

Summary of MALDEF Personnel and Nominations Committee Minutes 2/28/87

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MALDEF Board Members Present at the Meeting

Lorraine Gutierrez, Chair
Ric Bela
Gilda Bojorquez-Gjurich
Aldelfa Callejo
Jeffrey Colman
Fernando de Necochea
Sid Flores
Frank Herrera
Fidel Lopez
Maria Ojeda
Frank Quevedo
Blandina Cardenas Ramirez
Sally Reston
Marta Ruiz
Ray Sanchez
Lauro Silva
Art Velasquez
Al Zapanta
Those absent:
Eddie Benavidez
Rene Martinez

Frank Herrera moved to appoint Cruz Reynoso as MALDEF Board member and Chairperson of the Board. Other members opposed it. The point was made that appointment of Reynoso would politicize the position; he had received terrible press related to the Rose Bird election, and the Montebello case came up. Gilda Bojorquez-Gjurich suggested Eric Serna for Chairperson of the Board.

Roll call vote on Reynoso: Herrera, Ruiz, Quevedo, Colman, Lopez, Reston, Callejo, and Velasquez were ayes; Ramirez, Bojorquez, Bela, de Necochea, Flores, Gutierrez, Sanchez, Zapanta, and Silva were nays. (Gutierrez broke the tie by voting nay.)

After some discussion, the meeting (and Committee vote concerning appointment of a new Chairperson of the MALDEF Board) was postponed until the following day.

March 1, 1987 (Reconvene of Meeting)

Present:

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Fidel Lopez
Maria Ojeda
Frank Quevedo
Blandina Cardenas Ramirez
Sally Reston
Marta Ruiz
Ray Sanchez
Lauro Silva
Art Velasquez
Al Zapanta
Also present:
Antonia Hernandez
Those absent:
Rene Martinez

Ramirez moved that all Directors whose first terms were expiring should be invited to serve a second term. Motion passed by voice vote.

Law student board representative Lauro Silva inquired about a second term – cannot have one as law student representative.

9:45 a.m. (8 minutes into the meeting) Eric Serna entered the room and asked for a recess so that he can speak to individual members of the Board. Serna, Eddie Benavidez, and Arturo Hernandez leave the room. Meeting reconvened at 10:00 a.m.

Sanchez offered a slate of officers as a compromise:

Chair:	Serna
First Vice Chair:	Bojorquez-Gjurich
Second Vice Chair:	Reston
Third Vice Chair:	Kantor
Secretary-Treasurer:	Martinez

(Kanton and Reston cannot serve because their second term is expiring.)

Herrera moves that slate become:

Chair:	Serna
First Vice Chair:	Bojorquez-Gjurich
Second Vice Chair:	Lopez

Third Vice Chair: Don Pierce
Secretary-Treasurer: Martinez
Friendly amendment: Harriett Rabb in place of Pierce (accepted)

Callejo: reconsider Rene Martinez, since he has caused division and has interfered with the Dallas leadership program. (Objection withdrawn after discussion in interest of harmony.)

Motion for Herrera slate (with friendly amendment) accepted by voice vote.

Nominations of New Board Members

Gloria Aguilar*, AZ (Ruiz)
Mario Aranda* (Ojeda)
Tomas Aranda, AZ, former Ambassador to Uruguay, Legal Counsel for State Republican Party (Gutierrez, Zapanta)
J. Richard Avena, former Regional Director for US Commission on Civil Rights (Bela)
Manuel Barbosa, IL, MALDEF recipient from outside Chicago (Ojeda)
Joe Barrish, CA, helpful with fundraising in San Francisco (Quevedo)
Carol Bellamy, NY, NY Alderman (Herrera)
Maria Berriozabal, TX, San Antonio councilwoman (Herrera)
Bill Callejo, TX, Adelfa's husband (Herrera)
Grace Davis*, CA (Bojorquez-Gjurich)
John Foster Dulles II, CA, grandson of the Secretary of State (Gutierrez)
Dan Garcia, CA, Los Angeles MALDEF recipient (Quevedo)
Manuel Garcia*, AZ (Ruiz)
Ruben Garcia, CA, Pacific Telecom in San Francisco (de Necochea)
Hon. Richard Ibanez, CA, Judge of the Superior Court of Los Angeles (Herrera)
Nancy Jordan, AZ (Ramirez)
Bill Josephson, NY, Fried Frank (Callejo) (objected to and removed because he's from the same law firm as Bob Juceam
Kennedys or Duponts (Benavidez) - "per EB 4-17-87, Kathleen Kennedy Townsend"
Pat Longoria, TX, law student representative (Herrera)
Gregory Luna*, TX, MALDEF founder and former Chair (Herrera)
Mo Maramoto, DC, executive firm representative (Bela)
Richard Fajardo
Grace Martinez, CA, Deputy mayor of Los Angeles (Bojorquez-Gjurich)
Richard Martinez, CA, Southwest Voter Registration Education Project (de Necochea)
Sally Martinez, CA, executive with Southern Cal Edison (Bojorquez-Gjurich)
Charles Mathias, MD, US Senator (Herrera) – does not wish to serve
Bob McKay, NY, NYC Bar (Herrera)
Gloria Molina, CA, Los Angeles City Councilwoman
George Munoz, IL, President of Chicago school board (Velasquez)
Luis Nogales, CA, former MALDEF Board Chair (Quevedo)
Graciela Olivares*, NM (Callejo) (objections stating she is not well)
Tim Padilla, NM, attorney (Sanchez)
Tom Reston, Jr., NY, Sally's son (Herrera)

Cruz Reynoso, CA , former Justice of the CA Supreme Court (Herrera)
Betty Rivera* (Callejo) (objections stating she will not serve)
Robert Rivera, Betty's brother (Sanchez)
Ray Romero, IL, Illinois Commerce Commission (Velasquez)
Sanford J. Rosen, CA
David Salmon, NM, rancher (Sanchez)
Miriam Santos, IL, Illinois Bell (Velasquez)
Kathleen Townsend, east coast (Bojorquez-Gjurich) (handwritten note next to this name:
"Kennedy")
Russ Vigil, CO, Denver (Flores)

*denotes former MALDEF Board member

Committee also received resumes from:

Elaine Jones (DC)
Richard Castro (CO)

Eddie Benavidez: committee needs to look at Southern New Mexico, suggested Silva (student member) become full-time board member. Benavidez became a full-time board member immediately following term as a law student representative.

Silva – urged that next law student representative come from New Mexico; they are working to form a law student network; Silva has committed MALDEF to support a national law student conference

Benavidez – if law student must be from TX, then the student should originally be from NM in order to support national conference in the summer

Herrera – no "blacks" nominated to the board in four years

Committee to meet again on April 4 to decide from list. All nominations to be closed on March 8. Next meeting in Phoenix.