



**COMMISSION ON IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS
MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, March 10, 2010, 6:30 PM**

The Commission on Immigrant Affairs convened in a regular meeting on Wednesday, March 10, 2010 at City Hall, 301 West 2nd Street, Room 2016, Austin, Texas.

Members in Attendance

Miguel Ancira
Robert Martinez
Sunny Ogunro
Syed Rahman

Presenters

James Canup
Terri English
Cynthia Colbert
Carmen Cortez-Harms
Roberto Gradilla

Members Absent

Laura Hernandez
Thomas Esparza, Vice-Chair

Staff

Ron Hubbard, HHSD

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Commissioner Martinez chaired the meeting and called the Commission meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. The Commission was informed of Chair Linda Phan's resignation effective March 3, 2010.
2. **CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATION:** None.
3. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes from the meeting of February 10, 2010 were approved on Commissioner Ancira's motion and Commissioner Ogunro's second on a 4 - 0 vote.
4. **PRESENTATIONS:** Representatives from American Gateway, Immigration Counseling & Outreach Services, and Catholic Charities made presentations about their agencies' services and the issues around legal services for immigrants. Questions and discussion followed.
5. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. **Emergency Contact Card:** No report.
 - b. **Immigrant Services Network of Austin:** No report.

6. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

a. Notario Publico Awareness: No report. Handouts from the Texas Secretary of State's website were distributed.

b. Legal Assistance to Immigrants: No report other than presentations.

c. Census Awareness: No report.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: The election of a Chairperson was noted by staff for the March 2010 Agenda.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 7:35 p.m.