then need 		
Executive Director's Report	<p>Exec. Directors Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislative duties <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ During January focused on preparing for Legislative day at the capital in February <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Had training days ○ Active on eliminating help disparities initiative <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In 2001, legislator gave around \$10 million to the state to help 		

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	<p>people of color and the Indian population in MN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Helped tap into the talent locally to help with the project ▪ Been the convenient body for preparing the 2010 census ○ Feb: met with CLUS, CLACK (?), commissioner of health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Eliminating issues with health disparities ▪ Working on site visit to all three above to visit the building ▪ Issue of charter school: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Some feel it's segregated ▫ Trying to bring the community to see the difference between the myths and see that the graduation rate among a specific group is lower and that is why they are separated, they are focusing on the students that need the most help ▫ Issue of people not having a license here but only from their own country because of the difficulty of obtaining one here <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set up a meeting to talk about how to start improving that ▫ Dept of human services meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expose the talent of the community • Acting as a bridge from the community to state agencies • Talked about the importance of continuing sponsoring the Latino agencies ▫ Presented to the Senate and House ▫ "How were you received?" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • good, unknown that some organizations have connections between each other • dept of human services, have heard the councils but no interaction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ want to be a resource to them ▫ Issue: Reusing funding: some are going to be cutting out transportation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gang recruiting in Latino Communities • parents are pulling kids out of schools when they 		

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	<p style="text-align: center;">have to walk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be the resource of Latino teachers to help the children (connect the professionals of MN to gifts/talents of the community) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ For teachers from other countries, they could possibly set up some kind of license requirements program aside from what they have to be certified to teach in Minnesota <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ex: getting 15 credits from the U, a degree, along with the license from their country ▫ Kick off for census <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good turn out for the event ▫ Organized welcome for Southwest airlines <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Leadership events <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Seems to be more Latinas ▫ Propose calling those organizations and becoming sponsors ▪ Other groups adapted our policies? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ They don't have a leg. Agenda (ex Asian community) ▫ Overall no, no one has ▫ Was given the suggestion to work in the same building as other organization ▪ Mexican Council <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Mexican Council is trying to get more involved in community as well ▫ They would like to get involved in a higher level ▫ Not only wants to improve communities here, but also in Mexico ▪ ____ Essence (? Couldn't understand the name) from Minnesota <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ wanted to get an outreach to community ▫ started a music education program for African Americans ▫ started a Latino program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • got composers from Mexico • will be having a concert at Orchestra hall ▫ could distribute the music being written for that elementary school to others over the state 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • need to get children more involved in activities ▪ Evaluation done internal to use to measure success <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Goals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leg. • Organizational • Community building 		
Committees/ Task Force Reports			
Issue....	<p>Updated CLAC calendar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In 3rd quarter • Presented before the senate and house <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gov budget ○ Presented on feedback ○ On issue of health and education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ How do we ensure that Latinos get help/relief (will be presenting on that further) ○ 20% of the money has to be used with disadvantaged people <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ women ▪ people of color ▪ handicap people • MMSC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Formed by a group of organizations to certify a person for a small business or color <p>Census Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Past 6 months meeting to organize and effort to engage Latinos to be apart of the census (why it's important, why it's safe) • Laid out a plan and strategies to do the outreach, established 5 committee structures • Have one year until launch, this is just a report that things are moving along • Danger in having an accurate count and we may fall under the \$200,000 threshold • Need to draw people out through engagement • Will have the census in 6 languages 		
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Other Businesses	New business item <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We want other committee members to be brought in (from CLACK?) to other committees ○ Hoping that some of the people on the committee will be apart of their job <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Therefore they will not have to meet on Saturday ▪ Can attend meetings during the weekdays ▪ Can form their own meeting schedule ○ Want the committee to be easy in terms of setting up and conducting 		
Next Board Meeting	May 15, 2010		