



**Chicano Latino
Affairs Council**
State of Minnesota

**Chicano Latino Affairs Council
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

Date: May 15, 2010

Present:

Board Members: M. Vargas, A. Garay-Lehn, R. Sedarski, A. Lizano, A. O'Meara, N. Juarez, E. Rodriguez, M. rosario, F. Morales, T. Dawson

Staff: H. Garcia, R. Tock. O. Echandi, G. Rodriguez

Visitors: Laura Morales (Willmar); Sue Wickham, SMART; Sandra Marks, SMART; Patrick Prose, SMART

Agenda Item	Discussion/Action Summary/Motions Adopted	Follow-Up/Timeline	Person(s) Responsible
Introduction	Review Agenda <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Open Meeting Law 2. Review Business Conducted since 3rd Quarter Meeting 3. Review other relevant Council activities 4. Closed session for 6-month review of ED 5. Review and discuss Heritage Fund allocations 6. Review Committee Reports 7. (New Business) : Cantare Concert announced 8. Committee Assignments Agenda Passed Introductions		
Open Meeting Law Presentation (Ken Raschke – Office of the Attorney General)	Presentation, Questions from Council members and Responses		
Conflict of Interest Presentation (Sandra Marks, Patrick Prose, and Sue Wickham)	Presentation, Questions from Council members and Responses		
Council 3 rd Quarter Meeting Minutes	Minutes approved as submitted		

February 20, 2010 (Antonio Lizano)			
Treasurer's Report (Edgardo Rodriguez)	<p>FY2010</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approved budget of \$298,000 up to April 2010. 3% deduction was \$5,766 2. \$16,000 from Heritage Fund (pending approval of agreement) 3. Overall spending has been reduced. \$293,058 is the estimated expense for the year. Monies not used this FY can be carried over to FY2011 <p>FY2011</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clarification of 3% - 2010's 3% is from total spent thus far, while 2011 is from total budget. 2. Currently there are no proposals for additional cuts to the councils. Proposed cuts are in the bigger departments. 3. CLAC needs to be cautious about 2011 because although the Co-Location report did not show any significant savings, people were not happy with the study, and CLAC needs to be proactive about raising additional money and cutting back expenses to pre-empt getting hit over the head more significantly later. 4. CLAC needs to prepare for the worst case scenario 5. Collaborative effort with other councils is important. Political situation with immigration is changing environment. Economic reality and collaborative effort is imperative 		
Executive Director's Report (Hector Garcia)	<p>Project Tracking</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Intended to give "global view" of what CLAC is involved in 2. Race to the Top – Lost. Department of Education did not make sufficient mention of educational disparities 3. Latino Leaders Alliance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N. Juarez – Clarification of approval requested • H. Garcia – Latino Leaders Alliance is a research venue to get a deeper understanding of the community. • Note (from February meeting notes): Agreeing on terms of grant. So if we accept the proposal that we coordinate this leader's alliance then we would run this program that would be directed initially towards disparities in education and addressing disparities in economic development. • A. Lizano – What are tangible benefits of these meetings? • A. O'Meara – We should focus on 2 or 3 projects that CLAC can 		

	<p>champion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H. Garcia – When is Board clarification need? <p>4. Humanities Center</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H. Garcia – Survey conducted. Artists conveying survey results through their art for documentary. There should be some footage for next Board meeting • Contract violation explanation and consequences • Motion to delegate right to sign grant contract to Chair for August 2010 meeting, Motion does not carry. <p>5. Otto Bremer Grant</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H. Garcia – Grant of \$20,000 for civic engagement program that was presented in February meeting. • Contract motion carried – “Approve the letter from the Otto Bremer Foundation on the condition that the Executive Director checks with the Attorney General’s office and receives a written okay to sign the agreement and then to develop a contract that will be, it’s still got to be voted on in the August meeting” <p>6. Latino Corporate Advisory committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H. Garcia – Committee would help us get research. Connections would aid in passing bills • Board – Shouldn’t get too involved unless it directly affects us. Recommendation to form committee did not carry. 	Hector will meet with A. O’Meara to work on committee objectives and outcomes and will report during next board meeting.	
Legislative Update	Brief Budget Update		
Other Business	<p>1. Oscar’s will be taking a Leaving of Absence from CLAC and will be returning in September.</p> <p>2. Gimse’s Immigration Proposal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sen. Torres-Ray informed us • Position statement absolutely essential • M. Vargas – Proposes Immigration Committee (or immigration to become focus of Legislative Committee) 		
Meeting Adjourned	Next Board Meeting: August		