



**NATIONAL HISPANIC CULTURAL CENTER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES**

**January 21, 2021 at 1:30 pm
National Hispanic Cultural Center
Online Zoom Meeting**

A meeting of the National Hispanic Cultural Center Board of Directors was held on Thursday, January 21, 2021, of the National Hispanic Cultural Center via online Zoom meeting.

I. Administrative Actions

Call to Order and Roll Call.....Matt Martinez

The meeting was called to order by NHCC Board of Directors Chairman Matt Martinez at 1:43 pm.

Board Members: Matt Martinez, Bill Miera, Elizabeth Arencon, Anita Cordova, Vivian Cuadra, Holly Jane Barnet-Sanchez, Margie Huerta, Vaadra Martinez, NHCC Foundation Trustees Lou Anne Byrd and John Martinez, and Executive Director Josefa Gonzalez Mariscal (non-voting, ex-officio)
The following Board Members were not present for the meeting: Annette Garcia.

Panelist: DCA Cabinet Secretary Debra Garcia y Griego, DCA General Counsel Peter Ives, DCA Chair of Arts & Science Khristaan Villela, DCA Special Assistant to DCA Cabinet Secretary Jane Egan, NHCC Foundation Executive Director Roberta Ricci, NHCC Chair Emeritus Edward Lujan, Assistant Attorney General Robert Sanchez, NHCC Deputy Director Alberto Cuessy, and NHCC Board Administrator Alicia Tenorio.

Attendees: NHCC Former Foundation Chair/BCBS President Janice Torrez, NHCC Staff Andres Martinez, Liza Alvarado, Renee Lovato, Elena Baca, David Gabel, Jadira Gurule, Annette Lujan, NHCC Foundation Staff Melissa Armijo and Larry Espinoza; NHCC VISTA volunteers Paloma Lopez, and Sutherland Jaramillo; Albuquerque Journal Arts & Entertainment Editor Adrian Gomez.

Approval of Agenda.....Matt Martinez

Board President Matt Martinez called for a motion to approve the agenda.

Huerta made a motion to approve the agenda. Byrd seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Approval of December 15, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes.....Matt Martinez

Martinez presented the December 15, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes, as contained in the Board materials. Barnet-Sanchez stated on page 9. Section V. Closed Meeting Session: there was a few added sentences

that were irrelevant to December 15, 2021 minutes. Martinez added that we add no action was taken to the last sentence in paragraph 4. Tenorio agreed to fix these mistakes.

Barnet- Sanchez made a motion to approve the December 15, 2020 minutes with corrections made to Section V. Closed Meeting Session. Cuadra seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Presentation and Approval of 2021 Meeting Schedule.....Matt Martinez

Martinez asked Board members to suggest what days' work best for their schedules to attend Board meetings. Board members agreed to have meetings on the last Thursday of the month, every other month at 1:30 pm. Board members also agreed the next Board meeting will take place on March 25, 2021 at 1:30 pm via zoom.

II. Business Items

New Business

- Presentation and Approval of Opera Southwest Lease.....Josefa Gonzalez Mariscal

Martinez announced Opera Southwest Lease is still under review and will be presented at the next NHCC Board of Directors meeting held on March 25, 2021.

Huerta moved to Table till next meeting, Miera seconded and it passed unanimously.

- Presentation and Approval of Hispanic Genealogy Lease.....Josefa Gonzalez Mariscal

Executive Director Josefa Gonzalez Mariscal presented the Hispanic Genealogy Lease. She mentioned that due to the public health emergency resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, Lessee's monthly lease payments shall be abated as follows, the monthly lease payment amount shall be abated entirely, during the period of time or interval during the Lease Term that Lessee has no access to or use of the Premises, in the event that Lessee's access to and use of the Premises is restricted to a significant degree, the monthly lease payment amount for the Premises shall be abated by 50% and lastly, at such time as Lessee has full access to and use of the Premises, when Center is open to the public generally, Lessee shall pay the full monthly lease payment amount for the Premises. Sanchez mentioned the abatement is from Lease, Page 2 under Paragraph 4d. Sanchez also stated that Ives made a change on page 3 after paragraph 9 there should be a new paragraph to separate paragraph 10 and with that correction Lease is approved.

Miera moved to accept the Hispanic Genealogy Lease with correction, Huerta seconded, and it passed unanimously.

IV. Reports

DCA Cabinet Secretary ReportDebra Garcia y Griego

DCA Cabinet Secretary Debra Garcia y Griego began her report by mentioning the Legislative Session has begun if any Board members would like to advocate for the Budget. She believes that some Board

members have already met with Michaelene Kyrala to discuss Capital Outlays and if they have not, she is willing to set up small groups to meet with her.

The revenue outlook for the state of New Mexico looks much better in December than it did in June and as a result both the Executive and the SB 70, Appropriations Hearing budgets came in higher. The Executive budget is \$900,000 more. A recommendation we are asking on support to get which will restore general fund levels, which will help with critical hires such as guards, rangers, customer service reps and a number of other things across the Department.

DCA continues to remain in compliance with the public health order and for now Bernalillo County is still in the red.

Garcia y Griego asked if any members of Board had any questions.

Barnet-Sanchez asked, "How everyone is holding up in Santa Fe?" Garcia y Griego answered, "The staff in Santa Fe are holding up well. Across the Department staff continues to show great resiliency and dedication to their work. Continued gratitude to all leaders and staff for all of their efforts for the past 11 months."

NHCC Foundation Report Roberta Ricci

NHCC Foundation Executive Director Roberta Ricci began her report by thanking Board members for their support for approving the Foundation Membership Program Agreement. They were able to launch new levels and program. Today the Foundation has 146 members. 19 New members just this holiday break and 13 returning members. NHCC Chair Emeritus Edward Lujan graciously offered to call previous members and to let them know about the new membership levels. Robust social media approach to engage potential new members.

