

**Mayor's Hispanic American Advisory Board Meeting  
Minutes  
Date: March 10, 2015**

Meeting called to order: 9:05 am

**Board Members Present:** Jesus Bonfante, Alicia Burst, Rafael Caldera, Mario Decunto, Carmen Mantay, Jesus Montero, Victor Pacheco, Judith Rodriguez,

**Excused Board Members:**, Ida Gropper, Patricia Solo-Josephson, Cristina Echeverry.

**Staff Present:** Betzy Santiago

**Guests:** Maria T. Padilla, (Orlando Latino); Nancy Quiñones (Puerto Rican Hispanic Chamber of Commerce)

**Welcome:** Meeting was called to order by Rafael Caldera. A quorum was confirmed.

**Minutes Approval** – The minutes were not available for approval.

**Fiscal and Executive Updates** - None

**Committee Reports**

- **Health, & Public Safety**
  - V. Pacheco met with owners of La Nopalera restaurant to inform them about MHAAB
  - V. Pacheco attended the First Coast Filipino American conference and an association meeting
  - Food and nutrition articles have been submitted to EcoLatino for their use, if desired.
  
- **Education**
  - C. Echeverry, J. Rodriguez had an exploratory meeting with Rocelia Gonzalez to find out about ASPIRA of FL
  - J. Montero will attend the School Board Meeting. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of the month at 6 pm
  
- **Economic and Faith Based**
  - J. Montero attended a faith based event with speaker from Chicago, Mr. W. Jesus.
  
- **Old Business**
  - Action on Community Partnerships is needed. Potential topic(s) that would need a subcommittee to plan and implement collaborations with other community groups are Education, Health, Wealth/Business, and Volunteerism. Health (esp. Mental Health) or Education are the most likely first ones for action. An e-mail will be sent out to Board members to solicit volunteers. The Hispanic Health report is available at <http://www.coj.net/esmivida.aspx>.
  - Bylaws have been edited with help from Counsel. A draft will be sent to MHAAB members for review, revisions, and approval.
  - J. Montero has volunteered to serve as liaison for the FCHCC.

- **New Business**
  - Nature and function of a White Paper, how a study might be supported or funded, what topics might be chosen for such and the need for volunteers to work on such.
- **Guest Presentation**
  - Maria Padilla, Editor of Orlando Latino discussed Puerto Ricans in U.S., with emphasis on FL migration.
- **Announcements**
  - 3/18 Teen Summer Job applications mayorssummerjobs.coj.net
  - 3/24 Primaries
  - 3/28 Tire Buy back
  - 3/28 Bienestar Psicológico at Deerwood
  - 4/24 Puerto Rican Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Opening (contact Nancy Quiñones 904-290-1742 or nancy@prhchamber.com)
- **Reminders**
  - Next Meeting - Mayor's Hispanic American Advisory Board Meeting **4/14/15** at 9:00 a.m.
  - Service Hours log – Due April 1 to Ana Andreu

**Meeting Adjourned at:** 10:20 am

Minutes Prepared by:  
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Corrected 4/14/15