

May 25, 2022 9:00 a.m.
Virtual Meeting via Zoom Webinar

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Fatima Sadaf Saied [0/2], Miguel Kaled [0/2], Jim Coffin [1/2], Marcos Vilar [0/2], Gaby Ortigoni [1/2], Melissa Marantes [0/2], Rev. Dr. Rolous Frazier [0/2], Dr. Marie Jose Francois [2/2] Ben Friedman [1/2], George Wallace [1/2], Sandi Vidal [0/2], Coco Johnston [2/2], Mulan Williams [0/2]

Board Members Absent:, Yog Melwani [1/2], Shakhea Hinton [2/2] Wendy Doromal [2/2],

Others Present: Merchon Green, Equity Official- Director of Multicultural Affairs, Hispanic Office for Local Assistance (HOLA), and Human Relations; Natasha Williams, Chief Assistant City Attorney; Tony Ortiz, Commissioner District 2: Luis Martinez, Deputy Manager of Multicultural Engagement & International Relations

Members of the Public Present: Neil Rios, Josh Bell, Marco Antonio Quiroga, Joel J. Morales

1. Call to Order

Gaby Ortigoni, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 9:05 am.

2. Roll Call

Merchon Green made a determination of Quorum.

3. Consideration of Minutes

- March 30, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Miguel Kaled motion to accept the minutes from the meeting of March 30, 2022. Marcos Vilar seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Public Comment

Josh Bell spoke about the One Orlando Alliance, Unity Coalition

5. Old Business

a. Community Resource List Recommendations

Merchon Green discussed the board's decision last meeting to create a Community Resource List and each member would create their list of community organizations that they have a relationship with. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Green requested that Board members send lists to Lizzette to compile, merge and create a shared document to share with committee. List can be shared on City of Orlando's Multicultural Affairs page.

6. New Business

Merchon Green asked the board what areas the board would like to focus on going forward

Melissa Marantes proposed that one initiative of the board include: renaming the Hispanic Office for Local Assistance (HOLA) to a name that may be more inclusive and cover more widely. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Marantes reminded board members of the prior board initiative – to have an Orlando Give Day. She reported that United Way asked for a subcommittee or small team to work with them directly. Discussion ensued.

Gaby Ortigoni made a motion to have Melissa Marantes represent the Multicultural Affairs board with the United Way Orlando Give day.

Marcos Vilar seconded the nomination for Melissa as the representative. All in favor. No objections

Gaby Ortigoni next meeting we will dedicate most of the time to get background information from staff regarding the resources, services and initiatives already being provided and then the Multicultural Affairs board can determine where the gaps are and what we can add to avoid redundancy

7. Board Updates

a. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce – Gaby Ortigoni

Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Supplier Diversity

Available to any business member, the Supplier Diversity Council is comprised of leaders from many different private and public organizations to serve on this council and provide ideas, best practices and future contracts of projects from buyer perspective

Supplier Diversity Capacity Building Academy 2.0

Free 10-month program for established companies, not start ups with minimum of \$300,000 revenue and prepares these companies looking for contracts with public and private entities. Example: Residential Construction can take this program to learn how to transition to the Commercial Real Estate market.

8. Other Business

Immigration Appreciation event June 25, 2022

Juneteenth Event 06/18/2022 Noon to 5pm at Lake Lorna Doone

9. Gaby Ortigoni, Vice Chair, adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:20 am.