Ricci challenged NHCC Foundation Board of Trustees to each bring in 60 new members by the end of the Fiscal Year. Board member Steven Garcia has helped create a pocket pamphlet that includes highlights of membership with a code that will direct people directly to Foundation website. Ricci asked Board members to please consider becoming a member of our Foundation.

Ricci is meeting with Program Directors and their staff to identify funding needs and get more info on current and future programming. Meetings have been very productive and have been a great way to communicate with NHCC staff during public health order.

City of Albuquerque reestablished funding of \$50,000 to support HLA Bilingual Book Festival and Voces summer program. Nusenda will provide \$3,500 to HLA to purchase bilingual books for the Library.

Many other proposals out and will report more information next Board meeting.

NHCC Foundation Audit is almost complete hoping to be complete by next week. The Presentation will be presented to the Finance Committee, Executive Committee as well as the Board, next meeting.

In addition, Foundation is working with Michaelene Kyrala to make sure Board of Trustees are supporting DCA efforts and coordinating to help with Capital Outlay requests.

Ricci asked members to please save the date for this year's Maravilla which will take place on September 11, 2021. Not sure on status if we will be open so moving forward with virtual program with possible in person VIP experience. Working with team on the virtual theme reveal event stay tuned for save the date.

Ricci thanked Blue Cross Blue Shield of New Mexico and Janice Torrez for all their support throughout the years. She greatly appreciates all they have done for Maravilla, the Foundation and the Center. Blue Cross Blue Shield was Maravilla's presenting sponsor for the last 6 years.

New presenting sponsor for Maravilla will be US Bank. New dinner sponsor will be NM Gas Company. Updating website soon with Maravilla info.

Ricci thanked Albuquerque Journal for their partnership, and also for being such a huge supporter, with all they did for Maravilla through their website, ads, and banners.

Martinez thanked Ricci for all that Foundation is doing. Also thanked Janice and her team for all they have done as well.

Byrd thanked the Board for all their support also thanked Ricci and her Foundation team for all their hard work for the Center.

Miera thanked Janice Torrez for all their support for NHCC. Martinez asked Janice Torrez if she would like to say a word, Torrez stated it has been her honor to sponsor Maravilla for the last 6 years, Maravilla is a wonderful event it really is beyond a gala and highlights all the aspects of the National Hispanic Cultural Center. Torrez thanked everyone for their kind words and looks forward to working with the Center again.

Huerta also expressed her gratitude for Janice Torrez and thanked her for everything she has done as well.

Torrez also wanted to mention because we are representing the Hispanic Culture and looking to preserve it, she is the first Latina in Senior Management across the Enterprise HCSC with 25,000 employees.

Martinez asked Edward Lujan if he had anything, he would like to add to the Foundation report. Lujan thanked Ricci for all her hard work and endless hours her and her staff put in for the Center.

Thanked the Center Board for their diligence and cooperation and all they do for the Center as well. Lujan also thanked Torrez for all she has done for the Foundation. Lujan mentioned that we have proven that we can be a National force in promoting and preserving and sharing a Culture that we all love.

Lastly, Lujan thanked Martinez for his leadership and stated he knows it is not easy running the Board and appreciates all he does for the Center.

Martinez also asked John Martinez if there was anything he would like to add. Martinez stated he appreciates being a part of the Center Board and thankful for the opportunity to be able to work on both Boards.

Executive Director's ReportJosefa Gonzalez Mariscal

NHCC Executive Director Josefa Gonzalez Mariscal started her report by wishing all the Board health, peace, and hope. She stated NHCC has requested \$675,000 for Capital Outlay. \$400,000 will go to remediation of water pumps.

NM Welcome Center is weeks away from completion. The official opening for Welcome Center will take place when Center is allowed to open.

In terms of security, the security cameras have been installed and working great.

Programming has continued with money raised through Foundation grants. Melon Foundation grant has enabled us to put an RPF for a redesign of our website.

NHCC is launching an education website which will integrate to our NHCC website when website is updated. Programs continue with collaborating such as HLA collaboration with UNM on Latin American perspectives.

Our virtual exhibits continue to be presented, the latest one is Mira, Mira on the Wall: Reflecting on 20 years of Exhibitions at NHCC. Que Chola has been converted to a virtual exhibit as well as El Voto Femenino.

Gonzalez Mariscal closed her report with stating, NHCC in collaboration with New Mexico Department of Health and Bernalillo County will be hosting the Covid-19 vaccinations on our Campus on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays. The essential staff at NHCC has been offered to be vaccinated at this time, we greatly appreciate the kind offer.

Board President's ReportMatt Martinez

Board President Matt Martinez began his report by thanking the Board for all their help getting through this past year. He was excited to see everyone at the December 2020 Board meeting and hear all the incredible things happening at the Center.

Martinez stated he is also excited about the 675,000 request we have through the State. Hopefully through the efforts of DCA, Madam Secretary Debra Garcia y Griego and Legislative Liason Michaelene Kyrala we will have an opportunity to garner funds requested.

Thanked Madam Secretary Debra Garcia y Griego and Chair of Arts and Science Director Khristaan Villela for all their hard work with this Board and the Center.

Thanked Executive Committee for all their hard work and involvement.

Also mentioned that he cannot thank NHCC Chair Emeritus Edward Lujan enough for all his advice and all his time for the Center and Foundation Board.

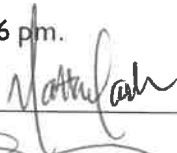
Lastly, Martinez wished everyone continued success and health.

IV. Adjournment

Byrd made a motion to adjourn, Huerta seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2:46 pm.

Board President



Date 1-21-21

Board Secretary



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