

COMMISSION ON IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING Wednesday, August 11th, 2010, 6:30 PM

The Commission on Immigrant Affairs convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, August 11, 2010, 2010 at City Hall, 301 West 2nd Street, Room 2016, Austin, Texas.

Members in Attendance

Presenters

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

Members Absent

Staff

None

Natalie Cuccia, HHSD Kerri Lang, HHSD Budget

- 1. CALL TO ORDER: Commissioner Esparza called the Commission meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.
- 2. CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION: None.
- 3. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes from the meeting of July 14, 2010 were approved on Commissioner Hernandez's motion, Commissioner Ancira's second on a 4-0 vote.
- **4. PRESENTATION:** Kerri Lang, HHSD Budget Manager, presented on the Health and Human Services Fiscal Year 2011 Proposed Budget. Questions and discussion followed.
- 5. REPORT: Immigrant Services Network: Commissioner Esparza updated members on the upcoming Immigrant Services of Austin and USCIS joint Citizenship Outreach Program. Workshops will be held September 18, 2010 and October 2nd, 2010 at the Austin Community College East View Campus to assist immigrants who wish to apply for citizenship.
- 6. NEW BUSINESS

- **a. BYLAWS:** The Commission approved the revised bylaws as directed by City Council in action taken on July 29, 2010 concerning the terms of officers on Commissioner Hernandez's motion, Commissioner Ancira's second on a vote of 5-0.
- Election of Commission Officers: Thomas Esparza was elected Chair of the Commission on Commissioner Ancira's motion, Commissioner Rahman's second on a 5-0 vote. Laura Hernandez was elected Vice-Chair of the Commission on Commissioner Ancira's motion, Commissioner Rahman's second on a 5-0 vote.
- c. Discussion of Travis County Report on Top 10 issues facing immigrants in Austin/Travis County. The Commission decided to table the discussion until the September's Regular Meeting on Commissioner Esparza's motion, Commissioner Hernandez second on a 4-0 vote

7. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Discussion of "Take Our Jobs" Campaign: The Commission discussed the purpose of the campaign and their desire to ask the City Council for a Proclamation recognizing the event. The Commission decided to table the discussion until the September's Regular Meeting on Commissioner Esparza's motion, Commissioner Hernandez second on a 4-0 vote.
- A. Emergency Contact Card for Residency and Visitors with limited English. The Commission decided to table the discussion on Commissioner Hernandez's motion, Commissioner Ancira's second on a vote of 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m. without objection.