



**COMMISSION ON IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, June 9, 2010, 6:30 PM**

The Commission on Immigrant Affairs convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, June 9, 2010 at City Hall, 301 West 2nd Street, Room 2016, Austin, Texas.

Members in Attendance

Miguel Ancira
Thomas Esparza, Chair
Laura Hernandez, Vice-Chair
Sunny Ogunro
Syed Rahman

Presenters

None

Members Absent

None

Staff

Ron Hubbard, HHSD
Natalie Cuccia, HHSD

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Commissioner Esparza called the Commission meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. Natalie Cuccia was introduced as the HHSD employee who would be taking over the role as staff liaison to the Commission. Members introduced themselves.
2. **CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION:** None.
3. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes from the meeting of May 12, 2010 were approved on Commissioner Hernandez's motion, Commissioner Ancira's second on a 5 - 0 vote.
4. **REPORT: Immigrant Services Network:** Commissioner Esparza reported on the activities of the Network. A directory has been published and is available at "ISNAustin.org". A work day is being planned for September 18th at Austin Community College.
5. **NEW BUSINESS:** None
6. **OLD BUSINESS:**
 - A. Emergency Contact Card for Residency and Visitors with limited English proficiency - The history of the Commission's work on the Card was outlined and discussed. Materials such as the templates need to be retrieved from former Commissioner Phan. A

recommendation to the Health and Human Services Department to pay up to \$2,000 to print the cards was approved on Commissioner's Esparza's motion, Commissioner Ancira's second on a 5 – 0 vote. Commissioner Hernandez volunteered to write a letter to the Department with the recommendation.

- B. Legal Assistance to Immigrants possible funding recommendations to City Council – Commissioner Ancira discussed the information that was received from various social service providers. A recommendation to City Council to include in its Fiscal Year 2011 budget \$150,000 to assist victims of domestic violence and crime for one or more direct social service providers that provide legal assistance services to immigrants was approved on Commissioner Hernandez's motion, Commissioner Syed's second on a 5 – 0 vote.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m. without objection.