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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 1986

LUIS ALVAREZ, PRESIDING

A G E N D A

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| I. Approval of Minutes of the January 17, 1986
Board of Directors' Meeting | Luis Alvarez |
| II. Chairman's Report | Luis Alvarez |
| III. Board Committee Reports | |
| A. Executive Committee | Luis Alvarez |
| B. Finance Committee | Martin Zuckerman |
| C. Board and Staff Retreat Committee | Lydia Hernandez |
| D. Annual Dinner Committee | Angelo Giordanni |
| E. Litigation Committee | Howard Glickstein |
| F. Education Committee | Excused |
| IV. President's Report | Linda Flores |
| V. New Business | |

PUERTO RICAN LEGAL DEFENSE AND EDUCATION FUND, INC.
ANNUAL BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 17, 1986

M I N U T E S

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund was held on Friday, January 17, 1986 at the Fund's Offices.

Present: Board

Luis Alvarez	Howard Glickstein
Mari Carmen Aponte	Lydia Hernandez-Velez
Anna Carbonell	Victor Marrero
Ernest Collazo	Jose Morales
Miriam Cruz	Alba Rovira-Paoli
Ricardo Fernandez	Sandra Ruiz Butter
Father Joseph Fitzpatrick	Isaura Santiago Santiago
Ruben Franco	Salvador Tio
	Martin Zuckerman

Staff

Linda Flores
Abigail Rodriguez

Item 1. Approval of January 26, March 30, June 8 and November 15, 1985 Minutes

It was moved/seconded and carried (M/S/C) to approve the minutes of the January 26, March 30, June 8 and November 15, 1985 meetings as submitted.

Item 2. Board and Committee Membership

Informational Listing of Board of Directors and Board-committee membership

Item 3. Committee Reports

a. Executive Committee

Alba Rovira-Paoli, Second Vice-Chairperson, reported on the activities of the Executive Committee regarding the annual dinner and 1986 budget.

b. Nominations Committee

Victor Marrero, Chairperson, reported on the work of the Nominations Committee and presented the resolution recommending the 1986 officers/executive committee

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which was approved unanimously:

Luis Alvarez, Chairperson
Alba Rovira-Paoli
Sonia Sotomayor, Second Vice-Chairperson
Martin Zuckerman, Treasurer
Ricardo Fernandez, Secretary
Father Joseph Fitzpatrick, Member-at-Large
Mari Carmen Aponte, Member-at-Large

For re-election to the board, the following members were approved:

Jorge Batista
Ernest Collazo
Father Joseph Fitzpatrick
Ivar Pietri

At the conclusion of elections, Luis Alvarez assumed the chair and thanked the Board for electing him. Chairman Alvarez made brief remarks and suggested some new directions for the Fund.

c. Finance Committee

Treasurer Morales referred members to the Financial Reports submitted. The President noted that the draft management letter had, for the most part, been corrected, with only two additional corrections necessary as set forth in the accompanying memorandum. A question was posed regarding attorneys' time records. The President responded that the time records satisfy the legal requirements and the pertinent comment recommends the development of a reporting system that would also facilitate reporting to funding sources. It was M/S/C to accept the Finance Report.

d. Annual Dinner Committee

Chairman Alvarez asked each member to comment on the relative merits of hosting the Annual Dinner versus other fundraising functions. Based on the consensus, the Chair indicated he would move forward with the Annual Dinner to be held sometime in the Fall of 1986.

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e. Organization and Mission Committee

Chairman Fernandez presented the preliminary report of the committee and asked Board members to contact him regarding any comments or suggestions they might have. Chairman Alvarez requested a background memorandum to the Board on the last retreat held and indicated he would appoint new members to continue the work of the Committee.

f. Litigation Committee

Chairman Glickstein presented the report of the Litigation Committee regarding the procedure for accepting a case. He reported that, as in the past, the President should have wide discretion to decide which cases to accept in furtherance of the general purposes of the Fund, consistent with past litigation efforts. However, where a case raised unusual/controversial issues or involved an excessive expenditure of resources, the President would discuss the matter with the Chairman or Litigation Committee and appropriate steps taken to notify the Committee and Chairperson of the board regarding our participation in such a case.

Glickstein advised that the Committee would begin to discuss litigation priorities and strategies and would develop specific procedures and recommendations to guide the President and staff.

g. Education Committee

Father Fitzpatrick reported that although the Committee had not been convened, he had met with the President to discuss the Education Division. He reported that major emphasis has been placed on securing a Director for the Division and preparation for the upcoming Mentors Program reception.

Item 4. President's Report

The President referred board members to the attached memorandum of January 10, 1986, providing an update of ongoing activities. She noted a fundraising consultant had been retained to evaluate the development program and to assist in the preparation of a long-range fundraising plan for the Fund.

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The President also asked for authorization to proceed with the preparation of a Bi-Annual Report, rather than the customary Annual Report, given the gap in reporting for FY 83-84, and was so authorized.

Respectfully submitted

Ricardo Fernandez
Secretary