



Virginia Latino Advisory Board
Quarterly Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2017
8300 Boone Boulevard Suite 450
Vienna, VA 22182

12:15

Brief introductions for board members and roll taken.

In attendance: Gloria Rockhold, Vivian Sanchez-Jones, Louisa Meruvia, Sergio Rimola, Chris Falcon, Jorge Yinat, Mercedes Santos-Bell, Aida Pacheco, Mike Martinez, Cecilia Barbosa, Cecilia Williams, Diana Vall-Ilobera, Julio Cesar Idrobo, Zuraya Tapia Hadley

Juan Espinoza, Estuardo Rodriguez, Juan Santacoloma, Eugene Chigna are ABSENT
Board currently has 2 member vacancies

12:20

Presentation and overview from Nestle speaker regarding their recent HQ relocation to Arlington.

1:05

Presentation from Karen Reid from the Virginia Department of Health
Spoke earlier with Health committee about goals, etc.

Partners Prayer Prevention Initiative

- Ties into million hearts congregation
- National Initiative
- More VA participation than any other state
- Works with congregations that do not have a health ministry lead, identifying a lead and providing that person with comprehensive training on a number of health topics

1:15

Public Comment Period

Roberto Quinones

Incarceration, Task force

Encouraging to consider Health Care Workforce Development – Virginia Health Workforce Health Development Authority. Need to look up composition of the board, etc- there is no consumer representation.

They also do not have much ethnic representation; they do have partnerships with people across the state. Northern Virginia partnership has been empty for close to two years now.

1:25

December Minutes

Mike Martinez made motion to approve December Minutes, Diana Vall-Ilobera Seconded (correction on second page “DATA”)

All in favor – aye

Bylaws – Diana

Section 2.3 – Vice-Chair – discussion on a clear role for the Vice-Chair.

Carolina Espinal suggested that the Vice Chair have a more-distinct role, perhaps the Vice-Chair could have oversight on committees.

Carolina Espinal suggested that we move the entire underlined section to the beginning of the description

“The vice chair shall coordinate general committee management” proposal from Julio.

Mike Martinez suggested that we keep the description broad and stay with the plan to move the underlined section ahead, and not change the wording.

Mike Martinez suggested that the sentence about duties in absence of the Chair shall remain first.

Section 2.4 – Secretary – no recommendations

Section 2.5 – discussion on whether to keep the term “ballot”, if we add ballot, it has to be only-ballot votes going forward.

No recommendations between 3.3.

Article IV – Standing and Other Committees

Jorge Yinat – Proposal to list all four committees in the bylaws in this section.

Several board members that next administration could have different priorities, committees are not binding, need to keep the ability to add or remove committees in the future.

Diana edited this paragraph to add, and keeps ability to add committee in the future.

Aida –motion to pass these bylaws 1:55

Cecilia Barbosa made the motion, Louisa Meruvia seconded.

All in favor – Aye. No nays.

The motion is approved by unanimous vote.

2:00 – Mission and core Values

Minor grammatical edits to the second paragraph

Motion to approve.

Mike made the motion, Sergio seconded.

Ayes, all in favor. No nays.

Motion is approved.

2:10

The board voted on ballots for the following nominees:

Chair – Aida Pacheco

Vice Chair – Chris Falcon

Secretary – Diana Vall-llobera

2:15

Cecilia Barbosa expressed concerns with the way speakers are being handled, there was a speaker at lunch that was not on the agenda beforehand.

Gloria Rockhold reinforced that there needs to be a proper vetting process for speakers .

There should be a distinct process both for vetting speakers and having them announced within a time period before hand.

10 Minute Break

Committee Reports – 2:45

Mike Martinez - Health Care

- Strengthening access to health care is the most important recommendation
- Focus on centralizing the access to data
- Need data to be more centralized and user friendly
- Focusing on collaborative approach – using existing materials that are already out there

Chris Falcon - Business

- In 2016 had priority on Small business and supplier diversity
- Good feedback from breakout sessions at the Community Forum
- Lack of Spanish language in state government, remains a priority recommendation
- Focus area is the effect on Latino Businesses in the commonwealth during the new administration

Diana Vall-llobera – Civic Engagement

- 2016 attempted to work on voter registration and turnout
- Had asked for information by county and do voter outreach in those counties
- Data and information was very hard to find
- Expressed interest in partnering with LULAC to work on this
- Gov Recommendations-

- 1. press on Liaison role. VAAB is also interested in this role.
- 2. Board appointments – calls have been successful.
- 3. Need Spanish language speaker in the Governor's office

Aida – Education

- Spoke with Leah Walker, Ensure that there is representation at the state board meetings
- The Committee will follow up with Leah to develop appropriate curriculum , etc.
- More outreach in Latino market
- Support programs like the one in Latino cocina
- Want to raise concerns about profiling at the community level, we appreciate your letter re: the state police
- Tuesday phone call to discuss priorities
- Want to increase diversity in government workforce (language line)

4:00PM – Meeting concluded